




INFRASTRUCTURE & the ENVIRONMENT

IAIA
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for Impact Assessment

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

 Hotel Museo Convento Casa Santo Domingo and Convention Centre

ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA
6-7 NOVEMBER 2024



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Latin American countries face significant challenges regarding sustainable development, due to their increasing vulnerability caused by severe weather events related to climate change. Coupled with the increasing demand for services and resources, these challenges highlight the urgent need to develop **sustainable infrastructure** to meet the needs of the growing population.

Gather with international experts for this two-day event to discuss current infrastructure challenges in the region, exploring how **environmental strategic planning** contributes to resilient infrastructure and more sustainable economies throughout Latin America.

- Examine case studies of environmentally sound infrastructure in different economic sectors, learning about the design, execution, environmental and risk management, lender risk management, and monitoring and follow up.
- Discuss sustainable development opportunities in the region, including energy, road networks, urbanism, tourism, industry, agriculture, waste management, and the circular economy.
- Explore environmental strategic planning as a tool to manage social and environmental risks in infrastructure needs.



**Environmental
and social impact
assessment in
infrastructure**



**Regulatory and
financial factors
specific to the
region**



**Society,
infrastructure, and
the environment:
Communities in
LATAM**





In **Guatemala**, unique geological, geographic, social, indigenous, and environmental conditions come together, making it a perfect spot for conversations about the broader region's infrastructure challenges and opportunities. A World Heritage Site framed by volcanoes, **Antigua** was established in the early 16th century. Antigua delights visitors with its notable architecture, historic ruins, plentiful farm-to-table restaurants, and bustling open air markets. **Join us here in November 2024!**

TENTATIVE SESSIONS & AGENDA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

IMPORTANT DATES

1 APRIL 2024

Abstract submission opens

28 JUNE 2024

Abstract submission deadline

1 JULY 2024

Online registration opens

2 SEPTEMBER 2024

Presenter registration deadline

15 OCTOBER 2024

Registration closes

18 OCTOBER 2024

Final program available

5 NOVEMBER 2024

Pre-symposium training courses

6-7 NOVEMBER 2024

Symposium

8 NOVEMBER 2024

Post-symposium technical visits

Young professionals workshop

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Bridget John (bridget@iaia.org) for details.

PRE Tuesday, 5 November

08:00-17:00 Training Courses
Details TBD

DAY 1 Wednesday, 6 November

08:00-10:00 Opening Ceremony & Keynotes

10:30-12:00 Parallel Sessions

12:00-13:30 Lunch & Networking

13:30-17:00 Parallel Sessions

19:00-21:00 Welcome Reception

DAY 2 Thursday, 7 November

08:30-12:00 Parallel Sessions

12:00-13:30 Lunch & Networking

13:30-15:00 Parallel Sessions

15:30-17:00 Closing Ceremony & Keynotes

POST Friday, 8 November

08:00-17:00 Technical Visits
Details TBD

08:00-12:00 Young Professionals Workshop (*tentative*)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Environmental and social impact assessment in infrastructure

ESIA best practices: LATAM case studies

ESIA of mining, energy, and oil/gas projects

ESIA in transport and infrastructure projects

Integration of climate change, ecosystem services, and ESIA

Improving communication between planners, designers and developers in ESIA

The future of ESIA and 2030 Agenda

Strategic environmental assessment for infrastructure development

Regulatory and financial factors specific to the region

The role of the financial sector in LATAM infrastructure projects

Environmental legislation, international agreements, and cross-border problems in LATAM

Blue-green infrastructure (BGI) in LATAM

Circular economy for environmental impacts

Society, infrastructure, and the environment: Communities in LATAM

Integration of Indigenous peoples into the EA process

Social management: Importance of the environmental and social license

Public participation in the region



WITH LATIN AMERICAN HOST



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