



44th Annual Conference of the  
International Association for Impact Assessment

1-4 May 2025

# IMPACT ASSESSMENT

in the age of  
artificial intelligence

## THEME

Artificial intelligence (AI) will impact every aspect of our lives, our careers, and our environment. It is difficult to predict the effective impact of this new disruptive technology on impact assessment (IA). We are facing the opportunity of using the extraordinary potential of artificial intelligence to support our assessments and our choices.

Like any paradigm innovation capable of impacting every aspect of society, artificial intelligence requires that institutions, IA practitioners, and all stakeholders understand its importance and explore, detect, and contribute to mitigate its effective and pervasive impact on environment.

IAIA25 will create a global, comprehensive, and cooperative dialogue on the strategic role of impact assessment and impact assessment practitioners in the coming AI-based society, stimulating IAIA members and others to share their experiences and suggestions for supporting players with innovative and creative approaches and tools.

## OBJECTIVES

- Open a multi-disciplinary discussion on advantages and risks of AI for IA
- Suggest the use of data-driven approaches into ordinary IA practices
- Enhance the knowledge of AI tools for impact assessment
- Share the potential of AI for effective ESG assessment/disclosure/reporting

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference will focus on these four thematic streams, in addition to general IA topics and the IAIA special-interest Sections:

- Impact of artificial intelligence on impact assessment
- Data-driven innovation of processes/approaches/methodologies/tools
- Evidence-based policymaking
- Environmental, social, and governance (ESG)



**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT  
AND CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS**

**Session proposal deadline: 18 July 2024**

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Procedure

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

**1. Session proposals.** Session proposals are invited from mid-May to 18 July 2024. Accepted sessions are listed on the web site.

**2. Paper and poster abstract submissions.** From 2 September to 31 October 2024, papers and posters are invited to the accepted sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered and paid by 22 January 2025 (**no exceptions**) are listed in the final program.

**3. Papers for online proceedings.** From mid-February to 30 June 2025, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in online proceedings. Preliminary instructions for paper preparation and submission are provided to authors upon both submission and acceptance of a paper or poster abstract.

### How to send a session proposal or a paper/poster abstract

Follow the instructions at <https://2025.iaia.org>.

**Submissions as a session chair, session co-chair, or presenter/speaker are limited to one per person.**

### Language

Submissions should be in English. English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences.

### Acceptance and registration

Session chairs and paper or poster authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted; please try again or contact [jen@iaia.org](mailto:jen@iaia.org) for assistance.

The Program Committee will notify session chairs of acceptance status for sessions by 27 August 2024.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 26 November 2024.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 22 January 2025 (no exceptions). *Please submit a session proposal or abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration and can register and pay by this date.* Individuals not able to comply with this registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

REMEMBER: Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

### Sponsored meetings

Sponsored meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program and on the registration form. Please contact IAIA HQ ([caitlyn@iaia.org](mailto:caitlyn@iaia.org)) for a proposal form. Proposal forms are due by 5 August 2024.



## IMPORTANT DATES *Mark your calendar!*

<b>Session proposals</b>	<b>18 July 2024</b> Deadline for session proposals ( <i>no exceptions</i> )
<b>Paper &amp; poster abstracts</b>	<b>27 August 2024</b> Session chairs notified of acceptance status
	<b>2 September 2024</b> Paper and poster abstract submission opens
	<b>31 October 2024</b> Deadline for submission of paper or poster abstract ( <i>no exceptions</i> )
	<b>26 November 2024</b> Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status
	<b>Preliminary program information will be posted as it becomes available. Information will be complete by 1 October.</b>
<b>Sponsored meetings</b>	<b>5 August 2024</b> Proposal forms due
<b>Registration deadline</b>	<b>22 January 2025</b> Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings ( <i>no exceptions</i> )
<b>Proceedings</b>	<b>18 April 2025</b> Deadline for draft papers
	<b>30 June 2025</b> Deadline for final papers

## TECHNICAL VISITS, TRAINING COURSES, AND MORE

IAIA25 will offer conference sessions, training courses, sponsored meetings, technical visits, and networking events that will promote learning, networking, and making unforgettable memories.

- **One and two-day training courses** are offered in the two days prior to the start of the conference. Taught by experienced instructors, these courses cover a wide range of topics.
- **IAIA conferences often offer 100 technical sessions or more.** No matter your sector—academia, government, industry, donor, consultant, or other—there is something for you.
- **Technical visits** will be available before and after the conference. Hosted by IA professionals, participants will learn about projects in the region as well as experience some world-famous Italian culture.
- **Networking events** such as the welcome reception, speed networking, and banquet offer entertainment and opportunities to expand your network beyond your usual circle.

## ABOUT BOLOGNA

Bologna, Italy, beckons with its rich tapestry of history, culture, and culinary delights. Wander through its medieval streets, where ancient towers stand sentinel over bustling markets and charming cafes. Indulge in the city's gastronomic treasures, from sumptuous handmade pasta to savory mortadella.

Admire architectural marvels like the iconic Two Towers and the grandiose Basilica di San Petronio. With its timeless charm and vibrant atmosphere, Bologna promises an unforgettable experience.

