

*Promoting  
Integrated Assessment  
for the sustainable  
management  
of the environment and  
natural resources*



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## WHAT IS INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT?

We define Integrated Assessment (IA) as the process of integrating knowledge from scientists, practitioners and stakeholder groups in order to analyse and manage human-environment interactions from a variety of perspectives. IA supports learning and decision processes and helps to identify desirable and feasible options for addressing problems. It builds on two major methodological pillars: 1) approaches to integrating knowledge about a problem domain, and 2) approaches to understanding and influencing policy and decision-making processes.

IA is typically applied to the analysis and management of complex human-environment interactions, often at various scales. It has been used to address issues including climate change, land degradation, water and air quality management, forest and fisheries management, and public health.

### IA for analyzing and managing

- environmental impact
- risk
- complexity
- uncertainty
- responses to global change
- institutional change
- transition to sustainability
- and many more issues

### Through

- institutional analysis
- actor analysis
- participatory methods
- integrated modelling
- uncertainty analysis
- scenario techniques
- action research
- and many more methods

**INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT METHODS AND TOOLS ARE USED TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS AS A BASIS FOR DECISION-MAKING.**



## AIM OF TIAS

The Integrated Assessment Society is an international not-for-profit association created in 2003 to support the community of scientists, practitioners and stakeholders who develop and use Integrated Assessment. The goals of TIAS are to nurture this community in order to foster the further development of Integrated Assessment and to encourage its wise and effective application.

## TIAS ACTIVITIES

TIAS initiates or actively supports a variety of activities, which provide important networking and learning opportunities. These activities allow members to meet each other, learn about past and ongoing experiences with IA, and develop joint activities. The activities include, among others:

### Workshops and Conference Sessions

TIAS organizes workshops and sessions as part of larger national and international conferences.

### Webinars

TIAS organizes and hosts regular ‘webinars’ or online seminars on topics of interest to the IA community (e.g., Social Impact Assessment, Global Environmental Change, SDGs, WEF Nexus).

### Training Courses

TIAS regularly organizes and hosts short courses and international summer schools on concepts, methodological approaches and tools in IA (e.g., participatory integrated modelling, comparative methods, scenario analysis, climate change adaptation).

### Newsletter

TIAS publishes a newsletter four times a year. Each newsletter includes a feature article from a scientist, practitioner or stakeholder, and also provides details on recent and upcoming activities. Interim updates between newsletters provide key time-sensitive information.

### Website

The website provides access to the newsletter and information on conference sessions, workshops, webinars, and training courses sponsored by TIAS or of interest to its members.

Visit us at [www.tias-web.info](http://www.tias-web.info)



**TIAS BRINGS TOGETHER AND SUPPORTS AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SCIENTISTS AND PRACTITIONERS FROM DIVERSE DISCIPLINES AND SECTORS.**

## WHO SHOULD JOIN

Our members are scientists, practitioners, educators, research institutes, consultancies, academic departments and government agencies from all sectors who wish to strengthen their networks in, be better informed of, and make more effective use of Integrated Assessment.

### Benefits

- Electronic newsletter
- Website with resources
- Participation in TIAS webinars
- Reduced rate for TIAS events
- Reduced rate for TIAS training courses
- Opportunity to represent TIAS in international fora
- Access to TIAS network
- Strategic partnerships with TIAS members
- Participation in annual meetings
- Opportunity to promote and develop IA for improved decision-making

### TIAS Membership\*

To join TIAS visit [www.tias-web.info/membership](http://www.tias-web.info/membership)

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