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ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT SOCIETY
PRESENTS A WEBINAR:**

PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS FOR INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2017, 16:00-18:00 CET (GMT +2)

Background and Focus

Since The Integrated Assessment Society (TIAS) was established, considerably more experience has been built up in commissioning, delivering and using Integrated Assessment (IA) for environmental management and sustainable development. In particular, a larger variety of assessments have been produced. In addition to the prominent worldwide assessments, such as, the IPCC Assessment Reports, IPBES and GEO, IA has also been used at local level. Furthermore, policy analysis has increasingly become part of Integrated Assessment. Specifically in forward-looking assessments, alternative formats, such as megatrends, have been introduced, or have been re-invented, such as backcasting.

Taking advantage of the growing wealth of experiences that exists among TIAS members, TIAS proposes to review and sharpen our understanding of Integrated Assessment. What is it? What can we expect from it? In what terms can an IA study be proposed or commissioned nowadays? How can we advance our quest to make Integrated Assessments even more effective?

Drawing lessons from our accumulating experience will be especially useful in light of what we now see on the horizon: many simultaneous assessments related to the SDGs; rethinking the mediation between science and policy in times of fact-free policies as one of the more recent fashion trends; and the shrinking budgets for many of us.

This webinar is organized by Klaus Jacob (President of TIAS, Freie Universität Berlin) and Jan Bakkes (Vice President of TIAS, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency) and intends to kick off activities of a working group and future webinars. The focus of these activities will be discussed during the webinar. Our proposal is to develop a set of standards for IA (see e.g. [this](#) publication on program evaluation standards by Yarbrough et al.). With this in mind, this initial webinar will review key material, such as Bellagio STAMP and UNEP's recently renewed guidelines for Integrated Environment Assessment. Follow up activities will build upon this and will offer a forum to discuss possible standards for IA.

Agenda

16-16.15	Opening and Introduction <i>(Klaus Jacob, TIAS and Freie Universität Berlin)</i>
16:15-16:45	Bellagio STAMP - Principles for sustainability assessment and measurement <i>Laszlo Pintér (TIAS and Central European University)</i>
16:45-17:15	Guidelines for Integrated Environment Assessment <i>Pierre Boileau (UNEP)</i>
17:15-17:45	Designing effective Global Environmental Assessments? <i>Pauline Rioussel (IÖW), and Martin Kowarsch (TIAS and Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change)</i>
17:45-18:00	Conclusions and way forward <i>Jan Bakkes (TIAS and PBL)</i>
18:00	Close of webinar

Registration and Participation

Space is limited. Therefore, registration closes Thursday, June 15th midnight. Registrations can be made on: <http://www.tias-web.info/webinar-registration/>. Although the webinar is free of charge, we very much appreciate your support to TIAS. Your [membership fee](#) and [donations](#) make it possible for TIAS to maintain operations and make webinars and other events and activities possible.

The webinar will be hosted on Adobe Connect™. Registered participants will be sent the link to virtual meeting room together with their registration confirmation. An audio-visual **recording** of the webinars as well as the presentations and highlights will be made available within one week of the event.

Should you have questions please contact our secretariat: info@tias-web.info (Tel: +49 541 969 2505). We welcome your participation and your contribution in the upcoming activities.