

# Integrated Assessment and The Integrated Assessment Society

What, Who and Why?



# What is TIAS?

TIAS is an international community of inter-disciplinary and disciplinary scientists, analysts and practitioners who develop and use Integrated Assessment (IA).

Since its establishment in October 2003, TIAS strives to:

- nurture the IA community
- promote the development of IA
- encourage the wise application of IA

# What is Integrated Assessment?

Integrated Assessment (IA) is a structured process of dealing with complex socio-ecological problems.

TIAS defines IA broadly as:

“the interdisciplinary process of integrating knowledge from various disciplines and stakeholder groups in order to evaluate a problem situation from different perspectives and provide support for its solutions”

(TIAS Quarterly, November 2004, p.1)

# Who uses IA for what?

IA is used by scientists, policy analysts and practitioners to:

- Identify and integrate knowledge about a problem domain (including desirable options and associated uncertainties)
- Inform and support decision-making and policy processes

IA is applied in diverse fields (e.g. climate change, agriculture, land use, water management, and biodiversity) and in diverse cultural and institutional contexts.

IA methods include modelling, scenario analysis, uncertainty analysis, participatory planning, and many more.

# What does TIAS do?

TIAS organizes activities that inform, bring together and support the IA community such as:

- Newsletter, website, blog and working papers
- Workshops, webinars and conferences
- Training programmes (e.g. short courses, Summer Schools)

TIAS seeks collaboration with complementary groups (e.g. iEMSs, GWSP, Resilience Alliance) and the policy community (e.g. UNEP, EEA).

# What are we working on?

In 2015 and 2016, TIAS focuses on the following themes:

- Conceptualization of learning (e.g. webinar, Nov. 2016)
- SDGs indicators (e.g. webinars, Feb. + April. 2016)
- Comparative analysis of water governance (Summer School 2015)
- Climate change adaptation (e.g. Summer Academy)

Previous themes include global change science, visioning and backcasting, adaptive water management and stakeholder participation.

# Who are we?

Currently, TIAS has circa 105 members who represent universities, research institutes, government agencies, international organizations and consultancy companies.

Institutional members include universities in Europe, Australia and North America, government agencies and international organizations.

The current members of the TIAS executive and advisory boards are listed on our website: [www.tias-web.info](http://www.tias-web.info)

# TIAS Outreach

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- Quarterly Newsletter (available from the website)
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