

# Urban development/Extractive industries: What can HIA offer?

**Registration (8:00 - 8:45am)**

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**Introduction and welcome (9:00 - 9:30)**

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**Morning session (9:30 - 12:00)**

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**The case for HIA in cities: a tool for urban health governance and accountability**

*HIA has been used over years as a method to introduce health considerations into planning and interventions in urban areas. Examples and experiences can be found in various countries and settings, some of which will be presented during the conference. A panel discussion will address fundamental questions about how to strengthen the use of HIA in cities and about using HIA as a tool for urban health governance and accountability.*

The morning session will consist of short presentations made by panellists, immediately followed by an open discussion with the invited participants, moderated by a session chair.

**Invited panellists** are representatives of local institutions responsible for urban policy making and governance, HIA practitioners working on urban issues, and academics interested in the link between urban interventions and health.

**Invited participants** are municipal, provincial and national authorities responsible for urban planning, HIA practitioners, development cooperation agencies financing urban infrastructure and town planning, NGOs working in cities, UN Agencies, EU representatives and the European Commission represented by the Spanish presidency.



This one-day conference is linked to the International Association for Impact Assessment's (IAIA) annual conference taking place in Geneva from 8-11 April with the theme "Transitioning to a Green Economy."

7 April 2010 is also World Health Day. The focus this year is on urbanization and health with the campaign "1000 cities - 1000 lives".

## **Lunch break (12.00 - 13.00)**

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## **Poster session on urban development and extractive industries (13:00 - 14:00)**

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## **Afternoon session (14:00 - 16:30)**

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### **The case for HIA in the extractive industry sector: a tool for improving health through mineral resource management**

*HIA is being increasingly adopted by the extractive industry sector as a tool to ensure that projects do not have a negative impact on community health, safety and security and at the same time that the positive impacts generated by a project are enhanced. The health sector is only recently becoming more involved in the process. This panel discussion will present examples and discuss opportunities and obstacles to this cooperation, so as to identify ways to protect and promote health for the local communities.*

The afternoon session will consist of short presentations made by panellists, immediately followed by an open discussion with the invited participants, moderated by a session chair.

**Invited panellists** are representatives from health authorities responsible for assessing community health impacts of extractive industries, HIA practitioners working on extractive industries, industry representatives, and financial institutions granting loans to private sector projects.

**Invited participants** are local and national health authorities, HIA practitioners, financial institutions providing loans to the extractive industry sector, NGOs working with the extractive industry sector, mining companies, oil and gas companies, associations of extractive industry sector, EU representatives and the European Commission represented by the Spanish presidency.

## **Closing remarks and next steps for promoting the use of HIA in cities and extractive industries (16:30 -17:00)**

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We welcome comments, case studies, reflection and ideas on these topics. You are also cordially invited to submit a poster for the event as posters will be part of the final proceedings of the day.

Guidance notes on the use of HIA in cities and extractive industries will be circulated to registered participants before the conference and will serve as a background for the discussion. The results of the debates will then be incorporated by the sessions' rapporteur and disseminated widely.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is required to enter the WHO building.

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