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**The Integrated Assessment Society**

**Promoting Integrated Assessment for the management of environment, natural resources and transitions to sustainability among a community of interdisciplinary and disciplinary scientists and practitioners**

<http://www.tias-web.info/>



### **Aim of TIAS**

The Integrated Assessment Society is a not-for-profit entity created to promote the community of inter-disciplinary and disciplinary scientists and practitioners who develop and use Integrated Assessment. The goals of TIAS are to nurture this community, to promote the development of Integrated Assessment and to encourage its wise application.



### **What is Integrated Assessment?**

Integrated Assessment (IA) can be defined as the interdisciplinary process of integrating knowledge from science and stakeholder groups in order to evaluate a problem situation from a variety of perspectives and contribute to its solution. IA supports learning and decision processes and helps to identify desirable and possible options for addressing the problem. It therefore builds on two major methodological pillars: approaches to integrating knowledge about a problem domain, and understanding policy and decision-making processes.

IA is typically applied to the analysis and management of complex human-environment interactions at various scales. It has been developed for addressing issues such as climate change, land degradation, water and air quality management, forest and fisheries management, and public



health. IA therefore engages stakeholders and scientists from numerous disciplines.

### **TIAS Activities**

TIAS initiates or actively supports a variety of activities to promote Integrated Assessment, including for example:

- **Workshops and Networking**

A key role of the society is to provide fora for the promotion of IA, exchange of experiences and development of new activities. TIAS therefore organizes conference sessions and workshops on topical interdisciplinary themes. TIAS now also regularly hosts ‘webinars’ or online seminars in order to engage its members in IA dialogues.

- **Summer Schools & Training Sessions**

An international summer school is hosted or co-sponsored by TIAS on an annual basis. The themes vary, but the focus is on conceptual advances and methodological approaches and tools in IA. Examples include “Stakeholder Participation and Modelling in Sustainable Resource Management” and “Transitions to Adaptive River Basin Management”.

TIAS also runs or sponsors shorter training courses on IA methods such as uncertainty analysis and stakeholder collaboration.

- **Dissemination of Information**

TIAS maintains and makes available a compendium of relevant literature, data sources and models, as well as training and education materials, and job openings. IA news is published in the TIAS newsletter and interim updates.



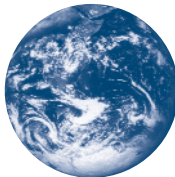
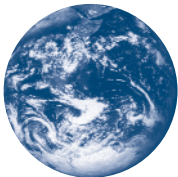
### IA for analyzing and managing:

- Environmental impact
- Risk
- Complexity
- Uncertainty
- Response 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 helps users to select the most appropriate approaches, methods and tools for specific issues and contexts.



### Who should join

Scientists, practitioners, educators, research institutes, academic departments and government agencies from all sectors who wish to be better informed of, and more effective in the use of Integrated Assessment are invited to join the TIAS network. Members can also play a central role in shaping the activities of TIAS.

### Benefits:

- Electronic newsletter
- Website with resources
- Free participation in TIAS webinars
- Reduced rate for TIAS events
- Reduced rate for TIAS training courses and special sessions
- 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

### Contact Information

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### TIAS Membership Form

Online form available on TIAS website.

I wish to become a member of TIAS (check box):

Membership Type	Fee / Yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional member	€200 / US\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Full member	€ 50 / US\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Student member	€ 15 / US\$20

10% reduction in fee when joining for two or more years.

Check box if you wish to join for  1 yr  2 yrs  3 yrs

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