



## Association for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nigeria

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**The official newsletter of  
AEIAN activities at the  
43rd conference of the  
International Association  
for Impact Assessment,  
Dublin, Ireland.**

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Delegates from the Association for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nigeria were present at The Convention Centre, Dublin, Ireland, for the 43rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment.

With the theme, 'IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR A JUST TRANSFORMATION', the association seeks to harness the knowledge and skills of the Impact Assessment community to provide grounds for pushing boundaries, innovation and placing environments and societies at the centre of all decisions for the Just Transition and even more audaciously, the Just Transformation.

The conference offered several sessions, training courses, sponsored meetings, technical visits, paper presentations and networking events. At the cross-section of all these activities, AEIAN delegates represented the impact assessment community in Nigeria, bringing fresh perspectives and ideas that are both innovative and contextual.



IAIA24 venue: The Convention Center, Dublin, Ireland.



Prof. Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu, AEIAN President and delegates of AEIAN at the conference.



**AEIAN President, presenting her paper at the conference in Dublin.**



**Dr. Lawal Adegboyega, presenting his paper at the conference in Dublin.**



**Cross sectional view of participants at IAA24 conference in Dublin, Ireland.**

## **AEIAN activities at IAA24 Technical sessions - Paper presentations.**

**Prof. Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu, president of the Association for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nigeria presented her paper, A Case for Harnessing Nuisance in Freshwater Ecosystems in Niger Delta at the conference. She chaired the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries session which examined the inter-sectoral linkages among key sectors like Climate, Energy and Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries which could be stimulated and enhanced to achieve multiple beneficial social, environmental, economic and cultural goods and services for human kind. The session covered four paper presentations.**

**Dr. Lawal Adegboyega presented his paper, EIA in Nigeria 30 years after: Challenges and Opportunities, during the Emerging Practices in Indigenous-led Environmental Assessment session**

**Participating in the technical sessions, members of AEIAN thought the conference to be a wonderful platform for learning, ideas sharing and effective communication.**

## AEIAN activities at IAIA24 Workshops, Paper presentations, Meetings.

Chaired by Dr Ahmed Sanda, the workshop, Remember the Intangibles and Spiritual Values for a Just Transition, was set up at the conference to discuss how to integrate intangible and spiritual values in impact assessment. The workshop was aimed at developing a framework to integrate these values to strengthening Impact Assessment as a tool for achieving a just transition.

During another workshop on Environmental Management Strategies and Ethical Professional Practice for a Just Transformation. Chinweze Chizoba presented her paper on Land Resource Management and Net-zero Target.

The Nigerian delegates held a meeting at Dublin, looking at best practice and emerging trends in EIA at the international level and how to leverage on the experience and learnings in Dublin to promote EIA practice in Nigeria.

Nigerian delegates in Dublin were from the IOCs, Federal Ministry of Environment, academia, world bank and the independent practitioners.

From the theme forums to the concurrent sessions, AEIAN delegates participated actively, bringing meaningful insights through paper presentations and contributions.

Led by the President, the AEIAN delegates presented awards to the IAIA President, Edith Birungi Kahubire and the IAIA CEO, Gary Baker, commending their impactful service.



# Photos of the AEIAN team at IAIA24, Dublin, Ireland.





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## 8th Annual Conference and AGM

**THEME: Sustainable Growth and Socio-economic Transformation: Environmental issues, impacts and Assessments.**

**15th - 17th October, 2024.  
Port Harcourt, Nigeria.**



### **Conference Registration**

#### **Early Birds (Till 30th Sept)**

Members - N30,000

Students - N10,000

Non Members - N35,000

#### **Late Registration(1st Oct - 13th Oct)**

Members - N35,000

Students - N15,000

Non Members - N40,000

#### **Onsite Registration**

Members - N50,000

Students - N20,000

Non Members - N55,000

### **SUB-THEMES**

- a. State of the Environment
- b. Environmental law, policy and implementation
- c. Pollution, Degradation and Climate change issues
- d. Energy Security, Energy Transition and Decarbonisation
- e. Environmental performance in the organised private sector
- f. Promoting sustainability in mining and extractive
- g. Circularity and supply chain transformation
- h. Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry, Biodiversity and food security
- i. Blue Economy and sustainable marine ecosystem
- j. Digitalization of Environmental Assessment

This conference will involve workshops, exhibition and presentation of best practices in environmental assessment. Members and professionals involved in environmental assessment and monitoring are encouraged to participate as we collectively improve the practice of environmental assessment in Nigeria.

Interested participants are invited to register online and send abstracts of not more than 250 words to [aeian2024conference@gmail.com](mailto:aeian2024conference@gmail.com) with submission fees of N3,000 paid to Association for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nigeria; 0130556492, Bank - Guarranty Trust Bank, before 30th June, 2024.

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## THEME: IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**1-4 May 2025**  
**Bologna Congressi (Bologna Congress Center), Bologna, Italy**



Artificial intelligence (AI) will impact every aspect of our lives, our careers, and our environment. It is difficult to predict the effective impact of this new disruptive technology on impact assessment (IA). We are facing the opportunity of using the extraordinary potential of artificial intelligence to support our assessments and our choices.

Like any paradigm innovation capable of impacting every aspect of society, artificial intelligence requires that institutions, IA practitioners, and all stakeholders understand its importance and explore, detect, and contribute to mitigate its effective and pervasive impact on environment.

IAIA25 will create a global, comprehensive, and cooperative dialogue on the strategic role of impact assessment and impact assessment practitioners in the coming AI-based society, stimulating IAIA members and others to share their experiences and suggestions for supporting players with innovative and creative approaches and tools.

### OBJECTIVES

- Open a multi-disciplinary discussion on advantages and risks of AI for IA
- Suggest the use of data-driven approaches into ordinary IA practices
- Enhance the knowledge of AI tools for impact assessment
- Share the potential of AI for effective ESG assessment/disclosure/reporting

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference will focus on these four thematic streams, in addition to general IA topics and the IAIA special-interest Sections:

- Impact of artificial intelligence on impact assessment
- Data-driven innovation of processes/approaches/methodologies/tools
- Evidence-based policymaking
- Environmental, social, and governance (ESG)

Discussions will also address general IA topics and the IAIA special-interest Sections.