



Research and Innovation in IA: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Research Program

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Presentation Objectives

- 1) Build awareness of the Agency's research program
- 2) Share recent innovative research partnerships supported by the program
- 3) Conduct virtual workshop to inform future research priorities



The Agency's Research Program

Purpose: support the implementation of the *Impact Assessment Act* by providing multidisciplinary research and evidence in the field of impact assessment

Program Objectives:

Create and support research for high quality-assessments (project IA, regional, strategic)

Expand the IA research community

Share information with all groups who can benefit from research results*

**The Agency has made most of the research funded to date publicly available on the [Research Program Website](#) in both official languages*

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Recipients

- Research and academic institutions
- Not-for profit organization
- Indigenous community or organization
- Individual

If you would like additional information,
please reach out to
research-recherche@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Eligible Activities

- Development and dissemination of IA tools, frameworks, methodologies, case studies and best practices
- IA-related research or studies based on science or Indigenous Knowledge
- Networks to create and disseminate IA research



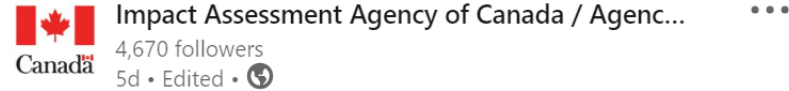
Research Dissemination

Internal

- Science & Research Presentation Series
- Quarterly newsletters
- Targeted workshops

External

- Research Program website
- Social media 



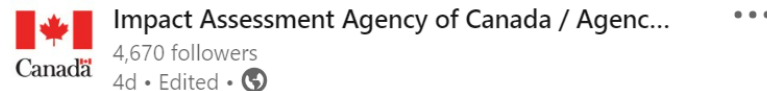
An exciting new research report by the Asia Pacific Foundation for Climate and Health provides:

- mitigation and enhancement recommendations
- best practices and options

for common health, social, and economic effects of designated projects.

The report was funded by us and will be used to enhance tools, resources, and guidance to support high-quality impact assessments.

Read the report to know more: https://lnkd.in/eQ-5-_nJ



Thanks to research we funded, we have greater insight into best practices to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion are integrated into our impact assessments.

Check out the recently released research conducted by [Women in Resource Development Corporation \(WRDC\)](#) on diversity, equity and inclusion best practices: <https://lnkd.in/euvvmN94>



Recent & Innovative Research Partnerships



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Recent Research (1)

Women in Resource Development Corporation:

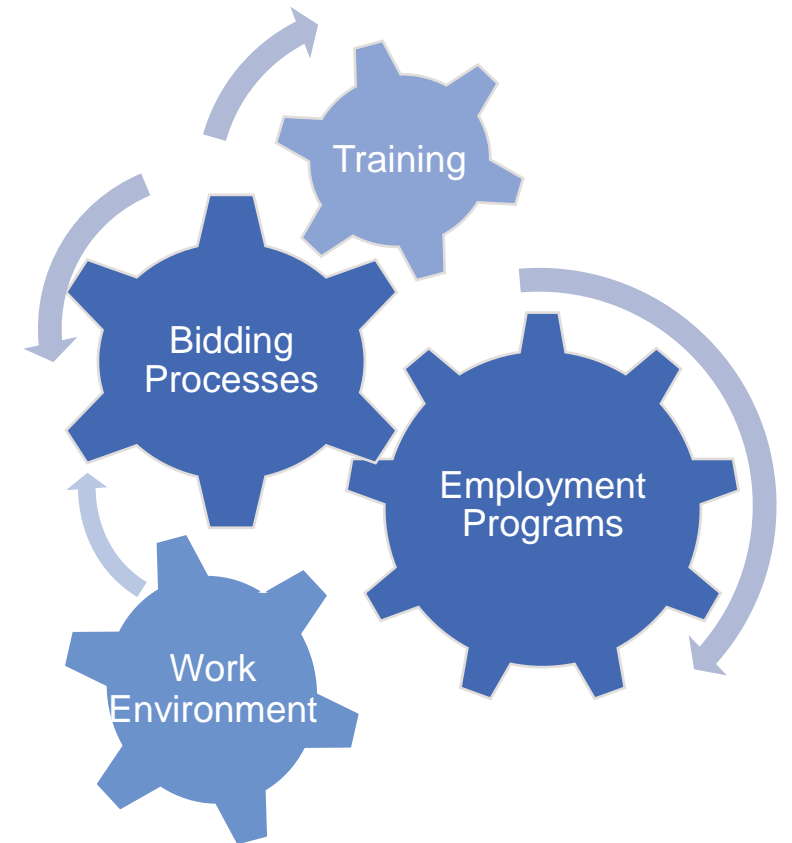
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Best Practices for Major Projects: The Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Oil Industry

Objective:

- Establish past, present and recommended future best practices for DEI on the construction and operation of large projects

Research Output:

- 27 recommendations for DEI initiatives for proponents
- 3 recommendations to the Agency to support DEI initiatives

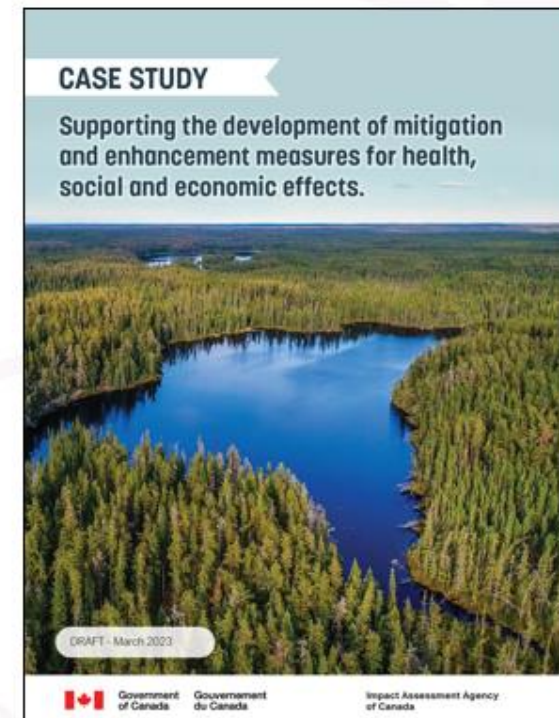


Recent Research (2)



Asia Pacific Foundation for Climate and Health:

Mitigation and Enhancement Measures for Health, Social, & Economic Effects



Recent Research (3)

Anna Johnston & Dr. Justina Ray:
Assessing Biodiversity under the Impact Assessment Act

Objectives:



Research Output:

- Recommendations aimed at improving the treatment of biodiversity in impact assessment under the IAA.
- Recommendations used to inform the work of the Agency's Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge

Recent Research (4)



Dr. Alana Westwood & Ali MacKellar:

Impacts of major projects on marginalized communities and 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities

Objectives:

- Understand how the experiences of marginalized peoples have been included (or not) in historic impact assessment statements in Canada
- Understand how to mitigate negative experiences that may arise from marginalized communities interacting with resource development projects

Research Outputs

- Recommendations for better inclusion of marginalized peoples in IA processes



Upcoming Research



- We have lots of exciting research in the works for this year.
- The Agency is pleased that we have a grant agreement with the:

Keepers of the Circle:

- *MMIWG Calls to Action in Practice: A Framework for Harm Reduction in Resource Development Project Planning and Implementation*
- **Expected Research Output:**
 - Report & Infographic: Mitigation Framework containing best practices for reducing resource development impacts for Indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse peoples



The Network for Expertise and Dialogue for Impact Assessment (NEDIA)

<https://www.nedia.ca/>

Objectives

- Fosters interdisciplinary collaboration among impact assessment scholars in Canada, opening up the field to disciplines within the social sciences and humanities
- Online resource space regarding what 'impact' means and how we should best 'assess' it
- Strengthens the efforts of others to support collaborations between both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to the NGO, government and private sector practitioners in IA.



Network on GBA Plus in Impact Assessment

Objectives

- Share knowledge between practitioners, policy makers and researchers about good practices and possible strategies to include Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA) and Indigenous Lens GBA Plus in IA
- Develop tools and resources to support good practices in (Indigenous Lens) GBA Plus in IA
- Foster interjurisdictional learning and relationships amongst GBA Plus
- Create knowledge and practice related to using GBA Plus to advance environmental justice



Virtual Workshop

Join at [menti.com](https://www.menti.com) use code 1850 0238

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Instructions

Go to
www.menti.com

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Or use QR code



Virtual Workshop: Discussion Questions

- 1) What are some examples of key gap(s) in IA practice that could be addressed by further research?
- 2) What specific research project ideas would you like to see funded by the Agency's Research Program (targeted research, networks etc.)?
- 3) What types of research products would be most useful to you? (e.g., reports, case studies, tools, etc..)
- 4) Are there partners doing innovative work in impact assessment that we should partner with in the future?
- 5) Do you have any suggestions for how the Agency can continue to enhance how we're making research results available?

Thank you!

