The Development and Implementation of Environmental Management Programmes - Workshop - 2018

CES Principal Consultants Amber Jackson, Taryn Martin and Marc Hardy from the Cape Town office attended the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) Western Cape's Environmental Management Programme Workshop in 2018. IAIA dates back to 1980 and was organised to bring researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment approaches from all parts of the world together. One of the unique features of IAIA is the mix of professions represented, which provides members with outstanding opportunities for interchange: to advance the state of the art and science of impact assessment in applications ranging from local to global; to develop international and local capability to anticipate, plan and manage the consequences of development; and to enhance the quality of life for all (IAIA, 2019).

Marc presented on the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) auditing aspect. The morning workshop dealt with the following topics:

- Share some of his learnings on EMP implementation.
- Debate EMPs in the context of broader environmental management.
- Debate what the contents of an effective EMP should be.
- Understand the perspectives and expectations from Authorities, Developers and Consultants.

It is important to deal with Environmental Management Plans, as ultimately it does not matter how good the EIA is, or how specific the conditions of authorisation are, unless these conditions can be implemented to mitigate impacts. They must be practical, cost effective and implementable to ensure that the negative consequences of development, as assessed in the EIA, are mitigated on the ground. This is what the workshop set out to achieve.

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