



**Environmental Assessment (EA)
Practitioners' Workshop
"Raising the Bar for Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA)"**

March 15 & 16, 2006
Katimavik Rooms B&C
Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife

Workshop Agenda

Day One

Wednesday, March 15th 2006

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Resource Area – Both days outside room

Part A: Introduction to Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

8:15-onwards **Registration and Package Pick-up in Foyer outside Katimavik Rooms**

8:45-9:15am **Welcome** **- Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott, MVEIRB Chair**

Opening Prayer **- TBA**

Introductions, Review Agenda **- Barbara Saunders, Facilitator**

9:15-9:30am **Workshop Objectives** **- Mary Tapsell, MVEIRB**

- Why we do these EA Practitioners' Workshops – results from last year.
- Workshop goals: To improve understanding of how to do good SEIA, and identify areas in the Mackenzie Valley process needing improvement, and come up with some creative solutions.
- Workshop structure explained.

9:30-10:00am **MVEIRB SEIA Introductory Presentation** **- Alistair MacDonald, MVEIRB**

- An introduction to how SEIA works (the "6 Steps").
- Review of the reasons behind, and process of, creating Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guidelines.
- Question and answer to follow.

10:00-10:15am  **COFFEE BREAK**

10:15-11:30am “SEIA Talk Show”

- Multiple Parties

A facilitated panel will allow people from different walks of life (government, consulting, industry, community, independent board) to talk about the roles of different parties in, challenges of, importance of, and prospects for SEIA in the Mackenzie Valley. A public question period will follow.

11:30-12:00pm “Table Talk”

- Breakout Tables

Your chance to follow up on the panel discussion. Questions will be posed to help identify gaps in the current practice of SEIA in the Mackenzie Valley.

12:00 – 1:00pm



LUNCH, BUFFET PROVIDED

Part B: Doing Good Socio-Economic Impact Assessment – Step-by-Step

1:15-2:20pm “The Six Steps in Practice”

- Presentations

Two presenters will focus our attention on how the six steps can be undertaken in specific topic areas or “lenses” of impact assessment. Question and answer to follow the second presentation.

“Health Impact Assessment”

- Carolyn Dunn, Health Canada

“Ensuring Gender Equity in SEIA”

- Barbara Saunders, Facilitator

2:20-3:20pm Doing Good SEIA, Steps 1 & 2: Scoping & Baseline

- Presentation & Breakouts

1. Presentation on Good Practice of SEIA Scoping and Baseline Conditions Assessment:

“Appropriate Indicators for Social Impact Assessment”

– Lois Little, Lutra Associates

2. Posing the Questions: Main SEIA Scoping and Baseline Concerns

3. Table Talk: Brainstorming Better Scoping & Baseline

4. Sharing Perspectives: 2 or 3 Tables chosen to report

3:20–3:35pm



COFFEE BREAK

3:35–4:50pm Doing Good SEIA, Step 3: Impact Identification & Prediction

- Presentation & Breakouts

1. Presentation on Good Practice of SEIA Impact Identification and Prediction:

“Economic Impact Assessment in the Mackenzie Valley”

- Roy Ellis, Ellis Consulting

2. Posing the Questions: Main SEIA Impact Identification and Prediction Concerns

3. Table Talk: Brainstorming Better SEIA Baseline

4. Sharing Perspectives: 2 or 3 Tables chosen to report

4:50-5:00pm **Recap and Thoughts for tomorrow . . .** - Facilitator

5:00-7:00pm  **Food and Drink Mixer at Explorer Hotel's Trapline Lounge**

Day Two

Thursday, March 16th 2006

8:45-9:10am **Summary of Day 1, Review Agenda for Day 2** - Facilitator

9:10-10:30am **Doing Good SEIA, Step 4: Evaluating Significance** - **Presentations & Breakouts**

1. Presentation on Good Practice of SEIA Significance Evaluation
"Good Practice - Socio-economic Impact Significance Determination"
- David Lawrence, Lawrence Environmental
2. Posing the Questions: Main SEIA Significance Evaluation Concerns
3. Table Talk: Brainstorming Better SEIA Significance Evaluation
4. Sharing Perspectives: 2 or 3 Tables chosen to report

10:30-10:45am  **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45-11:30am **SEIA in the Mackenzie Valley: The Lutsel K'e Experience** - **Presentations**


1. Presenter **Brenda Parlee of the University of Alberta** will be talking about her experiences in community-based impact assessment and monitoring in Lutsel K'e in the 1990s.
2. Community members **Gloria Enzoe** and **Florence Catholique** will provide an update on what is currently going on with monitoring in Lutsel K'e.
3. Question and answer to follow.

11:30-12:30pm **Doing Good SEIA, Steps 5 & 6: Mitigation & Monitoring** - **Presentations & Breakouts**

1. Presentation on Good Practice of SEIA Mitigation and Follow-up
"Keeping the Agreements of SEIAs Alive: Mitigation and Follow-Up"
-Naomi Krogman, University of Alberta
2. Posing the Questions: Main SEIA Mitigation & Monitoring Concerns
3. Table Talk: Brainstorming Better SEIA Mitigation & Monitoring
4. Sharing Perspectives: 2 or 3 Tables chosen to report

12:30-1:30pm  **LUNCH, BUFFET PROVIDED**

Part C: Filling the Gaps

- 1:30-2:40pm** **Filling the Gaps I** **- Presentation & Breakouts**
1. Facilitators will introduce the list of “Key Gaps to Good SEIA” identified at workshop
 2. Breakout Tables devoted to specific questions on how to fill those gaps – distribute yourself accordingly
 3. Various tables asked to report back at the end
- 2:40-3:00pm**  **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3:00-4:00pm** **Filling the Gaps 2** **- Breakout Groups**
1. Attendees to switch tables for fresh ideas on same questions
 2. Various tables asked to report back at the end
- 4:00-4:45pm** **Drawing it all Together: Next Steps** **- Facilitated Discussion**
- There will be a list of follow-up items created around the SEIA issues discussed in the workshop, and main action items identified. All parties involved in question and answer session on major priorities.
- 4:45-4:50pm** **Workshop Evaluation Period**
- 4:50pm** **Closing Prayer** **- TBA**