

# **Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA)**

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**IAIA 04**

**EA and Public Participation**

**Project (Calabash)**

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# SAIEA

is an indigenous non-profit organization that promotes sustainable development in southern Africa through improved and more effective use of Environmental Impact Assessment

# EA and Public Participation

EA can be viewed as a litmus test for **governance reform** due to public participation aspect

EA core element of good

**governance** (transparency, access to information, coherence, participation, human rights, accountability)

# Overall Project

**Local community and govt EA capacity for PP**

**Improve civil society involvement in decision making (local focus)**

**Develop “grassroots” environmental assessors**

**2 years**

# Some Results

**Situation Assessment**

**Project Advisory Team**

**Project Strategy Workshop (Windhoek)**

**Web node with EAPP material compiled**

**Community and govt EA/PP Process handbook**

**Trainers kit for grassroots and govt assessors**

**Test materials then refine**

**Project report –EA as a governance tool**

**Stakeholder Public Participation Barometer**

**SADC EA and PP principles**

**Better policy and practice for EA in SADC**

# **Networking and Collaboration Key**

- **ICMM and Public Participation**
- **Pact Kenya – Community Impact Assessment  
Network for Eastern Africa (CIANEA)**
- **UNEP Integrated Assessment**
- **IAIA Biodiversity Capacity Building**
- **Others??**

**African saying on democracy:**

**Until lions have their  
historians, tales of the hunt  
shall always glorify the hunter.**



# **Question for discussion:**

**What needs to be done to move EA and PP forward in SADC as well as at the community level?**

Thank you very much from the  
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