

World Congress on Public Health Session
Measures to amplify the implementation of health impact assessment: learning from East and Southern Africa

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How do we put public health at the heart of new laws, investments and economic decisions? How do we protect equitable benefits for health in economic activities?



Join our **Health Impact Assessment (HIA)** session at the [World Congress on Public Health \(WCPH\)](#), Cape Town

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 **Room 1.43–1.44**

Explore experiences from **East and Southern Africa** and join in a global round-table conversation on moving HIA from **policy to practice**.

HIA provides an internationally recognised method to assess and manage the risks in commercial activities. In this session we present evidence and stimulate discussion on the barriers, enablers to, and measures to scale up implementation of HIA. We briefly introduce HIA methods, the consequences for sectors, states and populations of implementation deficits and the policy, legal, capacity, information, institutional and political economy opportunities to overcome the gap between policy and practice. During the session participants in round tables, each introduced by one of the convenors, will discuss the measures and experiences to (i) generate policy and public awareness of the value of HIA; (ii) build multisectoral capacities and interaction for HIA; and (iii) widen information sharing, implementation of and uptake of recommendations from HIA, including as a separate but concurrent activity with economic and environment impact assessment. Through the presentations and exchange of international experience, participants will identify ideas to apply HIA in their own countries.

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Come with your experience. Leave with ideas for action!