

IAIA Special Symposium

# Resettlement and Livelihoods

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## SYMPOSIUM THEME AND OBJECTIVES

Every year millions of people are displaced in Asia due to the development of dams, infrastructure, mining, agriculture, and forestry. Governments are displacing millions of urban dwellers in order to make way for the development of mega-cities and to mitigate disaster risk. There is much evidence that many of the people displaced by large projects experience reduced wellbeing. In the past, little attention was given to livelihood or impoverishment issues. Now there is increasing acceptance that resettlement needs to be planned as a development opportunity, especially in the context of the adoption of the Sustainable Development goals to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030. The challenge is to consider how to develop large projects in countries with rapidly expanding populations while enhancing the livelihoods of local communities.

Symposium participants will discuss key learnings on resettlement and livelihoods on urban and rural resettlement projects in Asia. The symposium aims to engage resettlement practitioners in Asia to explore an interest in creating a sustained virtual network that will exist beyond the symposium, thus allowing for a longer-term dialogue on resettlement and livelihoods issues, contributing to ongoing capacity building in the region.

## RESETTLEMENT AND LIVELIHOODS TOPICS INCLUDE:

- New developments in resettlement and livelihoods
- How to engage with government in planning resettlement and emerging standards, practices, and frameworks
- Engaging communities and civil society in resettlement planning and implementation
- Planning resettlement communities
- New resettlement methodologies, including land pooling
- Livelihood enhancement in urban and rural settings
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Monitoring, evaluation, and resettlement loss-out audits

## THEMES AT A GLANCE

### RURAL

Discuss experiences from dams, infrastructure, mining, agriculture, and forestry projects seeing success in rural livelihood restoration.

### URBAN

Explore case studies from project in large cities in Asia dealing with the challenge of restoring livelihoods from the resettlement of urban communities.



Tampakan Project, Philippines (Photo courtesy of Eddie Smyth)

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**PROCEDURE** From 10 October through 21 November, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 19 December 2016 will be listed in the final program.

To submit an abstract, follow the instructions at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > Resettlement Symposium > Submissions. All submissions should be in English.

**ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION** Paper and poster authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact [kathy@iaia.org](mailto:kathy@iaia.org) for assistance.

Authors of papers or posters will be notified of acceptance status by 28 November 2016.

All presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form by 19 December 2016. Please submit an abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel. IAIA does not have funds available to pay travel expenses for program participants. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

**LANGUAGE** English is the primary language used at IAIA events. Unless otherwise noted in the preliminary or final program, sessions will be held in English.

Full submission details will be available in October at:

**[www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org)**



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## IMPORTANT DATES

*Mark your calendar today!*

- **October 2016**  
Preliminary program available  
Online registration opens  
Abstract submission opens
- **21 November 2016**  
Abstract submission deadline
- **19 December 2016**  
Presenting author registration deadline
- **1 February 2017**  
Registration closes
- **3 February 2017**  
Final program available
- **20-22 February 2017**  
Symposium
- **23-24 February 2017**  
Post-symposium training courses  
(to be announced)

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