



How Can SEA and IA Practitioners Support Global Commons Alliance Partner Initiatives?

Why Your Participation Matters

On April 10th IAIA President Lone Kørnøv posted on the Hub, *‘As we approach IAIA26 in Québec City, I find myself returning to a simple reflection: we will not rebuild trust in impact assessment by talking only among ourselves.... IAIA26 challenges us to ‘move beyond a narrow compliance lens toward collaboration and shared problem-solving’*



In 2025 IAIA became a full partner of the Global Commons Alliance, whose mission is to *“Enable the equitable safeguarding, restoration, and governance of Earth’s vital life-support systems, for all people, now.”*

On the Hub (March 30th, 2026) we called upon our profession to contribute our multidisciplinary skills in assessing impacts and mitigation/regeneration alternatives to support the Mission of the GCA.

The urgency of current boundary exceedances, the risk of long-lived lock-in at strategic scales, and the need for visible co-benefits now demand that we broaden our discipline to address planetary Earth and Human System impacts, recovery and regeneration.

A compelling need exists to rapidly mobilize the analytical interdisciplinary skills of IA practitioners and to expand our practice significantly by supporting planetary recovery with requisite professional development and guidance in best practice. To do so will require rigorous professional skills development in systems-based assessment of alternative mitigation/regeneration scenarios and plans for Earth and Human System recovery from high-risk Planetary Boundary alterations.

A preliminary Fit for Future Initiative web search of GCA partners and similar organizations has now identified more than **30 groups** globally dedicated to pursuing

mitigation/regeneration solutions that address Planetary Boundary impacts on Earth and **Human Systems.**

Requesting Your Involvement: Advancing Planetary Recovery Solutions Assessment

Focusing Resources

The use of systems-based SEA, CEA and IA methodologies may be especially useful if collaboration is able to occur at the **earliest stages of concept design and proposal development**. Which of these groups have initial concepts or proposals where application of collaborative systems-based IA methodologies **might provide the most significant benefits to planetary well-being?**

Given IAIA's volunteer status and organizational resource limitations, we may only be able to effectively work with a select few. We are asking IAIA member engagement to help **scope the institutional landscape**, to determine where our contributions might have the best long-term value.

The Task and Timeline

To answer this question, we are asking you to **join or create a Research/Outreach (R/O) Panel (workgroup)** to explore where our potential collaboration might result in direct action and provide the best long-term payback. Each workgroup Panel is to focus on a different set of these institutions as outlined in the five workgroups described below.

Over the next six months the task for each of the panels will be to prepare short, **web - searched** reviews of each organization's Mission, existing and proposed actions, staff capabilities and capacity, governing structure, budget, sponsors and shared problem-solving approaches.

Following a simple format we are asking the **R/O group members to divide up responsibility** for preparing institutional summaries that explore the degree to which IA practitioners and GCA partners (and related institutions) might collaborate and mutually support the GCA and IAIA Missions and programs.

Summaries are to be no more than three pages per GCA partner using a common outline:

- a. Date
- b. Organization name and key contacts on LinkedIn, email, etc.
- c. Mission and key objectives
- d. Governing structure, staff capabilities and capacity
- e. Estimated budget, resources and sponsors
- f. Unique capabilities and tools

- g. Work program (especially concepts for new projects/programs) and
- h. Potential for collaboration and shared problem-solving approaches with IA and SEA practitioners

Your assistance and judgement will help our Association set strategic priorities for how best to expand beyond a protective compliance role to one of shared efforts to restore and regenerate planetary and human well-being. This exercise will help lay the foundation for expanding current Safeguards and compliance SEA and CEA to encompass Planetary Recovery Assessment that emphasizes systems-based problem-solving.

Draft slide decks and video presentations introducing these organizations are linked on the IAIA Hub. Click [here](#). **If you are interested and willing to be part of this initial review process, we ask that you familiarize yourself with these resources.**