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| **Title of Workshop: Contemporary Health Impact Assessments: Developing new approaches in response to practical challenges and opportunities**  |
| **Objectives**Decades of experience on the theory and practice of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) has resulted in a wealth of guides, tools and templates and the development to an expert workforce of HIA practitioners.However, an important contemporary challenge for the HIA field is how HIA principles and practices can be applied to long-term and often politically sensitive developments. How might we make a timely and meaningful contribution with key partners over developments that spans decades and involve diverse communities? Is it possible to adapt HIA processes to inform the development of proposals rather than waiting until they have been drafted? Can the field incorporate state of the art approaches without removing HIA practice from the real-world application with limited timeframes and resources. The workshop will provide participants with an overview of current challenges and opportunities. **Format**The workshop will begin with experienced HIA practitioners sharing their approaches in dealing with challenges and opportunities:1 **HIA over time** - the evolving context of urban development, rapidly growing populations and decreasing housing affordability have resulted in a record number of increasingly dense and large-scale developments that occur over decades rather than years. 2 **Non-existent proposals** – increasingly, HIAs are being carried out earlier in the planning process in order to inform the development of proposals. This creates challenges in predicting the impacts of something that doesn’t yet exist.3 **Predictive modelling** - how can different available models for estimating potential health impacts be used to underpin HIAs with quantitative estimates4 **Specialised HIAs** – Specialised HIA approaches such as Mental Wellbeing Impact Assessment, Equity focussed HIA and Human Rights HIA provide ways of containing and focusing the scope of HIAs. This will be followed by a practical exercise through which participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and engage in in depth discussion of the 4 areas.**Learning goals**Participants will * Identify innovative ways to respond to contemporary challenges by adapting the use of HIAs to be fit for purpose
* gain knowledge of new approaches to HIA
* share and learn from practical experience of real world application
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