



Promoting IAP2 in the International Arena

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is the professional association for community engagement professionals around the world. In essence, IAP2 professionals are experts on designing and managing engagement processes.

IAP2, as an association, can provide advice on designing large scale community (and stakeholder) engagement processes, provide information on the leaders in the field (working in consulting, academic and government), source volunteer facilitators for the meetings/events and provide information on other large scale events.

IAP2 is a not for profit organisation that operates on volunteer principles. IAP2 is not seeking financial reward from any involvement in these forums. However, if the knowledge and skills of IAP2 and/or its members are used, we would seek to have that involvement acknowledged in some way.

IAP2 was involved in the drafting of the **UN Brisbane Declaration on Community Engagement** in 2005 that was endorsed by over 2,000 delegates from 44 countries at the International Conference for Engaging Communities that was hosted by the Queensland Government, Australia. IAP2 could assist in designing a process that meets the intent and terms of the Declaration.

IAP2 members are committed to actively supporting a set of core values. They are as follows:

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

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United Nations Declaration on Community Engagement

http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/share_your_knowledge/un_conference/brisbanedeclaration.html