

## **ICTH Hot Topic Workshop**

### ***Workshop***

Introduction to Health Impact Assessment

### ***Workshop Description***

Health is fundamentally important to everyone. However, the greatest impacts on peoples' health occur through the environments in which we live, learn, work and play, which are largely outside the control of the health sector.

Health Impact Assessments (HIA) formalize the process of documenting and predicting the positive and negative health effects of policies and planning on peoples' health with a strong focus on health inequities. Health Impact Assessment aims to incorporate evidence into the policy and decision-making process and promotes cross-sectoral partnerships.

This workshop will explain the Health Impact Assessment process using research and practice-based examples and will allow participants the opportunity to talk through their own examples.

### ***Learning Objectives***

#### **Participants will learn:**

1. What a Health Impact Assessment process is.
2. How Health Impact Assessment is applied in different circumstances
3. How to discuss the positive and negative health impacts of policies
4. Where to find tools and references to assist in undertaking a Health Impact Assessment

### ***References***

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