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Frank Vanclay is the Professor of Cultural Geography in the Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen in The Netherlands. Previously located in Australia, Prof Vanclay specialises in the areas of social impact assessment, and social aspects of agriculture, farming and natural resource management. He has a BSc(Hon) in environmental studies from Griffith University (1981), a Masters degree in social research methods from the University of Queensland (1986), and a PhD in agricultural and environmental sociology from Wageningen University in The Netherlands (1994).

Prof Vanclay has been interested in social impact assessment (SIA) for his entire professional career of over 30 years and has become internationally acclaimed in that field, being invited to give keynote addresses at conferences in the Australia, Finland, Germany, Iran, Korea, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, as well as seminars in Norway, Portugal, Thailand, the USA and Vietnam. On behalf of the International Association for Impact Assessment, he facilitated the process that led to the development of the International Principles for SIA, a landmark document that is widely cited by United Nations agencies, international NGOs, corporate entities, consultants and community groups. He is currently leading the process of developing International Guidelines for SIA. Together with Ana Maria Esteves, Prof Vanclay has run a number of training workshops on SIA, including at IAIA annual conferences.

Frank has written numerous articles and consultancy reports on SIA. He co-edited *The International Handbook of Social Impact Assessment* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, hbk 2003, pbk 2006), *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment* (Chichester: Wiley, 1995), *Making Sense of Place* (Canberra: National Museum of Australia Press, 2008), and has edited or authored several other books. He has written commissioned chapters on SIA for several books including: *The Handbook of Environmental Impact Assessment* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1999); *Environmental Impact Assessment in Developing and Transitional Countries* (Chichester: Wiley, 2000), and the *Encyclopedia of Global Environmental Change* (Chichester: Wiley, 2002). Together with Dr Ana Maria Esteves, he is currently editing a new volume on SIA for Edward Elgar publishers to be published in 2011.

Prof Vanclay was the President of the International Rural Sociology Association ([www.irsa-world.org](http://www.irsa-world.org)) from 2000 to 2004 and is a past Director of the International Association for Impact Assessment ([www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org)). He has been Chair of IAIA's Awards and Publications Committees. He was an international adviser to the Conflict Risk and Impact Assessment project of the London-based NGO, International Alert, and he reviewed the guidelines for SIA developed by ProVention. He has advised on SIA for a range of organizations including NORAD, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning, and various consulting firms in Australia and The Netherlands. He has been an invited expert on SIA to participate in workshops run by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (Ankara 2008), the World Intellectual Property Organisation (Geneva 2009) and the European Commission (Brussels 2010). He wrote the briefing paper on SIA for the World Commission of Dams. In 2001, he spent three months working for the World Bank in Washington (USA) developing a framework for assessing the social impacts of macroeconomic reform in developing countries, which was a forerunner to the Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) procedure now in place. He has had an ongoing relationship with the World Bank and has been involved in several of its committees and panels. In Australia, he has been a consultant on SIA for several projects, and has often been on peer review panels of SIAs undertaken by consulting firms, including for the Regional Forestry Agreement process and The Living Murray Initiative, and for projects undertaken by the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining at the University of Queensland.

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