

About IAP2 Federation

Founded in 1990 by a group of dedicated P2 practitioners, the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2 Federation) has grown into an international federation of over 2600 professionals in 26 countries working to advance the practice of public participation (P2). National affiliates and their members benefit from research, training and networking opportunities with IAP2 Federation peers.

"IAP2 Federation's focus on practical tools and best practices has made it a vital resource for developing effective P2 processes."

Training Today's Practitioners for Tomorrow's Challenges

IAP2 Federation works with 33 international licensed trainers. Find one in your area: [Trainers List](#) or browse our [Training Calendar](#)

Become a Member

IAP2 Federation is composed of [national affiliates](#), including Australasia, Canada, France, Italy, Indonesia, Southern Africa, and the USA. Portugal is an emerging affiliate. To become a member, contact your [local affiliate](#) or iap2hq@iap2.org



International Programs

Helping You Design and Implement Effective Public Participation Programs



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Public Participation Pillars

IAP2 Federation's three pillars of effective P2 processes are the basis upon which the IAP2 Federation works to build a global understanding and advance the practice of public participation around the world.

■ IAP2 Federation Spectrum

IAP2 has developed the [Spectrum of Public Participation](#), which is quickly becoming an international standard. The Spectrum illustrates the different levels of legitimate participation, depending on public participation goals, promises made to the public, timeframes and resources. The five levels in the Spectrum are: Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate, and Empower.

■ Core Values

Developed with broad international input, [IAP2 Federation's Core Values](#) identify those aspects of public participation that cross national, cultural, and religious boundaries. They embrace full participation in decision-making processes, information sharing, and recognition of the needs of all those involved in P2 processes.

■ Code of Ethics

[IAP2 Federation's Code of Ethics](#) is a set of principles that enhance the integrity of and set the standard for public participation. They include trust and credibility, openness and transparency, access, respect, responsiveness, advocacy, commitment, support and education.

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IAP2 Federation's International Programs

The International Association of Public Participation (IAP2 Federation) has developed a series of public participation (P2) trainings conducted by licensed trainers from countries around the world to provide P2 practitioners with the structure, techniques, and knowledge required for success in today's rapidly changing P2 landscape.

1 Foundations in Public Participation

This flagship training program provides participants with an overview of the foundations of public participation and equips them with practical tools for designing and implementing effective public participation programs. Developed in consultation with practitioners from around the world, it is a unique program with global reach and resonance. IAP2 International Headquarters issues a Certificate to all participants on completion of the course. The former Certificate program will continue to be given around the world to Spanish and French speaking participants.

2 Public Participation for Decision Makers

This course looks at the Foundations from the decision maker's point of view and examines P2 integration into project plans, P2 costs and benefits, when and why to involve the public, and the role of the P2 practitioner.

3 Emotion, Outrage & Public Participation

EOP2 is a two-day program built on Dr. Peter Sandman's risk communication and IAP2 Federation's core concepts for meaningful and effective public participation. EOP2 provides six practical strategies for managing outrage, new behaviors that you can apply immediately, and ways to plan and implement P2 public processes when people are outraged.

4 IAP2 Federation Trainer Licensing

Interested in becoming a licensed IAP2 trainer? The IAP2 Trainer Licensing Program offers P2 trainers from around the world a unique opportunity to obtain an [IAP2 Federation training license](#). Contact our Professional Development Manager at pdm@iap2.org for more information.

5 Core Values Awards

Each IAP2 Federation affiliate runs its own awards program for members; these winners are then considered for the international [Core Values Awards](#). Core Values Award Recipients are the "best of the best" in three categories: Project of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Research Award.

6 International Journal of Public Participation

IAP2 works in partnership with the [Journal of Public Deliberation](#)—a bi-annual peer review, open access journal— to facilitate information exchange and thoughtful exploration of public participation practices and impact.

