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### **The University of Sydney's Sustainability Planning Model**

The University of Sydney is developing a Sustainability Planning Model. Using ISA's methodology, this model embeds the University's accounts into a national and international account input-output framework, including triple bottom line indicators that measure the University's economic, environmental and social impact.

This innovative model will be a powerful planning and forecasting tool, enabling the University to analyse and assess different scenarios. Some of the scenarios that the model will be able to analyse include the impact of changes to core services, projected increases or decreases to size and capacity in different areas of the university and how different scenarios will impact on various resources, infrastructure and sources of revenue. The most significant difference between this model and other planning models is the ability to clearly trace the interrelationships between different elements and areas of the University, as well as complex external forces impacting the University.

[^ Education and Training](#)

The workshops will resume early to mid 2009. These workshops focus not only on the team's methodology but policies and actions by government, non-government organisations and businesses.

For details about our workshops please visit: [Course Details](#).

Alternatively, ISA offers on-site and/or customised courses. For more information please contact the ISA team on +61 2 9036 9365

[^ Consulting](#)

Our aim is to continuously develop and improve in a multi- and inter-disciplinary way scientifically rigorous, quantitative, consistent and comprehensive approaches for Integrated Sustainability Analysis.

If you would like to know more about our consultancy services please contact us via email [isa@physics.usyd.edu.au](mailto:isa@physics.usyd.edu.au) or call us on +61 (0)2 9036 9365 hours 9:00 – 17:00 EST.



## [^ BL³ News](#)

New software coming soon... [www.capisa.com.au](http://www.capisa.com.au)

## [^ Publications](#)

The ISA research team has written articles, reports and chapters on the subject of Triple Bottom Line reporting, input-output analysis, carbon neutrality, Life-cycle Assessment and more which are accessible on the web:

- ❖ Energy Australia has launched an educational tool called "Carbon Emissions & You" of which ISA provided content. See "[Learn](#)"

You can download or request other publications by visiting:

<http://www.isa.org.usyd.edu.au/publications/index.shtml>

## [^ Other Resources](#)

### **Position re-advertised: Coordinator, GRI Australian focal point**

St James Ethics Centre (the Centre, SJEC) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) are re-opening the position of GRI Focal Point in Australia. We are seeking to recruit a talented, enthusiastic Coordinator with significant working experience in the corporate social responsibility and sustainability field to be the GRI focal point in Australia and to be located at the Centre in Sydney. Previous applicants are welcome to apply again. This is an outstanding opportunity to work at the cutting edge in this exciting field of sustainability and transparency. Closing date: **20<sup>th</sup> February, 2009**

For more details please contact Rosemary Sainty, St James Ethics Centre

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### **Conference: 2<sup>nd</sup> Climate Change @ Work conference**

The **Workplace Research Centre (WRC) at the University of Sydney**, is organising the **2<sup>nd</sup> Climate Change @ Work conference** to be held on **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2009 at the Hilton Sydney**.

The theme of this conference is: Creating the Sustainable Workplace and it focuses on the impact of sustainability on the internal workplace environment as well the external aspect of this imperative issue. The WRC Climate Change @ Work conference will address how more sustainable approaches to energy and resource efficiency is changing operations, jobs, human resource management, workplace relations and skill formation.

Early Bird \$600 (closes 27th February) Regular cost \$695

Special Academic rate available

For more information about the conference and a detailed program visit [www.wrc.org.au](http://www.wrc.org.au)

## [^ Frequently Asked Questions at ISA](#)

### **Glossary**

A Glossary of Sustainability is now available on our website. [Check it out](#)....

## [^ ISA activity – national & global](#)

### The International Input-Output Conference

The [International Input-Output Association](#) (IIOA) invites members to host their annual International Input-Output Conference. This year Brazil is hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> International Input-Output Conference ([click here](#) for more details). Sydney will host the conference next year.

The IIOA is a scientific non-profit membership organisation founded in 1988. Its objective is the advancement of knowledge in the field of input-output analysis, including improvements in basic data, theoretical insights and modeling, and applications, both traditional and novel, of input-output techniques.

The IIOA grew out of an informal world-wide network of economists, government officials, engineers and managers with interests in input-output analysis.



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