# Taiwan's Dual-Axis Transformation -Advancing EIA with Digital and AI Tools



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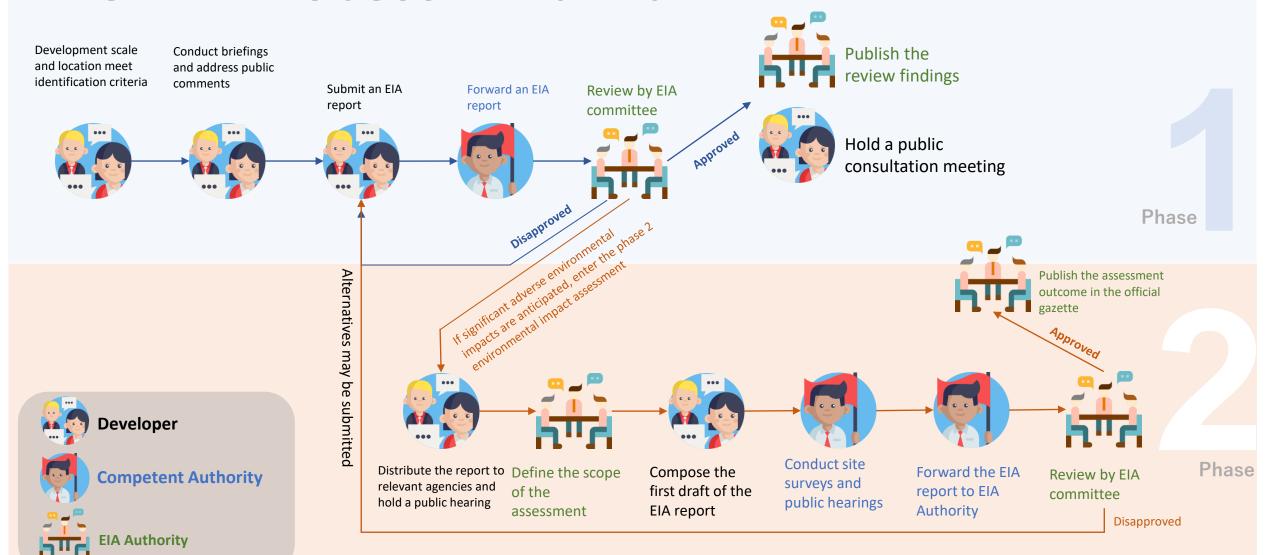
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# The EIA Process in Taiwan





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# **Our Features**

#### Livestream

Since 2017, we have livestreamed major controversial EIA cases on our website, expanding to all EIA review meetings in 2019. Postmeeting recordings are uploaded to YouTube, enabling concerned citizens and groups to watch later.





#### **EIA** inquiry system

The EIA inquiry system enables public access to detailed reports online, enhancing transparency. It streamlines queries, saves time, encourages public involvement in environmental decisions, and supports efficient data management for businesses and government.



# **Staff Review Process**

Significant manpower is needed for the review process to yield results at a comparatively low cost.



Spend approximately 1 ~ 2 weeks on the process review, comparing each document to ensure compliance with regulations.

# Compile review comments

Integrating feedback from reviewers and authorities, plus developer responses

# Write real-time meeting minutes

At least 3 people are needed to transcribe verbatim and produce meeting minutes in real-time.





# Heated public participation in EIA

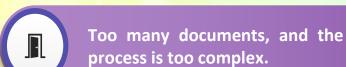
Controversial EIA cases always have both supporters and opponents, leading to intense discussions during meetings.







# Why go digital & use Al for EIA?





Complex information hinders public participation.



Enhance review efficiency and ensure information transparency.



Improve risk management and increase accessibility for engagement.



Enhance policy trust and foster social agreement.





## **Current Challenges Impeding EIA's Twin Transitions**



#### **Unstructured Data**

EIA reports, review data, and public comments are in PDF format with extensive text, tables, images, and videos. The absence of a fixed format hinders direct analysis and processing.



**High Time and Labor Intensive** 

Many manual operations are necessary, including detailed procedural checks and pre-meeting summarization of review points.



#### **Limited AI Tool Proficiency**

Staff lack sufficient knowledge regarding the operation, features, and practical application of AI tools in review work.



## **Overcoming the Challenges to EIA's Twin Transitions**



#### **Data Standardization**

Al struggles with the diverse formats of report data. A unified data format and tagging system is required to boost processing efficiency and accuracy.



#### **Dataset Construction**

Al's learning and prediction accuracy is limited by the lack of a dedicated EIA training dataset. Coverage of various case types and guaranteed data quality are necessary.

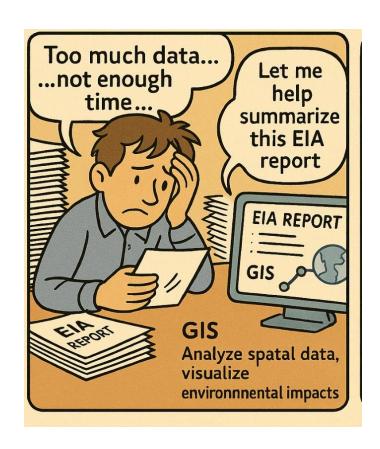


#### **Reliability of AI Results**

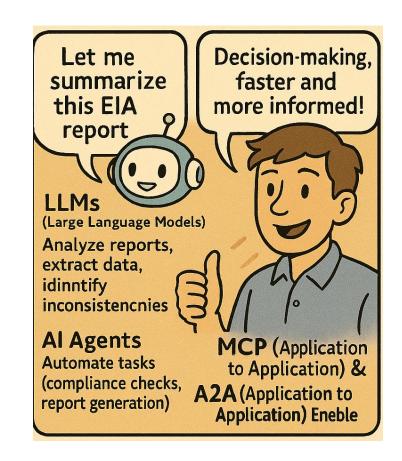
Al decision-making requires justification to build trust with staff, EIA committee, and the public. Developing explainable Al will increase decision transparency.



## **Transforming EIA: AI-Powered Efficiency and Engagement**





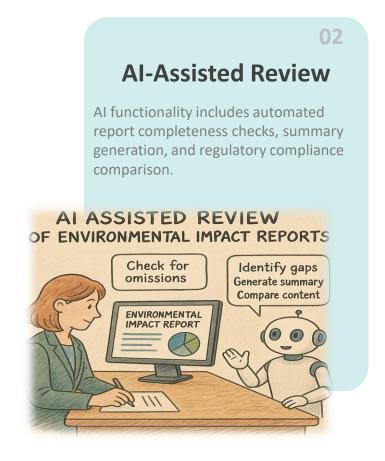


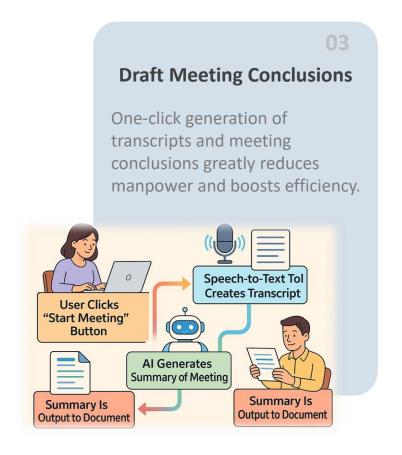
We are revolutionizing EIA with a suite of AI tools to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and stakeholder engagement.



# Overview of the current progress in digitalization and Al adoption within Taiwan's EIA framework







# **Conclusion &**

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# **Next Steps**

We're using AI to build a smarter, transparent, and effective EIA future.



- Establish Digital EIA Workspace
- Standardize data formats and procedures



- Develop Al-assisted EIA review
- Train personnel and stakeholders on digital tools
- Data governance and cybersecurity



- Deploy an Al-assisted system for EIA decision-making support
- Facilitate public participation via interactive dashboards
- Enhance EIA by integrating GIS and real-time environmental data, alongside establishing cross-agency data exchange and implementing risk prediction models
- Legal and institutional framework adaptation

**Digital Foundation** 



**Smart Integration** 



Intelligent EIA System





# Let's continue the conversation!

Message me your questions or comments in the IAIA25 app.

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