**Objectives**
- Build capacity
- Increase understanding/awareness of issues
- Develop guidelines
- Facilitate dynamic knowledge exchange
- Build strategies for solving sector issues
- Networking
- Foster intra-/inter-governmental communication
- Disseminate research

**Purpose of Evaluation**
- Assess general conference performance/participant reactions
- Assess conference impact on research/practice
- Assess conference impact on policy changes/sector development
- Determine publication rates of abstracts
- Assess knowledge acquisition/exchange
- Assess quality of conference deliverables
- Assess conference equity

**Evaluation Methods**
- Documents searches (research & policy)
- Interviews (qualitative)
- Case studies (qualitative)
- Questionnaires (qualitative)
- Questionnaires (quantitative)
- Questionnaires (mixed/unknown)

**Theories**
- New Learning
- Theory of Planned Behaviour
- Theory of Reasoned Action
- Social Cognitive Theory
- Social Capital Theory
- Constructivism

**Models**
- Communities of Practice
- NGO engagement model

**Indicators of Success**
- Use of knowledge acquired in work
- Agenda/policy changes attributed to conference
- Intention to act
- Participant satisfaction
- Attendance trends/Intention to return
- Conference recommendations incorporated into law