



Environment for Development



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THE ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The EfD initiative identifies the environment as an important resource for development rather than a constraint. Our overall objective is sustainable economic growth founded on efficient management of ecosystems, natural resources and climate change impacts. The EfD initiative is a capacity building program in environmental economics, focusing on research, policy advice and teaching in Central America, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa and Tanzania. Partner organisations are Resources for the Future (RFF), USA, Universidad de Concepción, Chile and University of Gothenburg, Sweden, where the EfD Secretariat is hosted.

RESEARCH

The main activity of the EfD initiative is international research collaboration on poverty-environment issues. Environmental economists identify underlying problems, value the environmental impact and propose efficient solutions. We use policy instrument analysis, non-market valuation, behavioral and experimental economics as tools for research on management of natural resources, climate change and environmental policy.

POLICY ADVICE

EfD researchers focus on issues that are of real concern for policy making bodies. We strive to integrate the environment into strategic policy processes and to meet demands of domestic institutions as well as international organizations. The EfD centres offer workshops, seminars, training of civil servants and publication of policy briefs and research reports.

TEACHING

Academic training is fundamental for domestic capacity building in environmental economics. The EfD initiative supports national graduate programs in environmental economics at all EfD Centers. With funds from Sida, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, PhD candidates from developing countries are also trained in environmental economics at the Environmental Economics Unit, University of Gothenburg.

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**RESEARCH TO MANAGE
THE ENVIRONMENT FOR
DEVELOPMENT**



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