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- **Aid and Development Issues**
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- **Environment and Climate Change**
- **Population, Health and Nutrition**
- **Women in Development**

Aid and Development Issues

Amann, Edmund, editor, *Regulating development: evidence from Africa and Latin America*, CRC Series on Competition, Regulation and Development, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2006.

The author examines the regulatory experiences of three developing economies: Brazil, Ghana and South Africa. He shows that regulation is increasing in importance, and that regulating trade and infrastructure standards renders developing countries more competitive and progressive.

Lancaster, Carol, *George Bush's foreign aid: transformation or chaos?* Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2008.

In this study Carol Lancaster analyzes the Bush administration's foreign aid policies, including aid to failed states, HIV/AIDS projects, and the global war on terror. Lancaster examines the origins of these shifts in aid and analyzes the challenges that these shifts raise. The study concludes with recommendations on the purpose and organization of U.S. aid for the future.

Democracy and Governance

Borini-Feyerabend, et.al., editors, *Sharing power: a global guide to collaborative management of natural resources*, Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2007.

The contributors offer tools, examples, methods and practical checklists taken from development efforts in countries around the world. The book is arranged in four parts: natural resource management in history; the co-management process; the form and functioning of co-management plans, agreements and organizations, with examples and discussions; and policy processes, contents and instruments.

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Iraq: PRTs - Sewing Session

In Erbil Province, young woman is taking a lesson in tailoring provided by a U.S.-funded program for women.

Ghani, Ashraf and Clare Lockhart, *Fixing failed states: a framework for rebuilding a fractured world*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

The authors describe problems that plague developing countries, including terrorism, extreme poverty and ethnic conflict. They conclude that only through integrated state-building, with responsibilities assigned to all concerned, is there any hope of breaking the cycle of destruction and creating functioning civil societies. The authors provide a practical framework with examples from around the world.

Holland, Heidi, *Dinner with Mugabe*, New York: Penguin Global, 2008.

In this interview, Mugabe insists that his country is in relatively good shape. He accuses the British government of not extending reasonable assistance at a crucial time and blames former Prime Minister Tony Blair for “poisoning” the Queen and members of the British government against him, as he and the Queen were once great friends. These and other surprises are to be found in this book which was written after the author had three psychoanalysts weigh in on the dictator’s motives and actions. Nearing his last years, Mugabe says he wants to be remembered as a peasant’s son who lived entirely for his country.

Economic Growth and Trade

African economic outlook, 2006-2007, Paris: OECD, 2007.

This volume contains the latest available economic information for most of the economies of Africa. This edition includes a section on water and sanitation. The second part provides individual country reports for 30 countries. Each country report provides an assessment of recent economic performance, projections for 2006 and 2007, an examination of structural issues, and a discussion of the political and social context. The statistical annex presents 24 tables comparing economic and social variables across all the countries of Africa.

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Ghana: Improving Crop Production

Kwesi Kumah, farmer at Kuntunso near Techiman, inspecting cashew fruit. With agricultural support from USAID farmers in Ghana have improved their crop production efforts.

Hoekman, Bernard, M. and Marcelo Olarreaga, editors, *Global trade and poor nations: the poverty impacts and policy implications of liberalization*, Washington, DC: Brookings, Institute, 2007.

The author argues that trade liberalization is good for developing countries and for alleviation of poverty. Even in developed countries disproportionate shares of agricultural subsidies go to a few wealthy corporations, and this trend is more extreme in developing countries. He presents a product-level analysis of how tariff changes would affect trade and poverty in developing countries.

Agricultural Development

Guha-Khasnobis, et.al., editors, ***Food insecurity, vulnerability and human rights failure***, Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007.

The contributors to this volume ask whether there is a basic human right to food. Gender, social status, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, agricultural productivity and the environment all affect the problem of world hunger. With regional experiences and country case studies this study constitutes an invaluable collection for researchers and activists trying to make a difference.

Energy

The welfare impact of rural electrification: a reassessment of the costs and benefits: an IEG impact evaluation, Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2008.

This book summarizes and quantifies the benefits of providing electricity to rural areas in developing countries. The study concludes that benefits could be increased further by providing subsidies to assist connections for poorer households, promote productive uses and further consumer education.

Environment and Climate Change

Solomon, Lawrence, ***The deniers: the world-renowned scientists who stood up against global warming hysteria, political persecution, and fraud***, New York: Richard Vigilante Books, 2008.

The author examined the opinions of scientists on the subject of weather, meteorology and climate change, specifically global warming. He found that many of the most eminent scientists did not accept that climate is changing significantly more than might occur in a normal planetary cycle. Solomon questions the conclusions of Al Gore who blames fossil fuels and industry for global warming.

Population, Health, and Nutrition

Simmons, Ruth, et.al. editors, ***Scaling up health service delivery: from pilot innovations to policies and programmes***, Geneva: WHO, 2007.

The contributors observe that successful health initiatives in the developing world have usually failed to expand beyond local health provider service projects. They provide what they term a conceptual framework for scaling up services. The framework concentrates on case studies and years of experience, especially with reference to the Strategic Approach to Strengthening Reproductive Health Policies and Programmes.

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions
One of the environmental impacts of industry.

Women in Development

Vargas-Lundius, Rosemary and Annelou Ypej, ***Polishing the stone: a journey through the promotion of gender equality in development projects***, Palombi, Rome, IFAD, 2007.

This is a practical manual for mainstreaming gender equity in rural development projects. The authors emphasize that aid projects must adapt to the people they are helping with attention to ethnography, geography and skill levels, as well as gender.

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