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Informing development practice – Climate & Environment, Infrastructure, Livelihoods



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Welcome to the latest Evidence on Demand eBulletin. From an assessment of possible post-MDG urban transport indicators to an exploration of the links between poverty, poaching and trafficking - our Helpdesk continues to generate a broad range of thought-provoking reports. And now, for the first time, they are accessible not just through our own library but through Zunia, Eldis and R4D, too. Read on for a more comprehensive round-up of what's new from our service, on our website and around the web...

Focus on... Reducing Corruption in Infrastructure Development

Download this Informative EoD How-To Note for Infrastructure Development Professionals

The infrastructure sector is associated with corruption. Estimates of financial losses range between 10 and 30% of the value of publicly funded construction projects (Transparency International 2005). Global construction is predicted to grow by 70%, from US\$7.2 to US\$12 trillion, from 2010 to 2020 (Global Construction Perspectives 2010). Some

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estimates put potential losses as high as US\$2.5 trillion (CoST 2012).

In 2009/10 DFID invested £929.5 million into infrastructure, of which just over half was invested through country programmes (House of Commons, 2011). DFID provides direct grant funding for infrastructure programmes that reach the very poorest. This includes many water and sanitation and rural roads programmes, particularly in remote areas, where public funding is sometimes needed to reach those poorly served. Incorporating anti-corruption prevention mechanisms into these programmes is essential to minimise the risk of corruption and ensure value for money. [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE >](#)

Sustainable Landscapes



World Bank Group Seeks Public Comment on Concept Note for Forests and Trees in Sustainable Landscapes Action Plan

The World Bank Group is preparing an Action Plan to lay out how its work on forests over the next three years will contribute to building resilient and sustainable landscapes in a manner which is consistent with the Bank's goals of eliminating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity as well as the welfare of current and future generations.

The Action Plan will build upon the World Bank Group's 2002 Strategy, Sustaining Forests; the priorities for supporting inclusive and green growth which are outlined in the World Bank's Environment Strategy 2012-2022, Toward a Green, Clean, and Resilient World for All; and the World Bank Group Agricultural Action Plan (FY13-15).

The Concept Note for the action plan is available for review and public comment until September 15. Later this autumn, the draft action plan will also be posted for comment. Comments should be submitted to forestactionplan@worldbank.org. The World Bank will post all comments it receives to this

Evidence on Demand reports, assessments and other outputs are now published on three of the biggest development knowledge sharing platforms:

ZUNIA has over 50,000 registered users in 190 countries; content aggregated from over 200 development agencies; and over 125,000 content items. The service provides access to a wealth of knowledge, resources, and networks on a range of development issues. **ELDIS** aims to share the best in development policy, practice and research with the 80,000 development practitioners who use the service. Content is editorially selected from over 7,500 development organisations, and is all available free to download.

R4D is a free-access online portal containing the latest information about research funded by DFID, including details of current and past research in over 30,000 project and document records.

New to the Evidence on Demand Document Library

DOC ID	FILE SIZE	DOCUMENT TITLE	AUTHOR	YEAR	NO. OF PAGES	SUMMARY	NETWORKS	COUNTRY/ REGION	DATE ADDED
25486	1500K	Planning for Sustainable Landscapes	World Bank Group	2013	100	This is a work of a number of R4D working groups...	Landscapes, Planning, Sustainable Landscapes	World Bank Group	17/12/12
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HELPDESK REPORTS

Economic advice to final stages of business case development on mobile enhanced utilities

This cost benefit analysis provides a useful example of how to approach undertaking an appraisal of a development programme to provide seed funding for entrepreneurs and researchers to develop new mobile applications or business models in the water and energy service provision space.

Assessment of a possible post-MDG urban transport indicator

This brief report was prepared to consider the data availability and measurability of indicators for a proposed target to halve the number of people without ready access to urban transport services, and the cost of achieving such a target.

page. While the Bank will not be able to provide individual responses to each submission, it will post a comment summary and response by approximately September 30.

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E-Learning Opportunities



A round-up of useful web-based training in issues related to climate and environment...

[Economics of Climate-Resilient Development](#)

In this World Bank course, you will learn the basics for developing economically viable climate-resilient plans. Throughout the course, interactive exercises help the user to test their understanding at key points. Case studies, reference materials and other helpful resources are highlighted so as to strengthen the learning experience. The primary target audience is policymakers in developing countries who have been tasked with developing climate-resilient plans (at the national or regional level) or have been asked to provide estimates of how much it will cost their country to adapt to climate change.

[Smallholder Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change](#)

In this IFAD e-learning programme, you will learn how environment and natural resource management (ENRM) challenges as well as climate change (CC) related risks can be addressed through IFAD's work. The four modules address why ENRM is important; what is IFAD's approach; What you can scale up; and how you can do it.

Upcoming Events

For a comprehensive and searchable guide to events focused on climate, environment, infrastructure and livelihoods then check out our [Events Directory](#). Here's our pick of what's coming soon...

[Renewable Energy Financing Forum, London 18-20 September 2013](#)

Chris Parsons, Director of Advisory at Climate Change Capital (CCC), will be speaking in the panel session How is Europe's regulatory framework impacting on renewable energy

[Assessment of a possible post-MDG rural transport indicators](#)

This brief report was prepared to consider the data availability and measurability of indicators for a proposed target to halve the number of people without ready access to rural transport services, and the cost of achieving such a target.

[Briefing paper: indicators for measuring ICT access](#)

This brief report was prepared to consider the data availability and measurability of indicators for a proposed target to enable everybody to have access to telecommunications.

[Camogli Hospital redevelopment: background evidence on approach to building a new hospital on Tristan Da Cunha](#)

This report considers the approach to building a new hospital on Tristan Da Cunha. It looks at the pros and cons of the options available which include options for redevelopment of the hospital on the current hospital site.

[Mainstreaming environment into humanitarian interventions - A synopsis of key organisations, literature and experience](#)

This study reviews a selection of materials on the environment and humanitarian interventions, including disasters and conflict. It focuses on who is active in the field of environment and humanitarian response, and what exists in terms of knowledge development and application to effectively manage environmental concerns during humanitarian interventions.

[Poverty, poaching and trafficking: what are the links?](#)

This rapid review of the academic and grey literature revealed that the links between poverty, poaching and trafficking are under-researched and poorly understood. Key findings are discussed and policy responses are summarised. Case studies from Zambia, Ghana and Cameroon are used as examples.

CONSULTANCY REPORTS

[Final report: Biofuels scoping review](#)

The objective of the Review is to evaluate the current literature on research related to eight sub-topics: energy efficiency and climate change potential; food security; land-use change; livelihoods; economic growth and jobs; technology; trade; and policy. It aims to identify the main policy issues as well as research gaps for future consideration.

[Biofuels scoping review: PPT Presentation](#)

This PowerPoint presentation accompanies

financing? as part of the 15th Renewable Energy Finance Forum - Europe.

[Three-day course on Adaptation and Mainstreaming, Norwich, 8-10 October 2013](#)

Garama's three-day residential course on adaptation and mainstreaming is aimed at development professionals and planners who need to integrate or 'mainstream' climate change into their work. Through the training of key individuals, the course will also help to develop the capacity of organisations to design and implement their own climate change mainstreaming and safeguards systems.

[Water and the Green Economy Conference](#)

The Irrigation and Water Forum (the new name for [ICID.UK](#)) and UEA Water Security are hosting a one day conference on Water and the Green Economy. This will be from an agricultural point of view, however the interpretation of agriculture, water and the economy will be wide and include the farm production, water conservation, productivity, the food chain, the private sector and consumer demand and behaviours.

the final report of the Biofuels Scoping Review and provides a succinct and informative summary of the main areas of the report and key findings.

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENTS

[CEA: Business case for macro-evaluations of the strategic vision for girls & women & DFID's investments](#)

This assessment was conducted as part of the business case for "Macro-evaluations of the Strategic Vision for Girls and Women and DFID's investments in Empowerment and Accountability". This support will help DFID's Policy Division to deliver independently-conducted macro-evaluations of these two programme areas.

[CEA: Business case for improving UK private sector engagement in humanitarian response](#)

This assessment was carried out as part of the Business Case: "Improving UK Private sector Engagement in Humanitarian Response". A number of activities to support this outcome are proposed.