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FORESTRY

Fair trade timber: A review of current practice, institutional structures and possible ways forward
Duncan Macqueen, Annie Dufey, Bindi Patel

Certification, eco-labelling and social auditing have all been set up to improve the forest sector. High hopes for forest livelihoods and poverty reduction have surrounded their use but each has had its limitations. It is now time to examine other complementary instruments. Fair trade may be one such instrument. An alliance of institutions interested in promoting fair trade timber is beginning to form. This report outlines some of the options for building on this momentum and enhancing local returns from responsible forestry.

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International trade in biofuels: Good for development? And good for environment?

Annie Dufey

The piece calls for international trade barriers, especially subsidies, to be relaxed to enable developing countries to reap the benefits of the biofuels trade, and for certification schemes to take account of the real environmental and social conditions in such countries. Biofuels have been promoted as a means of creating jobs and wealth in developing nations, while cutting greenhouse gas emissions in the industrialised world, where demand for biofuels is set to skyrocket to meet ambitious targets. But current trade regimes are not fit for encouraging synergies and sorting out trade-offs. Any benefits from biofuels trade could be undermined if the sector continues to expand without improved policies and international coordination

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Environment at the heart of Tanzania's development: Lessons from Tanzania's National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (MKUKUTA)

Paschal Assey, Stephen Bass, Blandina Cheche, David Howlett, George Jambiya, Idris Kikula, Servacius Likwelile, Amon Manyama, Eric Mugurusi, Ruzika Muheto, Longinus Rutasitara

The authors of this paper reveal how national leadership, local champions, and numerous initiatives, events, and conditions constitute the Tanzanian experience of environmental mainstreaming. Many of these drivers were drawn into Tanzania's National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (MKUKUTA), enabling a significant leap forward in integrating poverty reduction and environmental management. The authors explain how this inclusive approach was achieved. They reflect on what has been accomplished, the challenges to come, and offer lessons that may help countries beyond Tanzania.

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