

Experience continues to show the vital contribution better environmental management can make to improving health, resilience to environmental risks, economic development and livelihood opportunities, especially for the poor. To create the kind of world we want, to fight poverty and to preserve the ecosystems that poor people rely on, pro-poor economic growth and environmental sustainability must be placed unequivocally at the heart of our most fundamental policies, systems and institutions.

One way to do this is through the process that has come to be known as poverty-environment mainstreaming. This essentially aims to integrate the linkages between the environment and poverty reduction into government processes and institutions, thereby changing the very nature of its decision-making culture and practices.

This handbook is designed to serve as a guide for champions and practitioners engaged in the painstaking task of mainstreaming poverty-environment linkages into national development planning. It draws on a substantial body of experience at the country level and the many lessons learned by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme in working with governments—especially ministries of planning, finance and environment—to support efforts to integrate the complex interrelationships between poverty reduction and improved environmental management into national planning and decision-making.



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