

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of announcing a seminar on

**Strengthening the integration of environment as a cross-cutting issue in
Danish bilateral assistance**

Friday, 30 September 2005, 10.00-13.30

Danish Institute for International Studies

Main Auditorium

Strandgade 71, ground floor, 1401 Copenhagen K

Background

Environment has been a cross-cutting issue in Danish development assistance since the late 1980s. This focus on environment as a cross-cutting issue is reiterated in the Danida's latest environmental strategy (2004) and in the present Danish government's priorities for the Danish environmental efforts in development cooperation (2004). The Danish environmental commitment should be seen in the context of the Millennium Development Goals and the environment related international conventions ratified by Denmark as well as by many of its partner countries.

In October 2004, Danida asked the Department of Development Research at the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) to undertake a review of the post-1999 experiences with integrating environment in Danish bilateral assistance and to suggest ways to further strengthen these efforts.

The review is based upon an analysis of the way in which environment has been integrated as a cross-cutting issue in the identification, preparation and approval of a sample of 20 cases of sector programme support. These 20 cases of sector programme support have been selected from four sectors – agriculture, water, transport and decentralization, in 10 different countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The review has been conducted by Henrik Egelyng, Kim Raben, Helle Munk Ravnborg (coordinator), DIIS, and David Andrew Wardell, RDC ApS.

In conclusion of this review, Department of Development Research, DIIS, wishes to invite you for a seminar at which the review and its recommendations will be presented and discussed. The seminar will be held September 30, 2005, 10 am – 1.30 pm.

Practical Information

The review report entitled "*The long road from policy to practice – and some possible shortcuts A review of post-1999 experiences with integrating environment as a cross-cutting issue in Danish development assistance*" will be made available at the www.diiis.dk prior to the seminar (in the *DIIS Report* series) and printed copies will be available at the seminar.

The seminar is open to all. However, registration is necessary. If you wish to participate, please let us know by sending an email to Ellen-Marie Bentsen, DIIS, emb@diiis.dk or by calling at tel. 32 69 86 09 no later than September 27, 2005.

Preliminary programme:

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Chair: to be announced

10.00 – 10.10	Welcome <i>To be announced</i>
10.10 – 10.30	Presentation of the review results and recommendations <i>Helle Munk Ravnborg, Senior research fellow, DIIS, and coordinator of the review</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Discussion of results and recommendations
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee break
11.10 – 11.30	Exploring and identifying pro-poor environmental opportunities in sector programme support – experiences from Dfid <i>Steve Bass, Senior fellow for environment and natural resources, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) (formerly with Dfid) – to be confirmed</i>
11.30 – 11.50	Exploring and identifying pro-poor environmental opportunities in bilateral assistance programmes – experiences from Tanzania <i>George Jambiya, WWF-Tanzania – to be confirmed</i>
11.50 – 12.10	Strengthening the integration of environment as a cross-cutting issue in Danish bilateral assistance – the way forward <i>Ib Petersen, Under-Secretary of State for Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
12.10 – 12.40	Discussion
12.40 – 12.50	Closing remarks <i>Henning Nøhr, Chief Technical Advisor, Environment and Water, Danida, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
12.50 – 13.30	Lunch – sandwiches will be served

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