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Welcome to *Environment matters...*

This edition of *Environment Matters* kicks off the start of the magazine's second decade, and returns to central themes of sustainable development—institutions, policies, and governance. While we can describe the kinds of policies that foster sustainable development, such policies will be fruitless without governments that act transparently and fairly, and without people—citizens, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations—willing to hold governments accountable.

As many of this edition's articles describe, the Bank is engaged in these efforts in a variety of ways. Our program of technical assistance and analytical and advisory work is growing and is increasingly addressing questions of institutional capacity, performance, and coordination.

This year's edition has also benefited from the results of a reader survey that was part of the tenth anniversary 2005 edition of *Environment Matters*. The survey results provided information about who reads *Environment Matters*, where they live, their professions, how they use and what they expect from the magazine, and much more. For example, the bulk of the respondents work in academia and the government sector. Nearly three quarters of those affiliated with academia reside in client countries of the Bank, and over half of the respondents working for NGOs are located in the Africa and South Asia Regions. Twenty-five percent of respondents in client countries are affiliated with the government sector.

More than half of the respondents also provided write-in comments and suggestions about *Environment Matters*. For instance, a sizeable number of readers requested more individual case studies and examples of best practice. Many also mentioned a desire for the magazine to contain more statistics, graphs, and sources of information.

The survey confirmed that *Environment Matters* is a World Bank publication with a varied, worldwide, and avid readership. We are grateful to those who took the time to respond, and both the survey data and their comments have helped shape the magazine as we begin the next decade of *Environment Matters* with this 2006 Annual Review.



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