



# EMG NEXUS DIALOGUE TWO

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*Nexus Dialogue Two: Integrating the poverty-environment nexus into development for poverty elimination*

Hosted in collaboration with the UNDP-UN Environment Poverty-Environment Initiative

### Messages

- Re-evaluate deployment of resources and funding
- Promote increased collaboration with the private sector to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Place a greater emphasis on the value of natural resources
- Improve efficiency within operations and institutions
- Enhance policy coherence in order to bring communities in poverty into the focus of policy planning



### The Poverty-Environment Nexus

Marginalized communities are at risk from climate, disaster, and conflict-induced stress. Specifically when land, coastal areas, and water sources are degraded, many poorer populations struggle to survive.

In order to preserve these natural resources and support the development of resilient communities, support is required from all levels of government and industry. Government participation in funding, policy, and resources is crucial to address the poverty-environment nexus. Efforts by related organizations to address this nexus issue need to support state and national plans, and vice versa.

Alongside these efforts from governments and organizations, having industries and individual companies become involved in the process will contribute to the overall success in achieving the SDGs. Companies that commit to improving the sustainability of their operations and establish clear deadlines influences other companies to do the same.

Approaching the poverty-environment nexus requires an integrated approach involving many stakeholders in order to eradicate poverty at the international, national, and local level.

