

Environment ‘mainstreaming’

5 x dilemmas

5 x best bets

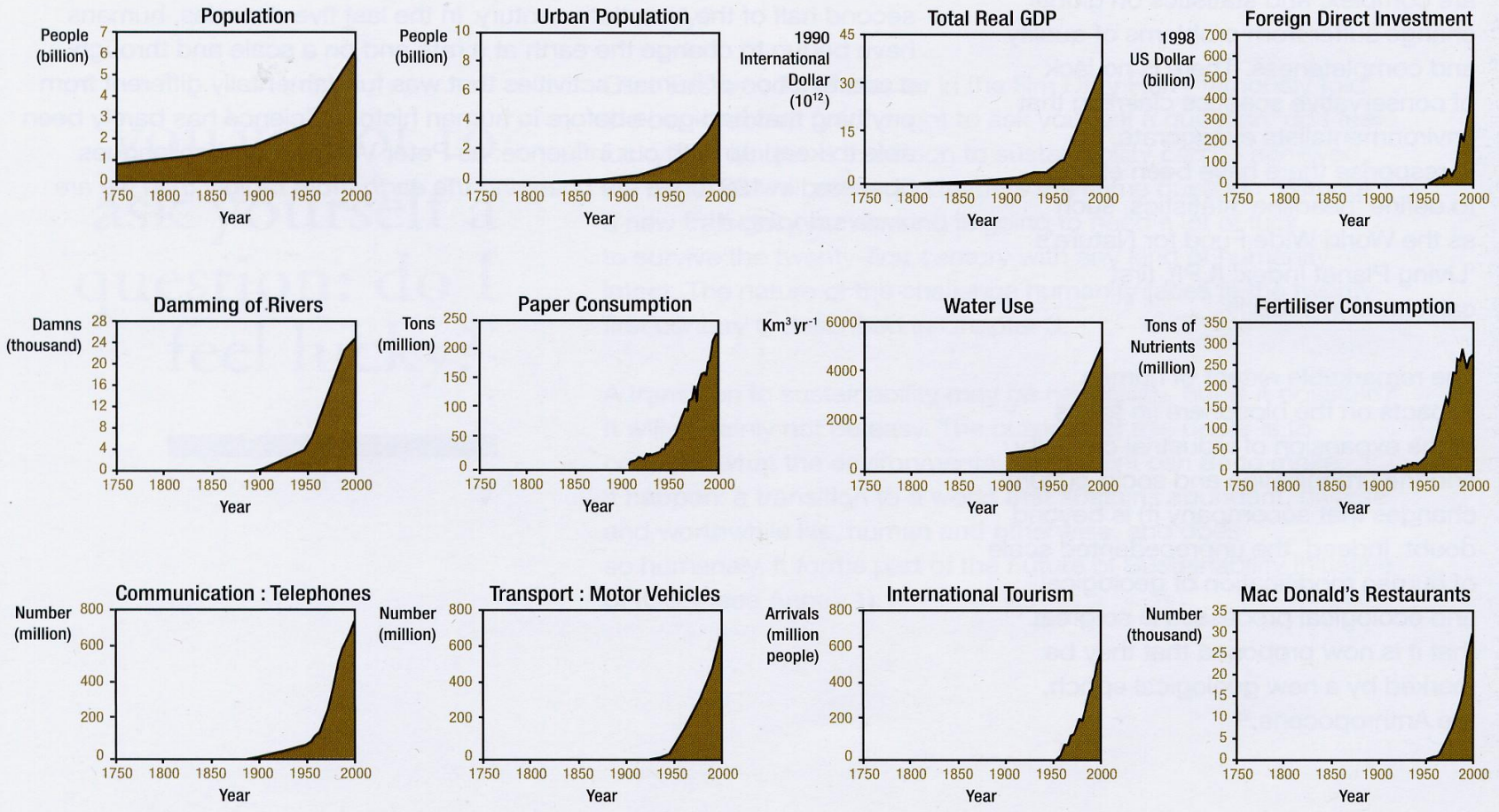
5 x ways that PEP could help

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Why env mainstreaming?... because devt is pushing against env limits



Source: Steffen et al. (see note 20)

What is env mainstreaming?

– a working definition

- *The informed inclusion of relevant environmental concerns into the **decisions and institutions** that drive national and sectoral development policy, rules, plans, investment and action*

www.environmental-mainstreaming.org

5 x dilemmas



How to enter (and change) the mainstream?

1. **Is 'rewriting the mainstream map' good enough?** Pros and cons of changing texts of PRSs, NDPs, sector plans...
2. **Which way to turn?** Upstream of the PRS/plan (policy/governance) *or* downstream (investment/implement)?
3. **Which 'boats' to board?** (i) govt *or* non-govt?
(ii) env authority *or* poverty/planning/finance?
4. **What speed to go?** 'With the flow' (prevailing processes – 20 years for change) *or* 'fast-track' (riding on REDD, etc)?
5. **What signs of progress?** Process targets *or* p/e outcome criteria? Existing info and accountability mechs *or* new?

5 x best bets to date



From IIED studies (DFID, PEI, Irish Aid support)

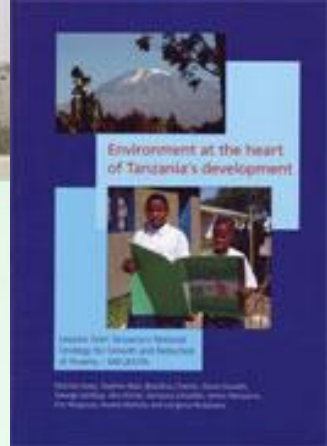
1. **Understand drivers of mainstream development**
 - Often PRS, budget, law; also FDI, technology, media, ‘big issues’
2. **Respond to relevant debate within mainstream policy**
 - low-C economy, CC adaptation, meaningful jobs, growth, wellbeing...
3. **Respond to relevant demands of *specific* poor groups**
 - health, shelter, access to resources and jobs, influence local plans...
4. **Work with ‘real-life’ decision processes**
 - find out who debates/decides/drafts/etc + when, where and how
 - promote public expenditure review, outcome-based planning if poss
 - promote p/e criteria with incentives and accountability mechanisms
5. **Use a range of env mainstreaming tools**
 - SEA, participatory p/e evidence, etc – to suit context, user, task

e.g. P/E integration is beginning to work in Tanzania due to...

- **Central coordination** – p + e both in Vice-Presidents Office
- **Outcome focus** – not ‘priority sectors’ but ‘who can contribute?’
 - Allows env depts and ENGOS to make case to use sector budgets
- **Min. Finance** – review public env expenditure; link PRS to budget
- **Consultative approach** – 168 villages created evidence
- **Monitoring** – linking pov and env indicators in dev M&E, census

Now need?

- Reconcile ‘PRS’ (MKUKUTA) ‘can-do’ approach to poor using env with new Env Act’s ‘can’t-do’ approach
- Better economic case: plan > investment > macro-econ policy
- Support drivers of change outside govt – business, civil society...



Still stuck?

5x ways that PEP could help



Some suggestions for PEP activities...

1. **A simple EM framework** – that works for aid (and LICs) based on dev-first, not env-first?
2. **EM peer reviews** – can we do EM better, cheaper?
3. **EM sourcebook** – IIED/UNDP/PEI/OECD +++?
4. **Post-MDGs Initiative** – a PEP vision and input?
5. **PEP-15 meeting** – in a LIC, with LICs, on their EM experience, and how aid has helped?