

ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE POST-2015 ERA

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With new and emerging global challenges, alternative development strategies are key for the post-2015 international development agenda

Scope of analysis

This book reflects the outcome of a research programme by a group of independent development experts brought together by the United Nations *Committee for Development Policy* (CDP), a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It provides a rigorous analytical response to the necessary definition of an alternative international development strategy for more equitable and sustainable progress for all. The analysis is based on a critical evaluation of past experience, taking into consideration the challenges brought about by the multiple and interrelated economic, food and environmental crises, as well as the damaging effects of inequality. It also reflects upon the asymmetries and shortcomings of the ongoing process of globalization which, in fact, have largely contributed to the emergence of these crises.

Building upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

This book is a timely contribution to the revision of the United Nations policy agenda for achievement of the MDGs by 2015. As the deadline approaches, the MDG agenda must be reviewed to identify its strengths and weaknesses and to define further action. So far, evidence shows that although progress has been made, many targets will not be met, and some important objectives were not given adequate priority. It is therefore the right moment to evaluate what has been achieved and to define the necessary measures to confront current and emerging global challenges.

Objectives

This book aims at identifying development strategies capable of generating broad-based economic growth with job creation while guaranteeing social equity and environmental sustainability — both at the national and international levels. However, the successful implementation of such strategies relies on increased coherence in the current global governance frameworks. Thus, this volume also identifies the much needed reforms to promote a more equitable distribution of development opportunities, a better management of global risks, a lower level of insecurity and greater welfare for all.

Additional information

For background research, see <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/papers/>.

For more on the CDP, see <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/cdp/index.shtml>.

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