

Sectoral and IT Resource Center

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The Sectoral and IT Resource Center collects and provides access to information in books, serials and periodicals, and electronic sources to serve the information needs of the World Bank and IMF in the sectors listed below. Where possible, information is provided in electronic format for direct desktop delivery. Focal point staff assigned to each sector follow trends and changes in emphasis in World Bank sector work and adjust their selection accordingly. Current selection priorities are mentioned after the sectors.

Education

Focal issues: Economics of education, quality and effectiveness of schools, educational reform, early childhood education, higher education.

Energy / Mining

Focal issues: Energy privatization/market reform, renewable energy, energy and environment. Mining selection emphasizes environmental remediation.

Environment

Focal issues: Environmental economics, climate change, biodiversity, water resources management, pollution, forests.

Gender

Focal issues: Gender and development, research methods in gender issues, gender and labor.

Health, Population and Nutrition

Focal issues: Health systems development/reform, reproductive health, AIDS, micronutrients, health and development, public health programs.

Human Resources

Focal issues: Personnel management, cross cultural communication, group dynamics, team building.

Information Technology

Focal issues: Software handbooks, E-commerce, Internet, enterprise computing.

Management

Focal issues: Knowledge management, organizational development.

Rural Development and Agriculture

Focal issues: Sustainable agriculture, food security, smallholder agriculture, rural infrastructure, land policy, community participation. Reduced emphasis on technical material on raising specific crops or animals.

Sociology/Cultural

Focal issues: Indigenous peoples, community participation, involuntary resettlement, post conflict issues.

Telecommunications

Focal issues: Telecom privatization, Internet connectivity, telecom markets/rates.

Transportation

Focal issues: Transport economics including privatization, urban transport.
Reduced emphasis on engineering aspects and ports/shipping.

Urban

Focal issues: urban slums and upgrading, disaster management, urban environment and transport issues.

Water Supply and Sanitation

Focal issues: Financing urban and rural water and sanitation, privatization.