

ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT



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With the definition of the UN Millennium Development Goals it is finally recognized that sustainable development ultimately depends on the appropriate integration of economic, ecological, and social factors in development planning and practice.



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GITEC's Department of Economic and Ecological Development assumes a coordinating role in integrating multi-disciplinary expertise required for preparation and implementation of projects and measures that support a healthy environment and social well being as the basis for poverty alleviation and sustainable economic development. Emphasizing the environment-development link, it renders consulting services to national, regional and local development planning processes to promote the most effective allocation of scarce financial and natural resources and to improve quality of life.

Regarding poor people and their institutions as initiators, collaborators and decision makers, GITEC is supporting Social Funds and other demand driven instruments such as community driven development specifically designed to adequately respond to the special needs of vulnerable groups at community and at municipal level. Realizing that only the participation of communities and an adapted and economically viable project approach can lead to substantial results in improving living conditions, GITEC's economists and financial analysts provide socio-economic planning services as part of infrastructure projects.



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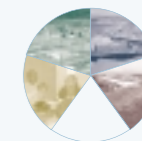
Weaknesses in management are a widespread impediment to the operation of most public facilities. Efforts to privatize those are underway in many countries, specifically in transition economies. Management consulting is therefore another service rendered by GITEC's Department of Economic and Ecological Development with special emphasis on marketing of water services. Projects focus on providing appropriate guidance on how public utilities and the private sector working with other key stakeholders can meet the needs and demands of consumers, including the poor, whilst remaining financially viable by the adaptation of an innovative commercial / marketing approach.



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Environmental Management

- Spatial and Strategic Development Planning
- Integrated Watershed Management
- Management Planning of Protected Areas
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Water Resources Management



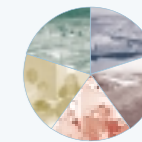
Local Development

- Decentralization
- Social Funds
- Community Driven Development
- Municipal Planning & Budgeting
- Legal and Institutional Frameworks
- Central and Local Government Administration



Socio-Economic Planning

- Socio-Economic Studies
- Tariff Studies
- Financial Analysis



Management Consulting

- Organizational Development and Training
- Financial Management
- Public Utility Management
- Private Sector Promotion
- Marketing of Water Services



1 PR of China: Village Survey in Hebei Province

2 3 Dominican Republic: Soil Testing for Natural Resources Management in the River Yaque Basin and Promotion of Communal Initiatives

4 Uzbekistan: Management Training for Choresm Water Works Staff

5 El Salvador: Low-cost Housing El Sauce