

# EfD Strategy 2025 - 2029



## Environment for Development

A global network of research centers solving the world's most pressing environmental and development challenges.





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# The knowledge challenge

# for sustainable development

## The EfD offer

When EfD was founded in 2007, it challenged the belief that environmental conservation should be viewed as a hindrance to economic development. Instead, the name “Environment for Development” promotes the crucial notion that the environment and natural resources are in fact the basis for inclusive sustainable development. This notion relies on one key condition: that smart, evidence-based policies are put in place to manage environmental resources effectively, for long-term and inclusive societal good.

EfD has, since its inception, worked toward this goal by developing a vibrant community of scholars in the Global South who devote their careers to solving central sustainability challenges in their societies. EfD has grown to become a strong and reputable network of research centers and collaborative programs spanning the globe, focused on policy challenges at the nexus of poverty, the environment, and climate change. Most EfD researchers are trained as environmental economists, a discipline essential for understanding and solving environmental and resource problems. Since environmental problems almost always are complex in nature, collaboration with specialists from other fields are vital to fully understand underlying causes, apply relevant research methods, and generate well-rounded evidence for policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Thus, EfD operates as a multi-disciplinary network, with environmental economics as its bedrock.

EfD aims to improve resource management for long-term benefits, by enhancing local human capacities and capabilities (i.e. the development of knowledge and opportunities for people in the Global South). It achieves the latter by establishing policy research centers in the countries where it operates, and creating global networking through its collaborative research programs, both within the Global South and between the South and the North. EfD’s scholars are equipped to create knowledge with high-quality research, educate future generations through academic programs, and advise policy leaders on the evidence-based management solutions needed for development to both reduce poverty and be environmentally and socially sustainable. EfD’s ultimate aim is *inclusive, resilient* and *sustainable* economic development.

The EfD network consists of twelve EfD centers hosted by leading local academic research institutions across the Global South in Chile, Colombia, Central America, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam, and nine EfD Global Partners in China, France, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, and the USA. The network also includes five collaborative research programs on the themes of emissions pricing, energy, fisheries, natural capital (agriculture, ecosystem services & biodiversity, forestry and water systems) and sustainable consumption & production. The network is coordinated by the EfD Global Hub at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. A list of center institutions, programs and partners is available on the last page.





Over the strategy period, 2025 – 2029, EfD aims to build upon its ongoing successes, and make strategic use of its unique network and strong local grounding in the Global South to continue advancing its mission in new ways. In particular, EfD will further extend and strengthen its collaborations between centers. The network will develop new and ambitious educational programs that will scale up the level of knowledge and skills among those whose careers are devoted to environmental policy and resource management in EfD countries. Domestic human capacity in the Global South remains woefully insufficient to design, negotiate, and implement the evidence-based policies required for sustainable and inclusive growth. This type of capacity takes a long time to develop, and EfD is in a unique position to continue building on three decades of capacity development, by cultivating innovative research and policy-advising environments, academic programs, and knowledge-sharing between countries.

### **Vision statement**

*Inclusive sustainable development in the Global South, founded on evidence-based management of the environment, natural resources, and climate change.*

### **Overarching goal**

*EfD contributes to evidence-based domestic and international policies for poverty reduction, gender equality, and environmental and resource management, including climate change adaptation and mitigation in the Global South. It achieves this contribution through integrated and institutionalized capacity development, knowledge-sharing, research, and policy engagement.*

## **Environment-development challenges**

EfD’s strategic focus aligns with global agreements such as the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals; the Montreal-Kunming Biodiversity Framework; and the Paris Agreement. A core tenet of EfD is that it is crucial to turn these global commitments into real-world, local, and tangible improvements in the lives of poor communities throughout the Global South. This work begins by highlighting the impacts of environmental changes on these marginalized communities, and working to address these impacts with well-designed, evidence-based policies that are responsive to local needs. Environmental challenges, such as the local impacts of climate change, the loss of biodiversity, and the increased use of chemicals impacting health and livelihoods, all present critical threats that directly affect vulnerable populations. The urgency of these environmental challenges, and the lack of resources to address them in the Global South, point to the importance of high-quality applied research and evidence-based policies, to address these challenges as effectively as possible, both in terms of impact and cost.

## **The power of networked and localized research**

Localized applied research plays a pivotal role in addressing environment-development challenges with policy solutions, due to the complex and multifaceted nature of such challenges. The magnitude of societal transformation needed to achieve, for example just low-carbon transition, makes structural and well-sequenced changes within economies imperative, and also demands urgent and decisive action. Meanwhile, a lack of human capital and financial resources in the Global South poses significant barriers. Given the nuanced intricacies of environmental issues and the urgent need for tailored interventions, local research endeavors help by devising context-specific and targeted solutions that leave no one behind. Tailored and localized applied research also benefits greatly from networking with researchers and policy makers in other countries, who face similar challenges. Learning from each other’s successes and failures and increasing the number of trained minds on each problem, are especially important when solving problems in such resource-constrained contexts.

## **Why applied research historically has fallen short in the Global South**

Despite the important impact that applied research could have in the Global South, there are several reasons why it does not reach its potential. The primary culprits are well-known: limited scale of research capacity, often in the form of severely resource-constrained universities and research institutions (as well as a shortage of such institutions), and significant “brain-drain”, resulting from the understandable tendency of highly trained individuals to emigrate from their home countries in the Global South to countries with better career opportunities, leaving a dearth of human capital in the South. Moreover, higher education receives inadequate attention and funding in the Global South, often overshadowed by more immediate needs. Unfortunately, the lack of domestic funding – both for education and research – is not compensated by international support either.

A recent example is that less than 1 percent of global climate research funding trickles down to researchers in Africa.<sup>1</sup> Exacerbating these shortfalls, traditional disciplinary silos within universities and outdated academic incentive systems deter interdisciplinary collaboration and prioritize theoretical research over policy-relevant endeavors.<sup>2</sup> And lastly, the challenge that civil servants generally lack awareness of the benefits of applied research, and the skills to make use of relevant research findings.

## **The need for a dedicated interface between academia and policy**

These challenges underscore the critical need for dedicated and strengthened interfaces between academia and policy in all countries, and especially in those facing the greatest challenges in terms of climate change adaptation, biodiversity loss and pollution. EfD recognizes the imperative to bridge this gap, and to facilitate meaningful collaboration and knowledge exchange between researchers and policymakers. By fostering stronger partnerships and promoting co-creation of knowledge, as well as the translation of research findings into actionable policies, EfD amplifies the impact of applied research in addressing environmental and developmental challenges in the Global South. With tailored support to science-policy interfaces and connecting them in strategic global partnerships, EfD endeavors to create a conducive environment for evidence-based policymaking for more inclusive sustainable development.

While EfD was created to address many of these challenges, it has continually faced a daunting issue of scale and urgency. The transitions needed for sustainable development are massive in scope, amplified by climate change, and they become harder and costlier to accomplish the longer we wait. So far, EfD has created vibrant interfaces between academia and policy and there are by now ample evidence that this approach can lead to improved policies.<sup>3</sup> However, to have greater impact, EfD needs to expand in many dimensions, for example countries and thematic areas covered, number of researchers in each center, depth in researcher-policymaker co-creation, and strategic research partnerships within and beyond EfD countries. To achieve greater impact, EfD will harness the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence. By integrating AI, EfD will streamline administration, significantly broaden research tools by synthesizing vast amounts of knowledge, level the playing field among diverse academic institutions, personalize capacity development, and provide real-time, on-demand policy advice.<sup>4</sup>

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1 Overland, I., Fossum Sagbakken, H., Isataeva, A., Kolodzinskaia, G., Simpson, N. P., Trisos, C., & Vakulchuk, R. (2022). Funding flows for climate change research on Africa: where do they come from and where do they go? *Climate and Development*, 14(8), 705–724. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17565529.2021.1976609>

2 Independent Group of Scientists appointed by the Secretary-General, *Global Sustainable Development Report 2019: The Future is Now – Science for Achieving Sustainable Development*, (United Nations, New York, 2019).

3 The GLOBEN EfD (also called the core) program has been externally evaluated several times, most recently for the period 2021-2023, with very positive results. The annual reports describe EfD's impact. These reports are available here: <https://www.efdinitiative.org/about-efd/about-us>

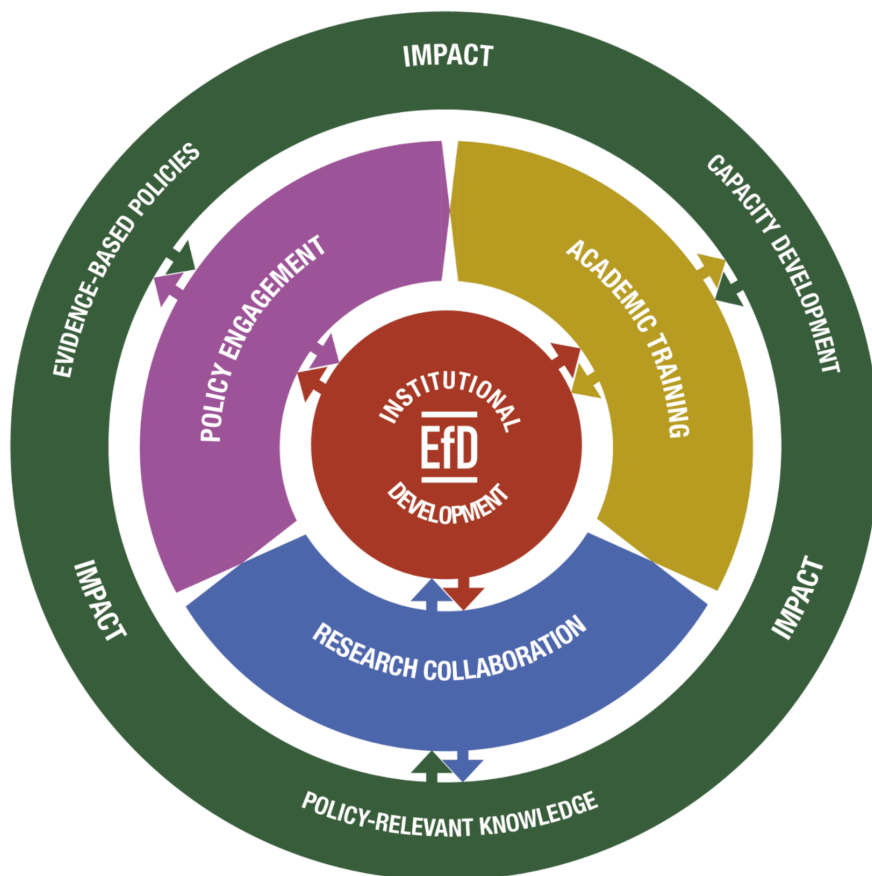
4 In line with the recommendations from the external evaluation EfD will develop a specific strategy for use of AI that will include (i) personalized learning and development, (ii) grant writing and funding opportunities, (iii) enhanced project management, (iv) research data analysis.



# Impact model

## and implementation modalities

EfD has developed an approach that ensures impact (see impact model below), based on the following preconditions being met: It needs to build on relevant capacity development and policy-relevant knowledge – there needs to be enough human capital available to do the necessary research. This capacity needs to be built through both academic programs and re-tooling of existing capacity. Domestic and international researchers need to collaborate with each other to identify and develop the necessary analysis, and they should be in close collaboration with policymakers, civil servants, and other stakeholders such as the private sector. At the core of academic training, research collaboration, and policy engagement there is a need for institutional development that ensures that there is a strong and lasting infrastructure that sustains the interfaces between academia and policy, and ensures that all activities are synergetic in reaching the objective – reduced poverty and improved environmental and social sustainability.



The following sections provide an overview of EfD’s activities in the strategy period, for each of the core pillars of EfD’s impact model: Institutional Development, Capacity Development, Research Collaboration, and Policy Engagement.

## Institutional development

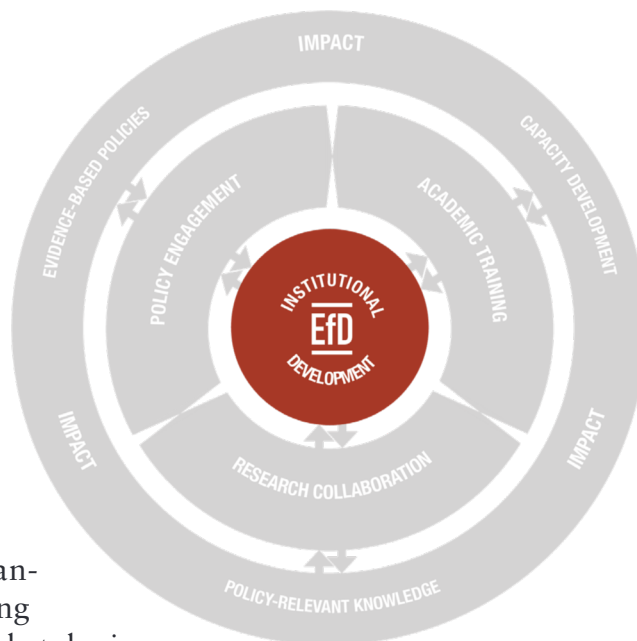
While knowledge production, unfortunately, is dominated by academic institutions in the Global North, EfD is founded on the conviction that researchers in the Global South, working together with local stakeholders and a global network, can best support the transformation of their own countries. The relevant knowledge and policy solutions must arise from within the countries themselves, developed by people with an intimate understanding of the local setting, who maintain enduring relationships with policy actors and have a real stake in the outcomes. There is thus a need to create conditions for highly skilled researchers to have thriving, internationally-connected, and impactful careers in the Global South, helping to reverse the “brain drain”.

For this reason, EfD centers are embedded within local academic hosts institutions, most often a university. Each center operates within a unique setting. This is true in several dimensions, including the center itself, its host institution, and the broader national context. EfD’s commitment to foster dynamic research environments within academic hosts in each country is a long-term endeavor, which includes targeted support to each center based on its specific needs while also fostering a robust international network. By connecting local centers to the international academic and policy communities, EfD promotes a two-way exchange that simultaneously improves local conditions and advances the global sustainability agenda by tuning it into these local contexts.

Common challenges for EfD researchers, particularly in Africa, include heavy teaching and administrative loads, limited access to research funding, and limited opportunities for international collaboration. EfD addresses these issues to enable skilled academics, primarily environmental economists, to pursue successful and purposeful careers, with strong international connections, that have a significant impact locally.

Providing key network functions is important to develop and sustain vibrant centers and collaborative research programs. EfD will continue to invest in shared resources when it comes to communication, technology, data management, administration and research support. EfD also provides external quality assurance for the operations of all centers through external review and re-accreditation every five years.

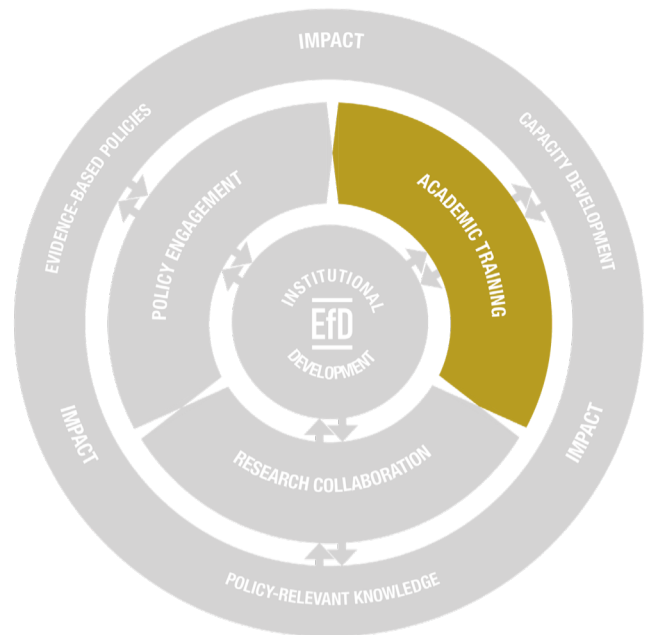
Recognizing the underrepresentation of women in academia, EfD invests in initiatives aimed at promoting gender equality within the network and beyond. One such initiative is [Women in Environmental Economics for Development \(WinEED\)](#), a dynamic network focused on mentoring and career progression. Additionally, both local and network-wide institutional initiatives are continually initiated with the aim to achieve a more equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, with close monitoring of gender indicators.





## Capacity development

EfD aims to educate the current and future researchers, managers and policy makers needed to create sustainable, gender-responsive and economically just solutions, coming from within the countries themselves. Graduates of EfD programs will bridge the science-policy interface and will be specifically equipped to provide technical advice to governments and other leaders.



## Academic training

The following are ways in which EfD will build upon its current successes in academic capacity development, and will advance its goals with ambitious new programming in this area of EfD's impact model:

- » EfD will continue to strengthen existing domestic graduate programs on environmental and natural resources, through curriculum reform, introduction of new elective courses, and support in dissertation/thesis supervision. All EfD centers are connected to Master's and PhD programs at host institutions, so this work is ongoing at each center. EfD will also offer free-standing short courses on emerging topics, tools, and methodologies to ensure that existing graduate programs remain agile and responsive to evolving environmental and developmental issues.
- » EfD will cultivate collaborative teaching initiatives to address educator skill shortages and differences in instructional quality across sites. The goal is peer-learning, where students learn from students from other universities, and teachers learn from teachers from other universities. This leads to network-wide improvement of teaching and learning standards, as well as an increase in covered topics. Other benefits include long-term professional relationships, as well as the joint creation of online learning resources.
- » EfD will help increase the number of graduate students and the quality of the education at all EfD centers. The increase will be achieved primarily through scholarships and dissertation/thesis research grants as, in many EfD countries, students need scholarships to be able to study at the Master's or PhD level.

## Training for policy actors

EfD recognizes the critical role that well-trained policy actors play in driving effective and sustainable development. To deepen their impact, EfD's certified professional training programs will go beyond theoretical knowledge, providing hands-on experience and practical tools tailored to real-world policy challenges. Participants will learn to navigate complex economic analyses, assess policy options, and develop strategies that address pressing environmental and social concerns.

Through these initiatives, EfD aims to empower policy actors to not only understand the importance of evidence-based policymaking but also to implement it effectively. By equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge, EfD seeks to catalyze positive

change and foster inclusive growth that benefits communities at large. Ultimately, by investing in the professional development of policy actors, EfD aims to build a cadre of capable leaders who can drive sustainable development agendas forward with confidence and competence.

## EfD's next stage of capacity development

In the coming years, EfD will launch an ambitious multi-country capacity development program, the 'Collaborative Program in Climate Change and Sustainable Development' (3CSD). EfD has already developed this program conceptually and launched important building-blocks, such as cross-center collaborative courses, that will become part of 3CSD. Subject to funding, 3CSD will be implemented across EfD centers and beyond.

In 2022, EfD conducted extensive assessments of capacity in the Global South, focused specifically on the necessary skills to address climate challenges and sustainable development. The assessments concluded that adequate capacity could indeed be delivered with multi-layered education initiatives, consisting specifically of on-the-job training for decision makers, Master's-level training for policy professionals, and PhD-level training for researchers and technical, environmental and economic planners. The 3CSD collaborative program will encompass all three of these educational layers, with interaction occurring across the layers. It will include synergies and trade-offs with other Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to social aspects.

The following innovative teaching and learning approaches will be used in EfD's next stage of capacity development work:

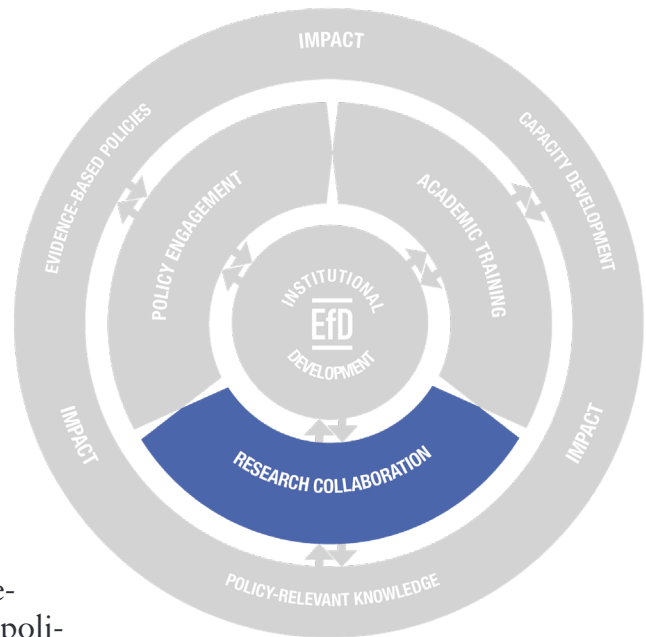
- » Place-based education, which will connect classroom learning to real-world experiences by immersing students in local environments, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and application of knowledge in authentic situations.
- » Transformative learning, which will engender a process of self-awareness, reflection, and cognitive restructuring, enabling individuals to transcend previous limitations, embrace uncertainty and new ways of being and knowing in the world.
- » Virtual learning initiatives, such as MOOCs and virtual academies, which will utilize digital platforms to democratize education, offering accessible and flexible opportunities for learners worldwide to engage with cutting-edge research and tailored resources, transcending geographical boundaries.



Participants at Yonas Alem's training in Nigeria 2023. Photo: Inya Agha Egwu.

## Research collaboration

EfD strives to achieve excellence in research by creating vibrant domestic environments and exciting international collaborative programs. Core tenets for EfD research are: (i) implementing best research practices, often with environmental economics as a starting point, embracing multi-disciplinarity as required; (ii) maintaining high academic quality; (iii) addressing policy relevance for real-world challenges; and (iv) fostering partnerships for researchers in the Global South. EfD supports the entire research “supply chain”, which includes identifying policy-relevant research priorities together with stakeholders, developing and screening proposals, securing funding, fostering South-South and South-North collaborations, collecting and curating data, and engaging with other stakeholders in applying research findings. All elements of the research process are conducted in close cooperation with domestic stakeholders and strong South-South and South-North research collaborations. The ultimate goal is that EfD research will be used in the development of evidence-based policies for poverty reduction, environmental management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, with a particular focus on gender equality and inclusive policies in the Global South.



## Research priorities

EfD centers in the Global South will maintain a focus on the poverty-environment nexus, integrating a gender perspective where relevant. Priorities are updated every five years to continually promote initiatives for impactful poverty alleviation and sustainability. The current priorities are reflected in EfD’s five collaborative programs:

- (i) [\*Blue Resources for Development\*](#) (BlueRforD) for the development of sustainable capture fisheries, aquaculture, and marine spatial planning.
- (ii) [\*Emissions Pricing for Development\*](#) (EPfD) that focuses on application of policy instruments, particularly the problems with implementation of carbon pricing.
- (iii) [\*Natural Capital\*](#) (NatCap) with its sub-programs dealing with sustainable agriculture, forestry, water systems, and ecosystem services & biodiversity conservation.
- (iv) [\*Sustainable Consumption & Production\*](#) (SCOPE) that enables transformative pathways toward a circular economy.
- (v) [\*Sustainable Energy Transition Initiative\*](#) (SETI) that fosters research on energy access and energy transitions.

EfD will also remain attuned to emerging topics such as trade & environment, migration due to climate change, nature-based solutions, and resource-related conflict, to remain responsive to evolving global development agendas and opportunities to carry out commissioned research with positive policy impacts.



## **The research fund**

EfD research is supported the EfD research fund, governed by a Research Committee consisting of leading international experts in EfD's areas of research. The success is evident in the increasing quantity and quality of EfD research outputs and policy engagement. The increased capacity to carry out policy-relevant research both in specific countries and as part of multi-country collaborations will need to be balanced by increased access to research funding. In particular, EfD will promote deeper joint knowledge production and policy engagement through EfD's collaborative programs.

## **Collaborative programs**

An important advantage of EfD is its inherent capacity to foster cross-country research and policy peer-to-peer learning. In this strategy period, EfD researchers will continue to collaborate in cross-country teams to generate high-impact policy research for multiple EfD countries, leveraging each other's perspectives and experiences. EfD-funded research with high potential in both research innovation and policy relevance, will especially involve researchers from sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and significantly include women and young researchers. Researchers at the EfD Global Hub will actively participate in these projects, particularly with an aim to generate grant proposals and apply for external funds.

## **Early Career Program**

EfD's Early Career Program specifically supports postdoctoral researchers in SSA and will continue to enhance these researchers' capacity with new collaborations and innovative research approaches. This program will integrate postdocs directly into EfD's collaborative programs, aligning their research endeavors with the collective goals of the network. Recruitment of postdocs will occur concurrently with the collaborative programs' strategic planning process, facilitating seamless integration and mentorship opportunities. The program will include specialized courses tailored to the needs of early career researchers. These courses will be scheduled back-to-back with the EfD annual meetings so that both postdocs and other EfD researchers in the network can participate, enhancing collaboration among network members. This early career program will foster the development of young talent and amplify the impact of research collaboratives within SSA centers.

## **Tailored center support**

Specific support will be provided to EfD centers in sub-Saharan Africa to ensure vibrant research environments, including tailored in-country professional development opportunities. This training will include follow-up sessions to ensure that centers have their own seminar series, meet regularly, conduct collaborative research, and receive tailored support to develop successful proposals together addressing domestic and international funders of applied research.

## Policy engagement

EfD will continue to contribute to locally grounded, evidence-based policymaking that supports poverty reduction, gender equality, and effective management of the environment and climate change in the Global South. Perhaps most importantly, EfD creates lasting interfaces between academic experts and policy actors within and between countries. This two-way and long-term interaction between academic experts and policy actors ensures well-targeted capacity development and the relevance of applied research, two fundamental ingredients of policy impact.



EfD spearheads a transformative [Inclusive Green Economy](#) (IGE) program in East Africa, enriching policymakers and civil servants with practical insights into environmental policy instruments and organizational dynamics. Through cross-country learning initiatives, projects driving institutional change, and a shared digital learning platform, participants access a wealth of knowledge and networking opportunities. Facilitated by dedicated policy engagement specialists, ongoing interaction between educators, researchers, and policy actors ensures dynamic engagement and alignment between capacity development efforts and policy research. This integrated approach, rooted in the principles of IGE, guides EfD's network-wide policy engagement, promising a paradigm shift towards sustainability across the region.

EfD's credibility comes from high-quality research that addresses real problems that either are, or should be, at the top of policy agendas. It comes from the expertise of EfD's researchers who provide trusted advice based on their research skills and deep familiarity with the local settings. It is amplified by international connections that provide access to global experts, validation from external parties, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities across countries.

**EfD's policy engagement priorities for the strategy period will be to:**

- » Scale up topic-specific training programs for policy stakeholders.
- » Provide incentives to researchers to engage in policy dialogues.
- » Adopt an outcome-oriented approach to policy engagement, emphasizing tangible impacts of engagement activities.
- » Foster partnerships with international organizations, providing or strengthening representation of Global South perspectives.
- » Engage in high-level technical consultancies as a way to increase the reach of EfD's policy relevant research.

Policy impact is neither simple to achieve, nor fully within Efd’s control to make happen since policies are (or should be) part of domestic democratic processes and international agreements. Policymaking is a complex, often unpredictable, process where scientific knowledge is only one, albeit important, piece of the puzzle. However, scientific experts can become reliable sources of guidance for policymakers over the long term by developing strong capacity, being responsive and available to policy makers, and being opportunistic and persistent. Good science can thus play an important role in tangible action for poverty reduction, gender equality, and effective management of the environment and climate change in the Global South. Being cognizant of this, Efd will maintain strong and stable relationships with policy communities and major relevant domestic stakeholders.

Another important way to achieve impact is through the private sector. Efd will therefore engage and leverage the private sector to drive sustainable environmental practices through several impactful strategies. By highlighting private sector opportunities for policymakers and facilitating government-business partnerships, Efd will address e.g. renewable energy, waste management, and water conservation. Efd will advocate for economic incentives like tax breaks and subsidies to encourage sustainable practices, and collaborate with financial institutions to develop green financing options, including green bonds and sustainable investment funds. Comprehensive training programs for private sector employees and executives will ensure successful implementation, while partnerships in research and development will foster innovative solutions and advancements in green technologies.

Efd’s Early Career Fellows taking part in the course Gender Analysis in Development and Environmental Economics organized by Yonas Alem, in Accra, Ghana, 5-9 October, 2023.  
Photo: Emmanuel Richardson.







**A vision for**



**EfD's impact in 2029**

Over the past two decades, the EfD model has been scrutinized, tested, and refined. It has been effective at providing policymakers with essential information that contributes to inclusive sustainable development. EfD remains dedicated to cultivating a community of thought leaders by developing, sustaining, and expanding a vibrant network of dedicated academics and practitioners based in the Global South. In its next stage of work, EfD also endeavors to cultivate a new generation of thought leaders through ambitious global academic programming which is characterized, as ever, by EfD's strong grounding in local communities.

International commitments such as the 2030 Agenda, the Montreal-Kunming Biodiversity Framework, and the Paris Agreement, now with new 1.5°C aligned Nationally Determined Contributions expected for 2025, are important starting points for the global sustainability transition that our world needs. However, national processes are the fundamental drivers of national plans and policies. Sadly, domestic capacity in the Global South is often insufficient to design, negotiate, and implement the policies and investments required to heed the commitments for sustainable and inclusive growth. Human capital also needs to grow so that the Global South can be in a better position to analyze the challenges, create policies tailored to local circumstances, evaluate impact, and exploit positive opportunities as they arise. This type of capacity is far too scarce and takes many years to develop. EfD is in a unique position to continue building on decades of such capacity development work, and to make the best use of it by supporting vibrant academic and policy-advising environments, and by increasing knowledge-sharing between countries.

By 2029, EfD envisions a world where its contributions have significantly influenced evidence-based policies for poverty reduction and sustainable management of the environment and climate change. This is accomplished through passionate, trained and internationally-connected professionals, living out purposeful careers in the Global South with strong institutional support in their home universities. With its integrated approach of institutionalized academic capacity development, research, and policy engagement, EfD aims to be at the forefront of supporting the Global South in achieving inclusive and sustainable development in this strategy period and beyond.

## EfD CENTERS

**EfD Central America** is hosted by the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), located in Turrialba, Costa Rica and operates under the Spanish name Unidad Ambiente para el Desarrollo.

**EfD Chile**, the Research Nucleus in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (NENRE) is hosted by the University of Concepción, Concepción, Chile.

**EfD Colombia**, the Research Group on Environmental, Natural Resource, and Applied Economics Studies (REES) is hosted by CEDE (Center for Economic Development Studies) at the Department of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

**EfD Ethiopia**, the Environment and Climate Research Centre (ECRC) is hosted by the Policy Studies Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**EfD Ghana**, the Environment and Natural Resource Research Initiative (ENRRI) is hosted by the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana (UG), Accra, Ghana, with the collaboration of the School of Research and Graduate Studies (SRGS) at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

**EfD India**, is hosted by the Center for research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE) located in Indian Statistical Institute, Dehli, India.

**EfD Kenya** is hosted by the Department of Economics and Development at the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.

**EfD Nigeria**, the Resource and Environmental Policy Research Center (REPRC), is hosted by the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

**EfD South Africa**, the Environmental Economics Policy Research Unit (EPRU), is hosted by the School of Economics, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

**EfD Tanzania** (EfDT) is hosted by the School of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

**EfD Uganda**, the EfD-Mak Centre is hosted by Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, and managed by the College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS) and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES).

**EfD Vietnam**, the Economy & Environment Partnership for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA), is hosted by the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

## ACADEMIC PARTNERS

EfD partners work closely and actively with the network and its researchers in various ways. Examples include co-leading or participating in collaborative research programs, developing larger proposals for research, and contributing to academic training or policy engagement.

**Duke University**, Sanford School of Public Policy, Durham, USA.

**Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change** (MCC), Berlin, Germany.

**National School of Development, Peking University**, Beijing, China.

**Portland State University**, Institute for Economics and the Environment (IEE), Portland, USA.

**Resources for the Future** (RFF), Washington DC, USA.

**The Toulouse School of Economics** (TSE), Environmental and natural resource economics group and the TSE Energy & Climate Center, France.

**University of Gothenburg**, Environmental Economics Unit, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

**Wageningen University and Research**, Environmental Economics and Natural Resources Group, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

**University College Dublin** (UCD), UCD Environmental Policy, Ireland.

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## RESEARCH COLLABORATIVES

**Blue Resources for Development** (BlueRforD)

**Emission Pricing for Development** (EPfD)

**Natural Capital Collaborative** (NatCap)

**Sustainable Consumption and Production** (SCOPE)

**Sustainable Energy Transitions Initiative** (SETI)

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