
Preface

This book grows out of a national project organized by Michigan State University to study and advise on U.S. policies of economic cooperation with the Third World. The project was the most extensive of its kind ever undertaken; it involved 11 cooperating institutions, more than 100 papers, and more than 800 individuals from around the world. Fifteen symposia were held, leading to a national conference at MSU in May 1988 at which a summary of recommendations reflecting the project work was extensively reviewed. The report of that review, prepared by Ralph Smuckler and Robert Berg with David Gordon, was later published under the title "New Challenges, New Opportunities: U.S. Cooperation for International Growth and Development in the 1990s" and has become a key document in ongoing discussions—official as well as private—on future policies. Highlights of this report appear as Appendix One in this book.

The project involved experts across the fields of international development. Among the active participants were present and former leading officials in the U.S. Agency for International Development, senior policymakers from a range of other U.S. government agencies, leaders from international organizations, key figures from the profit and nonprofit private sectors, and numerous senior development experts from the Third World. We thank them all for sharing their professional knowledge so candidly and generously.

Each chapter in this book was especially commissioned as part of the project. Drafts were first presented at a series of meetings in East Lansing and Washington, D.C., between May 1986 and May 1988. At these meetings each paper was thoroughly discussed, and has been revised and updated for this book. We thank each author for excellent thinking, willingness to consider suggestions, and continuing goodwill.

A distinctive feature of the project was the active participation of the following U.S. institutions, which sponsored symposia and colloquia on specific sectors and problems as part of the broader study: the Association for Women in Development, the Board on Science and Technology for International Development of the National Research Council, The Futures Group, the Institute of International Education, The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities, the Overseas Development Council, the U.S. Council for International Business, the Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies in cooperation with the Washington Chapter of the Society for International Development, the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, the World Resources Institute, and MSU's Center for Advanced Study of International Development. Appendix Two contains a full list of the papers presented at these meetings; the papers, or summaries of them, are available from the institutions that hosted their

original presentation.

We appreciate the cooperation of all these institutions in contributing to the analyses presented here, and to the overall project. In each case, the leaders of these institutions played an active role both in their specific colloquium and in the activities of the larger project. The financial contributions of several foundations facilitated the organization of the various colloquia.

The editors owe special gratitude to our late friend, Paxton Dunn, who until his untimely death was vice-president of the U.S. Council for International Business. Paxton showed continuous enthusiasm and commitment to the project and, despite his illness, actively participated in numerous meetings all around the United States. He brought to the project both the perspective of the U.S. private sector and his own wealth of experience and wisdom drawn from a long career in business and in diplomacy.

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We take full responsibility, with our distinguished group of contributors, for the analyses presented and any errors that might be contained within.

We urge reflection on the subjects in this book and on the public policy implications that flow from these presentations.

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