

The EarthTrends Information Guide for Financial Flows



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The international system of investment and finance provides the capital that fuels global development. Private investment by multinational corporations comprises the largest share of international capital. Also included are official development assistance and aid from OECD countries, loans from multilateral funders such as the World Bank, and remittances sent overseas by individual workers to their home countries. The system that channels the flows of international capital also includes the norms that govern international finance, the investment rules negotiated as part of trade agreements, and the policies imposed on national governments by the International Monetary Fund.

Because this system controls the global purse strings, its activity bears on the environment at many points, from funding specific projects – such as roads or manufacturing plants, which can have negative environmental impacts – to shaping national economies. For this reason, mainstreaming environmental thinking into the institutions and rules that govern investment and finance is vital to the success of international environmental initiatives.

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SEARCHABLE DATABASE

[http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?theme=5]

Debt: Debt service as a percent of export earnings

Present value of debt as a percent of GNI

Total debt service

Development Assistance: Aid as a percent of GNI

Aid as a percent of government expenditure

Aid received; Aid per capita

Labor: Workers' remittances and compensation of employees, paid; received

Financial Flows: Net Inflows (sales - purchases) of Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions

Transnational Corporations: Foreign direct investment, net inflows

MAPS

[http://earthtrends.wri.org/maps_spatial/index.php?theme=5]

Foreign Direct Investment: Net Inflows

FEATURES

[<http://earthtrends.wri.org/datatables/index.php?theme=5>]

Are Business and Industry Taking Sustainability Seriously?

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DATA TABLES

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Economics and Financial Flows Overview

Financial Flows

LINKS

World Resources Institute - International Financial Flows and the Environment (IFFE)

[http://www.wri.org/business/project_description2.cfm?pid=68]

International Finance Corporation (IFC) [<http://www.ifc.org>]

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) [<http://www.oecd.org>]

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) [<http://www.wbcSD.org>]

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