

Core Contribution to the Earth Security Group

A global framework to manage sustainability risks



Region
Global

Partner
Earth Security Group

Background information

As pressures on water, food, energy and climate change become more inter-connected, cutting through the complexity with clear messages and strategic direction will be key for leaders in government and the private sector to work together on shared priorities.

Project objectives

To develop and apply the Earth Security Index, a global risk dashboard that brings simplicity to the growing complexity of resource pressures; promoting an analysis of development challenges and solutions at national, regional and global levels.

Beneficiaries

High-level decision-makers in the private sector, government and civil society; network of global stakeholders

Costs

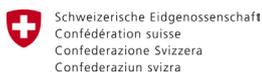
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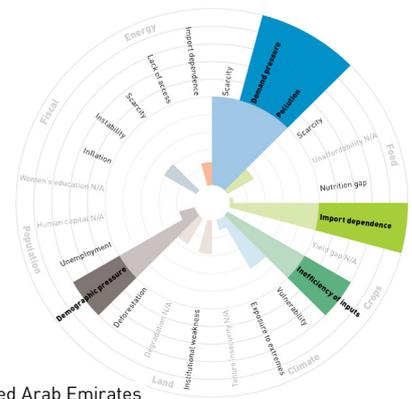
The Earth Security Group is helping global business and governments to engage and work together on the sustainability challenges of the 21st century. Their strategic tool, the Earth Security Index, aims to increase the understanding of leaders in business, government and civil society of the global dependence that the private sector has on the sustainable development of developing countries, showing the practical opportunities to align business strategy with long-term development goals.

Greater pressures over resources like water, food and energy are taking place at the same time as countries and companies are becoming more inter-dependent on each other for their supplies. This greater inter-connection across borders, through trade and production supply chains, makes it easier for resource shortages in one country to spread to others, creating global systemic vulnerabilities. Greater external pressures on finite localized resources like water or land, in the absence of strong resource management systems also increases inequalities of access by disadvantage communities.

The growing complexity of trade-offs faced by policy-makers between resources, demographic pressures and fiscal constraints, competes with the incentives to create short-term economic growth. In developing countries, where policy frameworks are weaker and the ability of policy-makers to grapple with complexity is constrained, managing growth in a sustainable way will be increasingly difficult.

The Earth Security Group's agenda of global inter-dependence

The Earth Security Group offers a platform to develop and advocate resource governance from an inter-dependence perspective, to provide new ways of seeing the security implications of resource scarcity, and to develop new tools and strategies that will allow government policy-makers, the private sector and civil society to work together on improving sustainable resource governance across silos. Specifically, the Earth Security Group:



United Arab Emirates

- develops and establishes the Earth Security Index as an innovative global framework that helps policy-makers to consider resource governance priorities and interdependencies;
- advocates for a global inter-dependence agenda by engaging decision-makers in global institutions, governments, private sector and civil society to use and apply the Earth Security Group's framework and its agenda propositions/ recommendations.

SDC supports the Earth Security Group for strategic purposes. On the one hand SDC global Programmes will contribute to the further development of the Earth Security Index. On the other hand, the initiatives of the Earth Security Group will help to improve the analytical and influential capacities of SDC regional and global cooperation

The Earth Security Index: A strategic approach to global risks

The Earth Security Index provides a visually compelling framework, which complements the research routinely carried out by governments, industry and financial institutions on sustainability, economic and political risk, with an integrated and visual assessment of a country's vulnerabilities, policy enablers and sustainable investment opportunities. The tool is used to engage senior decision-makers across government, business and civil society, to increase awareness and advocacy of converging resource pressures, to create a more strategic understanding of priorities in the midst of complexity, and to encourage better mutual understanding and collaboration between these sectors to think creatively about the operational solutions that are possible.

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