## The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

SEI is an independent, international research institute specializing in sustainable development and environment issues. It works at local, national, regional and global policy levels. The SEI research programmes aim to clarify the requirements, strategies and policies for a transition to sustainability. These goals are linked to the principles advocated in Agenda 21 and the Conventions such as Climate Change, Ozone Layer Protection and Biological Diversity. SEI along with its predecessor, the Beijer Institute, has been engaged in major environment and development issues for a quarter of a century.

## Mission

SEI's mission is to support decision-making and induce change towards sustainable development around the world by providing integrative knowledge that bridges science and policy in the field of environment and development.

The SEI mission developed from the insights gained at the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm (after which the Institute derives its name), the work of the (Brundtland) World Commission for Environment and Development and the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. The Institute was established in 1989 following an initiative by the Swedish Government to develop an international environment/development research organisation.



## Sustainable Development Studies Programme

The Sustainable Development Studies programme conducts research on sustainable society, development and planning. The programme expands upon ongoing and previous work on integrated future assessment studies at national and regional level, the concepts of urban and regional sustainability, socio-economic analysis, gender issues and environmental ethics. The tools and methods used in the programme include PoleStar, GIS, Global Scenario Group, participatory techniques, strategic and sustainability impact assessment and indicators.

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