

Impact of Public Policies on Environmental Sustainability and Performance: The Case of Egypt

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Abstract

No one can deny the impact of public policies on both environmental sustainability and performance. Using Egypt as a case study, the paper attempts to show how past public policies that aimed to develop the country negatively impacted the environment and the natural resource base at large. The paper analyzes causes of environmental problems in Egypt via examining fiscal, monetary and sectoral public policies in addition to international relationships and population growth. The paper shows the severe negative impacts of environmental degradation on the livelihoods of petit Egyptians, their health and overall impact on the economy. The paper concludes with opportunities and constraints for enhancing the environmental sustainability and performance of the country.