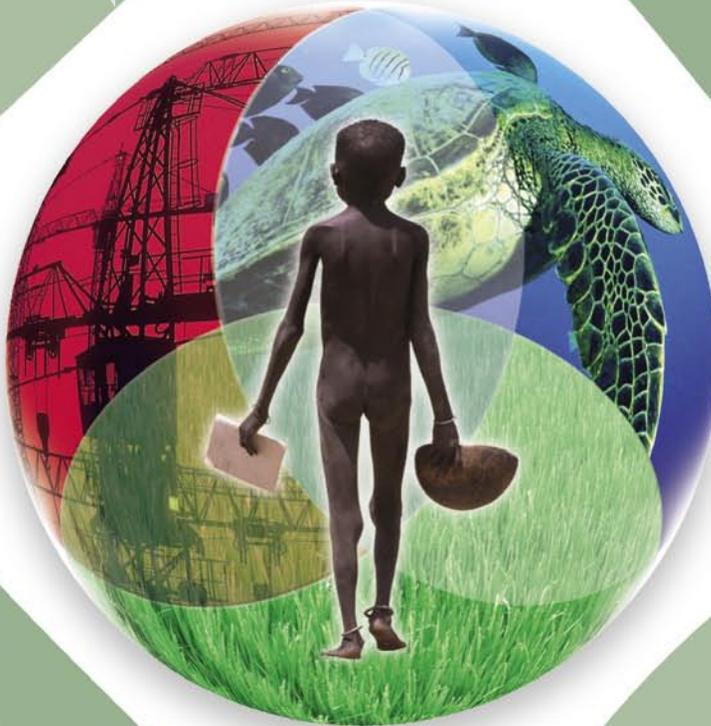


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DAC work in the area of development and environment is carried out primarily through its Network on Environment and Development Co-operation (ENVIRONET). In 2004, ENVIRONET established a Task Team on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), in response to the demand for guidance on the most efficient and effective application of SEA in the context of development co-operation. This Good Practice Guidance is the product of this work. It has involved a comprehensive consultation process with bilateral and multilateral development co-operation agencies, as well as representatives from partner countries and individual experts and practitioners from a wide range of developing and developed countries.

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