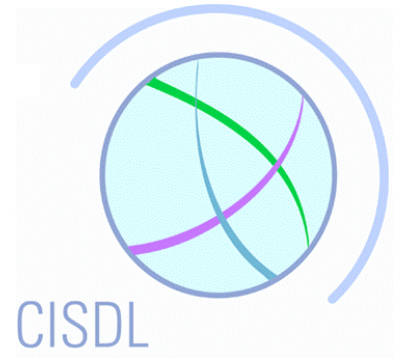


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He acknowledges the role of the IISD in supporting his work.

Governments like talking about poverty, and that is why he included the word poverty in the title the book.

His background enabled him to realise the importance of politics in realizing sustainable development. His background also allowed him to see the importance of environmental protection. He grew up in a small village where people earned their living as fishermen.

Ten volumes have been published on how policies affect sustainable livelihoods.

They shifted the whole development paradigm and introduced an assets approach which in his view is better than a needs approach.

He also wrote a book about empowerment towards sustainable development. He realised that empowerment is a nonsense word. People who have power never give others power.

People can define and articulate their own vision of sustainable development. The role of outsiders comes in after the affected people themselves have identified what has to be done.

Poor people are the agents of change themselves.

Enjoy the book.