



Curriculum Vitae

Neil Bird

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Qualifications

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| 1983 | BSc (Hons) Forestry (1 st Class)
University of Aberdeen, UK |
| 1985 | MSc
Forestry and its relation to Land Use
Trinity College, University of Oxford, UK |

Areas of Expertise

Neil Bird has over 25 years of experience working in international development. He began as a technical adviser on forest management, working within the national forest authorities of several tropical timber producing countries. Since 2002, Neil has been based at ODI, where he works within the Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme. His current research focuses on climate change policy, the international aid architecture and its relation to climate finance. At the national level, his research interests include the delivery mechanisms for climate finance, national budgetary processes, sector policies and the institutional development of public sector agencies. Neil has led several multi-country research studies that have examined climate change related public expenditure as well as exploring recent developments and trends in global climate finance.

Country Experience

- Long-term work experience in Belize, Ghana, Guyana, Lesotho and Somalia
- Short-term assignments in Brazil, Kenya, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Zimbabwe,

Languages

- English (mother tongue)

Posts held

May 2002 to present- Research Fellow, Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, ODI

Managing a work programme on climate finance and environmental policy, including:

- Theme leader of ODI's research team on climate finance delivery and management in four recipient countries (Tanzania, Uganda and two to be determined) (for DFID).

- Project leader of ODI's research team that analysed the national delivery of climate finance in three countries in South-East Asia and the Pacific: Thailand, Cambodia and Samoa (for UNDP/CDDE).
- Researcher on national climate finance delivery in Nepal (for UNDP/CDDE).
- Specialist adviser for the Commonwealth High-Level Meeting on Climate Finance (for the Commonwealth Secretariat).
- Specialist adviser to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into the impact of overseas aid on the environment and climate change.
- Team leader for the mid-term review of the Ghana Natural Resources and Environmental Governance (NREG) sector programme (for DFID-Ghana).
- Project leader of ODI's research team that analysed recent developments and trends in global climate finance, describing the existing architecture with regard to new international funding (for WWF International).
- Co-researcher of a study on sector approaches in the environment and natural resources sector (for DG AIDCO, European Commission).
- Project leader of a four-country study that examined the public policy and public spending implications of environmental issues, in contexts where a significant proportion of development assistance is delivered through budget support (for DFID, CIDA & UNEP).
- Project leader of a forest development study in Papua New Guinea, exploring the theme of how forestry can provide a sustainable and economic source of income and livelihood for all participants in the forest sector (for the EC Delegation to PNG).
- Member of ODI's research team on the VERIFOR project that examined institutional options for verifying legality in the forest sector (for the Tropical Forest Budget Line, European Commission).
- Member of a multi-institutional research team that examined the profile of forestry in national policies for poverty reduction. International coordinator for the Ghana case study (for PROFOR/World Bank).
- Prepared policy briefing papers on forestry coverage in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), based on a global review of PRSPs in forest-rich countries (for DFID – Forestry Research Programme).
- Advised on the development of South Africa's national forest programme. Coordinated inputs to a national review of the contribution that forests make to poverty reduction. (for HTSPE Ltd and DFID).
- Provided forestry advice to the UK development programmes in Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria (for DFID).

**Aug 2001-
April 2002**

Technical Cooperation Officer, Department for International Development (DFID), London, UK

Forest resources management adviser in Guyana. Contributed to national policy development relating to forest management systems and logging controls. Supported Forest Authority staff in the compilation of national standards for forest management.

**Jun 1989 –
July 2001**

Tropical High Forest Manager, Natural Resources Institute (NRI), Chatham Maritime, UK

Natural forest management specialist in Belize, Brazil, Ghana and Zimbabwe. Contributed to the development of sustainable forest management systems, logging controls, national forest policy and legal reform.

**Nov 1983 –
May 1989**

Technical Cooperation Officer, Overseas Development Administration (ODA), London, UK.

Forest inventory officer in Somalia and Lesotho.

Selected Reports & Publications

- Bird, N.M., O'Donnell, M, Lee, j, Ram Chandra Bhattarai, Rabin Bogati and Ek Raj Sigdel (2011). Nepal climate public expenditure and institutional review (CPEIR). Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission with support from UNDP/UNEP/CDDE in Kathmandu, Nepal. Available at: <http://www.npc.gov.np/uploads/publications/2012011212346.pdf>
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- Bird, N.M. (2011). The future for climate finance in Nepal. ODI, London and CDDE, Bangkok. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5867.pdf>
- Bird, N.M. (2011). Frameworks and capacities for using climate finance: considerations for the Commonwealth. Commonwealth Secretariat, London. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5417.pdf>
- Bird, N.M. and Glennie, J. (2011). Going beyond aid effectiveness to guide the delivery of climate finance. ODI Background Note, ODI, London. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5732.pdf>
- Hedger, M and Bird, N. (2011) Climate change challenges for European Development Cooperation: issues towards 2020. EDC2020 Policy Brief No. 15. EADI, Bonn. Available at: <http://www.edc2020.eu/125.0.html>
- Bird, N.M.; Brown, J. and Schalatek, L. (2011). Design challenges for the Green Climate Fund. Climate Finance Policy Brief 4. ODI, London and Heinrich Böll Stiftung North America, Washington, DC. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5256.pdf>
- Brown, J.; Bird, N.M. and Schalatek, L. (2010). Direct Access to the Adaptation Fund: realizing the potential of National Implementing Entities. Climate Finance Policy Brief 3. ODI, London and Heinrich Böll Stiftung North America, Washington, DC. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5175.pdf>
- Bird, N.M. and Brown, J. (2010) 'International climate finance: principles for European support to developing countries', EDC2020 Working Paper 6. Bonn: EADI. Available at: http://www.edc2020.eu/fileadmin/publications/EDC_2020_Working_Paper_No_6.pdf
- Bird, N.M. and Kirira, N. (2009). Government institutions, public expenditure and the role of development partners: meeting Kenya's environmental challenges. London: ODI. Available at: http://www.odi.org.uk/ccf/resources/reports/s0204_odi_kenya_environment_final_report.pdf
- Bird, N.M. and Caravani, A. (2009). Environmental sustainability within the new development agenda: opportunities and challenges for civil society. London: ODI. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/3632.pdf>
- Brown D, Schreckenber K, Bird N, Cerutti P, Del Gatto F, Diaw C, Fomété T, Luttrell C, Navarro G, Oberndorf R, Thiel H and A Wells (2008) *Legal Timber: Verification and Governance in the Forest Sector.*, London: ODI. 331 pp. ISBN 978-0-85003-889-7.
- Brown, D. and Bird, N.M. (2008). The REDD road to Copenhagen: Readiness for what? ODI Opinion 118. London: ODI. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/odi-publications/opinions/118-redd-deforestation-forest-degradation-climate-change-carbon-emissions.pdf>
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- Bird, N.M. and Thiel, H. (2007). New technologies in support of improved forest governance: factors influencing success. VERIFOR Briefing Paper no. 7. London: ODI. Available at: <http://www.verifor.org/resources/briefing-papers/7-technologies.pdf>
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