

Lafferty, M. William. 2004. Governance for sustainable development. The challenge of adapting form to function. Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, U.K. Northampton, MA, USA. Cloth; Price: US \$120.00 XVII + pp. 360 + index.

Since the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED) in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, most countries of the world have embarked on sustainable development as a goal for their economic, political, social and environmental development.

The purpose of this well organized book was to investigate the obstacle encountered when the implementation of sustainable development is proposed as a profoundly “different type of program policy experiment.

This is an eleven chapter book which covers a range of topics which include both theoretical and applied perspectives of sustainable development, case studies on the operationalization of sustainable development concept, participation and sustainable development.

This is a good book and the contents of the book seriously do justice to the title. It is recommended for practitioners who are interested in the application of sustainable development.

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