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Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID)

Thank you for your interest in the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID) at Harvard University. HIID was dissolved in June 2000 and its web site is no longer active. For links to HIID Development Discussion papers or workshops, which are now offered through Executive Programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, please [see below](#).

From 1974 to 2000, HIID was Harvard University's multidisciplinary center for coordinating development assistance, training, and research on Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America. The Institute brought together the diverse resources and talents of Harvard University to assist developing and transitional nations in crafting policies to accelerate their economic growth and improve the welfare of their people.

In July 1999, the Provost of Harvard University appointed a Faculty Task Force to make recommendations regarding the future role of HIID and its relationship to the University. The Task Force review was prompted by increased development-related activity at the University and the significant growth of HIID in recent years. The Task Force conducted a thorough review of the status of HIID and considered a number of proposals regarding its future role and relationship to the University. These proposals included maintaining HIID as an allied institution, establishing HIID as an autonomous institution linked informally with Harvard, distributing HIID's functions to faculties within the University while dissolving it as a separate entity, and closing HIID and discontinuing its functions.

In January 2000, after months of deliberation, the Task Force unanimously recommended that HIID should be dissolved and that its functions should be integrated into schools within the University. The intent of the Task Force's decision was to institutionalize the development work that has historically been carried out by HIID, linking it more closely with the teaching and research of Harvard University. The decision acknowledged the valuable international development activities pursued by HIID and reinforced Harvard University's commitment to development work. To view the full text of the Faculty Task Force report and related documents, please refer to the web site of the [Office of the Provost](#).

Most of [HIID's Development Discussion Papers \(DDPs\)](#) remain available. From 1995 to 2000, the late Dr. Michael Roemer and subsequently Professor Jeffrey Sachs led the [CAER II \(Consulting Assistance for Economic Reform\) project's](#) advisory and research consortium that designed and implemented an ambitious program of research on economic reform. The CAER II paper series produced under the USAID is no longer available through this web site, but the majority of them can be found by checking with your local library, contacting the author or visiting the [USAID](#) web site. You can find out more about the history of [CAER II](#) at the [Center for International Development \(CID\)](#) web site.

See also this archive of [HIID research papers and development resources](#) that were created by a number of past and present CID personnel either while at or in conjunction with the Harvard Institute for International Development. These papers include:

- [HIID's Global Financial Crisis Papers](#)
- [Geography and Economic Growth Papers](#)
- [Central America Project Papers](#)

- [Asian Financial Crisis Papers](#)
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