

Environmental Investing Policy: The Fulcrum

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Four factors drive environmental investing: science, economics, policy, and technology. Policy is, unquestionably, the fulcrum of this relationship. Without policies that are "loud, long, and legal," innovators and investors are duly cautious about committing their intellectual and financial capital to develop, fund, and deploy technologies that tackle our most pressing environmental challenges.

In this issue, we have attempted to identify those individuals who are working to form and implement key policies that provide the necessary conditions for environmental investing. In addition to providing a brief summary of each person's contributions, we present a *Focus on* . . . article that highlights eight of these individuals who provided us with an indepth look at their unique perspectives and innovative ideas.

We thank our readers, the community at large, and our editorial and advisory boards for their nominations, which our editorial team vetted. The final decision to include a person rested solely with me. The global and interdisciplinary context of environmental policy means that we have almost certainly overlooked deserving individuals. Fortunately, our electronic format allows us to remedy this error of omission, so we invite you to submit the names and appropriate qualifications of other policymakers. We also invite those individuals featured in this issue to provide additional information to be included in a *Focus on* . . . article.

And not to be overlooked, this issue also includes three rigorous reviews of books that certainly deserve our attention and a thoughtful manuscript by Raghu Bir Bista, "Environmental Investment in Community Forest Management (CFM): A Case Study of Mid-Hill Nepal," which examines the efficacy and impact of local community investment in forest management in Nepal.

In our next issue, we will be highlighting the most influential academics in environmental investing. We are now accepting nominations, so please send us your thoughts and suggestions.

Best wishes,

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