



# Promoting Environmental Sustainability in Development

An Evaluation of the  
World Bank's Performance

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