

Factors Enhancing and Inhibiting the Effectiveness of Community Participation in Development Initiatives

This keynote address provides an overview of community participation in development practice using examples from the field and analyses the changing meaning of community participation over time. The overview includes the definitions, use and abuse of the concept “participation.” The presentation also looks into the qualities of participation that particularly enhancing and inhibiting the effectiveness of development projects through community participation by a case study method. Finally, the presentation will identify the elements of effective community participation in development projects from an international perspective.