

Prosperity or preservation?

Keynotes

Economic development has brought **benefits** to the populations of both the **more** and the **less economically developed countries** (MEDC and LEDC). Loans from international organisations enable governments to exploit their **natural resources** and to invest in **construction projects** and **industrial facilities**. This raises **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** and improves standards of living. **Environmentalists** oppose development which produces **pollution** and **endangers** the health of local people and depletes resources.