

About us

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ABOUT US

The **CERDI is a research centre on international development** established in 1976. At that time, it was the first joint-unit between the [CNRS](http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html) (http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html) - National Center for Scientific Research - and a French university dedicated to development economics.

The CERDI gathers around 35 scholars from the CNRS, the [IRD](https://en.ird.fr/) (https://en.ird.fr/) (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development) and faculties from the [Université Clermont Auvergne](http://en.uca.fr/) (http://en.uca.fr/). Our economists are working on the **macroeconomic and microeconomic aspects of economic development**.

The publications and expertise of the members of the CERDI cover all the aspects of economic development: the **engines of growth** along with the **social, economic and environmental**

consequences of development.

Key research areas are:

- development financing,
- sustainable development paths
- the integration of developing economies into the world economy.

Sub-Saharan Africa has been representing the main geographical area of study since the centre's early days. In 1995, some researchers at CERDI decided to develop a research program on the Chinese economy and created the IDREC. Today, the studies carried out at CERDI also cover South America and Eastern European countries.

The currently host around 80 PhD students. The CERDI also contribute to the post-graduate programs of the School of Economics of the Université Clermont Auvergne, including three programs entirely taught in English: development economics, international economics and finance, and the Erasmus Mundus Master Glodep.

The CERDI collaborates with the [FERDI](http://www.ferdi.fr/en/node) (<http://www.ferdi.fr/en/node>) (Foundation for study and research on international development) and the [IDDRI](https://www.iddri.org/en) (<https://www.iddri.org/en>) (Institute for sustainable development and international relations) as part of the Labex program: [IDGM+](https://cerdi.uca.fr/english-version/labex-idgm) (<https://cerdi.uca.fr/english-version/labex-idgm>).

The CERDI works regularly with French government bodies (French Development Agency, Ministries), Regional bodies (Development banks, etc.), and the International organizations (United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank) in charge of development policies and their funding.

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