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Mary Gorret Nantongo's specialty is development, environmental and institutional economics. Her research addresses questions on the links between the science, economics, and politics of climate change. She evaluates development policies and programs, in terms of understanding the processes of policy and program implementation, the costs of implementation and their impacts in terms of social welfare and ecological outcomes. She has evaluated these issues in Brazil, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam. Nantongo graduated with a bachelor's in agriculture, majoring in agricultural economics, from Makerere University, Uganda. She holds a master's in development and natural resource economics from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, where she is currently enrolled as a PhD fellow, studying development and environment studies.



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