

GEOSCIENCES AND SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS

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The socio-environmental conflicts result in the struggle between the modes of appropriation and proper utilization of physical, chemical and biological elements which depend on the reproduction of life. In other words, this results in the struggle between the mode of appropriation of natural resources and social use of air, water, soil, fauna and flora. To overcome these difficulties in this struggle game one has to make such knowledge to the society as a whole. It is relevant to emphasise the role of geosciences and the geoscientists, in particular, who should be aware of the fact that they will not be able to arrive at a possible solution acting separately to meet all the demands of the society. Thus they have to open some meeting grounds with other disciplines and make the best use of wisdom of the native population. In turn, they are faced with a lot of challenges with respect to understanding in the construction of collective identities, to identify, characterise and observe the configuration of conflicts. This poses problems of analysing well with maturity the magnitude of conflicts that is involved in this struggle game. It is very pertinent that they should not lose sight of a reference point of the situation of population of the third world in which a considerable percentage of population are miserable and outcasts. It is of paramount importance that the geoscientists use their knowledge and wisdom in the process of reaching short-cuts for a better standard of the poor and underdeveloped nations.