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The following document contains information on special international insurance industry initiatives, intergovernmental organisations (IGOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), academic centres and research institutions working on climate change issues from the economic or multi-disciplinary perspective. They are mostly observer organisations from the sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conferences and organisations with which The Geneva Association has ongoing relations, but the list also includes contributors to The Geneva Report No. 2, *The insurance industry and climate change—contribution to the global debate*.

All of the listed organisations are provided in alphabetical order, with a brief presentation of their goals and main activities in the field of climate change and environmental protection. This publication includes contact details for each organisation.

The list is not exhaustive and the decision to include organisations has been made subjectively. If you want your organisation to be listed, please send us the pertinent information and a short description of why it is relevant to the climate change/insurance dialogue. Any comments or changes should be mailed to: katarzyna_pisarska@genevaassociation.org

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Foreword

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges that society faces today. For the insurance industry it creates new risks as well as opportunities. That is why The Geneva Association members at the 2008 General Assembly in Hamilton, Bermuda, decided to launch a new research project, Climate Change and its Economic Impact on Insurance (CC+I), which is a next step in the development of the Risk Management Research Programme started by The Geneva Association over 30 years ago.

The main objectives of the CC+I research project are to identify and analyse:

- issues that are of specific relevance to the insurance industry, such as the likely range of future claims costs, new business opportunities and scenario testing;
- external challenges to be addressed at the political, educational and social levels, such as the role of government-specific provisions concerning, for e.g. building codes, zoning restrictions, etc;
- the frontier between risks and opportunities from extreme weather events, which are sudden and accidental and thus insurable, and those from climate change, which is gradual and foreseeable and thus mostly uninsurable.

The CC+I Project is directed by Walter R. Stahel, Head of the Risk Management research programme, supported by a CC+I Working Group consisting of over 20 experts from member companies of The Geneva Association and internationally renowned academic and research institutions.

In June 2009 at the General Assembly in Kyoto, Japan, 56 CEOs from the world's leading insurance and reinsurance companies signed the Kyoto Statement of The Geneva Association and thereby confirmed their commitment to measures and principles relating to the adaptation and mitigation of climate change. Furthermore, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15) in December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, The Geneva Association CC+I project, fronted by leading industry figures, delivered a presentation to delegates. The purpose of the presentation was to call on policy-makers and governments to recognise and harness the skills of the insurance industry in national and international measures to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

In September 2010 The Geneva Association as one of four leading insurance climate change initiatives launched the [Global insurance industry statement on adaptation to climate change in developing countries](#). The aim of the statement was to call on the governments worldwide to harness risk management techniques and insurance expertise to help the developing world in adaptation to climate change.

Other activities within the CC+I project are publications and the CC+I Seminars, which are open to a wider audience of experts from insurance, academia, research institutions and other relevant private sectors, as well as policy-makers.

One of the latest publications within the CC+I project is the present document of International Contacts and Links, a compendium of organisations looking at climate change and related issues from an economic perspective. The present list is a “work in progress”: it is not exhaustive, but a tool to help inform the wider public on ongoing worldwide research activities as well as insurance sector contributions to the subject.

We would like to thank the members of the CC+I Working Group for their ideas and time spent to make this publication as comprehensive as possible.

Feedback on this publication and suggestions of other organisations that should be included are welcome at any time and should be sent to Katarzyna Pisarska at katarzyna_pisarska@genevaassociation.org.

More information on Climate Change and its Economic Impact on Insurance—the CC+I Project—is available at The Geneva Association's website:

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As a part of research programme, in July 2009 The Geneva Association published a special issue of The Geneva Reports, entitled *The insurance industry and climate change—Contribution to the global debate* and in December 2009 a CC+I panel delivered a presentation at the COP15 summit in Copenhagen.

In September 2010, in collaboration with three other leading insurance climate change initiatives, The Geneva Association launched the *Global insurance industry statement on adaptation to climate change in developing countries*.

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Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) Insurance Working Group (IWG) United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

The **Insurance Working Group (IWG)** is an alliance of leading insurers and reinsurers committed to integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into their core business strategies and operations. In 2006, the IWG was established to address current and emerging sustainability issues concerning the insurance industry.

The IWG believes that the systematic analysis, integration and management of ESG risks and opportunities in core insurance processes (e.g. underwriting, product development, investment, claims management, and sales & marketing) is material to enhancing long-term company value. The Insurance Working Group collectively defines this strategic approach as “sustainable insurance”, consistent with the triple bottom line of people, planet and profit.

The Working Group strategic objectives are to:

- improve knowledge and understanding of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities;
- integrate ESG factors into core insurance processes, products and services;
- raise awareness on current and emerging sustainability issues;
- promote sustainable insurance thinking and practice;
- underpin the vital role of the insurance industry in sustainable development.

www.unepfi.org/work_streams/insurance/index.html

UNEP FI is a global partnership between UNEP and the financial sector. Over 180 institutions, including banks, (re)insurers and fund managers, work with UNEP to understand the impacts of environmental and social considerations on financial performance.

The UNEP FI **Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)** seeks to raise awareness and communicate the problem of climate change to financial institutions, policy-makers and the public at large. The CCWG’s overall mission is to:

- identify and communicate the financial sector’s role in mitigation and adaptation to climate change;
- raise awareness of the global and regional challenges of climate change not only within the sector but across all sectors and industries, including policy-makers and the public at large;
- position the financial sector as a credible and proactive partner by catalysing concrete action within the institutions;
- provide input to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process through support of the Kyoto Protocol flexible mechanisms—international emissions trading, Joint Implementation (JI) and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and other initiatives;
- continue to develop strategies to overcome political and regulatory barriers, which hinder a more proactive role for the finance industry on climate change issues.

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ClimateWise is a global collaboration of leading insurers focused on reducing the risks of climate change, whose members span Europe, North America, Southern Africa and Asia. The initiative is facilitated by the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership and all members commit to the ClimateWise Principles:

- Lead in risk analysis;
- Inform public policy-making;
- Support climate awareness amongst customers;
- Incorporate climate change into investment strategies;
- Reduce the environmental impact of insurance business;
- Report and be accountable.

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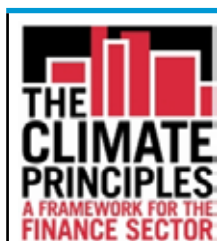
The **Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII)** was initiated by Munich Re in response to the growing realisation that insurance solutions can play a role in adaptation to climate change, as suggested in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. The initiative is formed by insurers, climate change and adaptation experts, NGOs and policy researchers intent on finding solutions to the risks posed by climate change. MCII provides a forum and gathering place for insurance-related expertise applied to climate change issues.

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The Climate Principles

The Climate Principles were launched in 2008 by a non-profit organisation The Climate Group in cooperation with major international financial institutions. The Climate Principles will not only guide operational greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction commitments, but also provide the best practices across the sector to deal with the risks and opportunities of climate change.

Every organisation adopting the Climate Principles is actively managing climate change across the full range of financial products and services.

Adopting the principles means making a commitment to:

- Minimize operational carbon footprint;
- Make business decisions that will reduce climate change risks and allow the development of climate-change related opportunities;
- Develop products and services that enable customers to manage climate change related risks and business opportunities;
- Engage with customers, suppliers and wider society to seek opportunities for a low carbon economy;
- Support the development of sound energy and climate change policy;
- Disclose progress against these commitments.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS



Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is a coalition of small islands and low-lying coastal countries that share similar development challenges and concerns about the environment, especially their vulnerability to the adverse effects of global climate change. The main purpose of the alliance is to consolidate the voices of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to address global climate change.

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Arctic Council

The **Arctic Council** was established as a high level intergovernmental forum to provide a means for promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, with the involvement of the Arctic Indigenous Communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues, in particular issues of sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic.

The scientific work of the Arctic Council is carried out in six expert working groups focusing on such issues as monitoring, assessing and preventing pollution in the Arctic, climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, emergency preparedness and prevention in addition to the living conditions of the Arctic residents.

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Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (ALCO)

(also known as the Asian Legal Consultative Committee—ALCC)

The purposes and objectives of the **Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (ALCO)** are to serve as an advisory body to its 47 member States comprising almost all the major States from Asia and Africa. AALCO provides the opportunity to exchange views, experiences, information and to communicate on issues related to international law. The organisation also examines subjects that are under consideration by the International Law Commission.

Environment and Sustainable Development is one of the important topics that this organisation is working on. It concentrates on subjects such as The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; The World Summit on Sustainable Development; The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; The Convention on Biological Diversity; and The Convention to Combat Desertification.

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Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** is a geo-political and economic organisation of 10 countries located in Southeast Asia. The aims of the Association are to accelerate economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region, and to promote regional peace and stability.

ASEAN works actively on global environment issues. Its activities are undertaken by special working groups:

- ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB);
- ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME);
- ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA);
- ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC);
- ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM);
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Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

The **Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)** coordinates the Caribbean region's response to climate change. The Centre is the key node for information on climate change issues and on the region's response to managing and adapting to climate change in the Caribbean.

CCCCC supports the people of the Caribbean as they address the impact of climate variability and change on all aspects of economic development through the provision of timely forecasts and analyses of potentially hazardous impacts of both natural and man-induced climatic changes. It also develops special programmes which create opportunities for sustainable development.

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Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)

The **Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)** is an international organisation created by Canada, Mexico and the United States under the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC).

The CEC was established to address regional environmental concerns, help prevent potential trade and environmental conflicts and to promote the effective enforcement of environmental law. The Agreement complements the environmental provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

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Comunidad Andina (CAN) Andean Community

The **Andean Community (CAN)** is a trade block comprising four South American countries that decided to join to achieve more rapid, better balanced and more autonomous development through Andean, South American and Latin American integration.

CAN has prepared *The Andean Environmental Agenda* that contains both short- and medium-term sub-regional actions regarding environmental and sustainable development issues. The Agenda provides a formulation and organisation of the Andean Strategy on Climate Change (EACC) and its corresponding Action Plan. Their purpose is to serve as a basis for coordination on the countries, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol priorities.

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Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

The **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities** was created within the Council of Europe. Its purpose is to bring together the elected representatives of the local and regional communities. It has two chambers: the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

The Congress works on the climate change issues during its sessions and prepares a number of recommendations and resolutions on that field. It also organises conferences relating to that subject.

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The **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)** is an international financial institution that supports projects in 30 countries from central Europe to central Asia. The Bank promotes entrepreneurship and fosters transition towards open and democratic market economies.

EBRD is committed to financing projects that are environmentally sound and sustainable. Environment is defined by the Bank in its broadest sense to encompass not only ecological impacts but also worker, health, safety and community issues. It promotes especially efficient use of energy and improvement in municipal and environmental services.

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European Environment Agency

The **European Environment Agency (EEA)** is an agency of the European Union. The regulation establishing the EEA came into force in late 1993 and established also the European environment information and observation network (Eionet).

EEA task is to provide sound, independent information on the environment. It is a major information source for those involved in developing, adopting, implementing and evaluating environmental policy, and also the general public. Currently, the agency has 32 member countries.

EEA's mandate is to help the community and member countries make informed decisions about improving the environment, integrating environmental considerations into economic policies and moving towards sustainability.

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European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)

The main purpose of the **European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)** is to operate a system of meteorological satellites monitoring atmosphere, ocean and land surfaces which deliver weather and climate-related satellite data, images and products.

In the field of climate change, EUMETSAT's mission is to provide satellite-based climate data records over decades, to monitor the Earth and its atmosphere continuously and reliably. EUMETSAT's satellite systems also include the data processing and archiving processes that are needed to provide the information on the status and dynamics of the Earth's climate.

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The **Global Environmental Facility (GEF)** is a global partnership among 178 countries, international institutions, non-governmental organisations and the private sector to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives. It provides grants for projects related to six focal areas: biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer and persistent organic pollutants. The GEF is also the designated financial mechanism for a number of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) or conventions. It assists countries in meeting their obligations under the conventions that they have signed and ratified.

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Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE International)

The **Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE International)** consists of senior cross-party members of parliament from all G8 countries and the +5 countries of Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa.

GLOBE's objective is to support ambitious political leadership on issues of climate and energy security, land-use change, ecosystems, and economic and population growth. It facilitates the high level negotiated policy positions from leading legislators across the G8+5 parliaments and from regional dialogues, which are informed by business leaders and key international experts. GLOBE has a particular interest in the role that international financial institutions can play.

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Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)

The **Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)** is an organisation supported by 19 countries in the Americas dedicated to pursuing the principles of scientific excellence, international cooperation and the full and open exchange of scientific information to increase the understanding of global change phenomena and their socio-economic implications.

IAI works on understanding climate change and variability in the Americas. The goals are to understand the role of the ocean-land-atmosphere interactions in climate, to determine the key processes that cause climatic variability, from seasonal to decadal time scales and to apply the insight gained by these findings to improve weather and climate predictions.

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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of climate change.

The IPCC is a scientific body. It reviews and assesses the most recent scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced worldwide relevant to the understanding of climate change. There are thousands of scientists from all over the world who contribute to its work on a voluntary basis. This is the reason why differing viewpoints existing within the scientific community are reflected in the IPCC reports.

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International Environment House (IEH)

The **International Environmental House (IEH)** gathers under a common roof a range of United Nations and non-governmental organisations active in the field of environment and sustainable development in the Geneva area. It aims to foster synergies and encourage partnership between the different organisations, secretariats and environmental institutions and to raise awareness of the considerable potential for international environmental collaboration in Geneva.

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International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in Washington, DC. It promotes sustainable private sector investment in developing countries as a way to reduce poverty and improve people's lives.

Tackling climate change in developing countries is one of the World Bank Group's priorities. To help its clients understand and respond to the risks of climate change, IFC aims to develop best practices in assessing private sector risk and adaptation strategies.

IFC is also developing new methods to calculate the carbon footprint of its investments, test the implications of assigning a price to carbon as a proxy for climate change costs, identify the financial risks of climate change, and evaluate how corporate value may be differentially affected by climate change policies.

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International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

The **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** helps to find pragmatic solutions to the most pressing environment and development challenges. It supports scientific research, manages field projects all over the world and brings governments, non-governmental organisations, United Nations agencies, companies and local communities together to develop and implement policy, laws and best practices.

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International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

The **International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)** aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development, with the goal of reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards and related technological and environmental disasters.

The mandate of UNISDR is to act as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure that disaster risk reduction becomes integral to sound and equitable development, environmental protection and humanitarian action.

The ISDR promotes four objectives as tools towards reaching disaster reduction for all:

- increase public awareness to understand risk, vulnerability and disaster reduction globally;
- obtain commitment from public authorities to implement disaster reduction policies and actions;
- stimulate interdisciplinary and intersectoral partnerships, including the expansion of risk reduction networks;
- improve scientific knowledge about disaster reduction.

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Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

The **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** is an international organisation of Parliaments. It serves as a focal point for world-wide parliamentary dialogue among legislators representing every political system and all the main political leanings in the world.

IPU has several areas of activity that comprise: *Environment* and *Economic and social development*. For the organisation the concept of sustainable development goes further than only linking environmental considerations to economic growth. The InterParliamentary Union has prepared a *World Directory* of parliamentary bodies dealing with the environment in order to promote contacts and stimulate information exchange.

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Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)

The **Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)** is an international finance institution, established by the five Nordic countries. It has financed a wide range of environmental projects in Central and Eastern European countries.

From its headquarters in Helsinki, NEFCO's activities are focused on projects that achieve cost-effective environmental benefits across the region. NEFCO prioritises projects that reduce release of climate gases, improve the ecological status of the Baltic Sea or mitigate release of toxic pollutants.

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Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** is an international organisation of 30 countries that accept the principles of representative democracy and free-market economy.

Concerning the environment and climate change issues, OECD provides governments with the analytical basis to develop environmental policies that are effective and economically efficient, including through performance reviews, data collection, policy analysis and projections.

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Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

The mission of the **Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)** is to assist in solving environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe. REC provides information on the environment promotes public participation and encourages cooperation among regional stakeholders in the environment, including nongovernmental organisations, governments and businesses.

The areas that the Center works in include biodiversity, climate change, environmental law, environmental policy, renewable energy, sustainable development and waste management.

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South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)

The **South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)** was established by the South Asian governments to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.

The mission of SACEP is to promote regional co-operation in the field of environment in the context of sustainable development and on issues of economic and social development, which also impinge on the environment and vice versa. The organisation supports conservation and management of natural resources of the region, works closely with all national, regional, international, governmental and nongovernmental institutions, as well as experts and groups engaged in such cooperation and conservation efforts.

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The World Bank

The World Bank is a source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world, whose goal is to reduce poverty. It is made up of two development institutions owned by 186 member countries: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA). The IBRD aims to reduce poverty in middle-income and creditworthy poorer countries, while IDA focuses on the world's poorest countries.

The World Bank raises awareness and understanding of the challenges and opportunities of climate change for developing countries. It works on a comprehensive strategy to help address climate challenges and launches extensive global consultations.

The Strategic Framework for Development and Climate Change, launched by The World Bank in 2008, takes a demand-based approach to identify new business opportunities for developing countries and help them cope with new risks. Its aim is to facilitate both growth objectives and poverty reduction goals, while recognising the added costs and risks of climate change. The Framework objective is also to guide the specific strategies and business plans in the climate sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, natural resources, water, energy and health.

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United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** coordinates United Nations environmental activities at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community. The organisation's headquarters are in Nairobi, Kenya. It has six regional offices and various country offices.

The climate change work of UNEP focuses on:

- **Adaptation:**
UNEP's climate change adaptation strategy focuses on building the resilience of ecosystems and economies that are most vulnerable to climate change in developing countries. This is supported through technical, policy and financial interventions;
- **Mitigation:**
UNEP activities facilitate access to energy markets and accelerate the development and dissemination of affordable clean energy technologies and processes;
- **Improving understanding of climate change science:**
With diverse collaborating partners, UNEP facilitates the development of better climate data and improved scientific methods and assessment tools for determining possible impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation needs related to long-term climate change and short-term increased variability;
- **Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD);**
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United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

The **United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)** is an unique global partnership between the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the financial sector.

UNEP FI works closely with over 170 financial institutions who are signatories to the UNEP FI Statements and a range of partner organisations to develop and promote links between the environment, sustainability and financial performance. Through regional activities, a comprehensive work programme, training programmes and research, UNEP FI carries out its mission to identify, promote, and realise the adoption of best environmental and sustainability practice at all levels of financial institution operations.

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United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** is an international environmental treaty produced at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), informally known as the Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The objective of the treaty is to set an overall framework for intergovernmental efforts to tackle the challenge posed by climate change. It recognises that the climate system is a shared resource whose stability can be affected by industrial and other emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The treaty itself sets no mandatory limits on greenhouse gas emissions for individual countries and contains no enforcement mechanisms. Instead, it provides for updates, called “protocols” that would set mandatory emission limits. The principal update is the Kyoto Protocol, which was adopted in 1997.

The UNFCCC is also the name of the United Nations Secretariat charged with supporting the operation of the Convention. The UNFCCC Secretariat works in close collaboration with a variety of international and regional research programmes and organisations active in climate change-related research and facilitates dialogue and communication on the research needs and priorities expressed by Parties of the Convention to the scientific community.

The main functions of the Secretariat are to:

- to make practical arrangements for sessions of the Convention and Protocol bodies;
- to monitor implementation of the commitments under the Convention and the Protocol through collection, analysis and review of information and data provided by Parties;
- to assist Parties in implementing their commitments;
- to support negotiations, including through the provision of substantive analysis;
- to maintain registries for the issuance of emission credits and for the assigned amounts of emissions of Parties that are traded under emission trading schemes;
- to provide support to the compliance regime of the Kyoto Protocol;
- to coordinate with the secretariats of other relevant international bodies, notably the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its implementing agencies (UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and other relevant conventions.

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World Economic Forum

The **World Economic Forum** is an independent international organisation. It strives towards a world-class corporate governance system where values are as important as rules. The World Economic Forum believes that economic progress without social development is not sustainable, while social development without economic progress is not feasible.

The Council works on the Climate Change initiative to guidance on how to link designs for economic stimulus measures and the post-Kyoto climate regime, so as to maximise the opportunity for business investment in low-carbon prosperity.

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World Health Organization

World Health Organization (WHO)

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. The organisation is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

WHO runs the following programmes and projects concerning the climate change research:

- Climate change and human health:
- WHO supports Member States in protecting public health from the impacts of climate change, and provides the health-sector voice within the overall UN response to this global challenge;
- Environmental health in emergencies:
WHO aims to strengthen capacity in countries, particularly developing countries and those in economic transition, to deal with environmental health issues in emergencies. In addition, it provides support to countries during emergencies when needed;
- Public health and environment:
- The organisation researches environmental influence on human health caused by exposures to physical, chemical and biological risk factors, and through related changes in people behaviour in response to those factors;
- Quantifying environmental health impacts:
- WHO examines and compares the burden due to various environmental risk factors with other risk factors or diseases.

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World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

The **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** is an intergovernmental organisation with a membership of 189 Member States and Territories. Established in 1950, WMO became the specialised agency of the United Nations for meteorology (weather and climate), operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences. It is the UN system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources. WMO has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

WMO scientific and technical programmes are:

- World Weather Watch (WWW) Programme;
- World Climate Programme (WCP);
- Atmospheric Research and Environment Programme (AREP);
- Applications of Meteorology Programme (AMP);
- Hydrology and Water Resources Programme (HWRP);
- Education and Training Programme (ETRP);
- Technical Cooperation Programme (TCOP);
- Regional Programme (RP);
- WMO Space Programme (SAT);
- Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (DRR).

WMO also co-sponsors the following programmes:

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC);
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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS



Action for a Global Climate Community (AGCC)

The **Action for a Global Climate Community (AGCC)** is an organisation facilitating talks between government officials, climate specialists and civil society groups throughout the world on the creation of a “Global Climate Community” based on equity, solidarity and shared responsibility.

AGCC is engaged in the development of a new initiative within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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American Geophysical Union (AGU)

The **American Geophysical Union (AGU)** is a worldwide scientific community that advances, through unselfish cooperation in research, on the understanding of Earth and space that is used for the benefit of humanity.

The Union welcomes all people from academia, governments, industries and other circles who share its interest or who seek to apply this knowledge to solve the problems that society is facing.

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Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN)

The **Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN)** promotes the development of Australia's manufacturing, agricultural and industrial resources by:

- providing information, advice and a forum for the analysis and formulation of public policy-making on climate change;
- consulting with government and other opinion leaders on the adoption of a principled national and international greenhouse policy framework within which effective, equitable, efficient and appropriate domestic greenhouse gas abatement actions are developed and implemented, consistent with sustainable development;
- contributing to the international climate change debate including the provision of advice to the Australian delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change meetings.

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Business Roundtable

The **Business Roundtable** is an association of Chief Executive Officers of leading U.S. companies with more than US\$5 trillion in annual revenues and nearly 10 million employees. The organisation works in five distinct focus areas called Initiatives. Its members directly research, supervise preparation of position papers, recommend policy and lobby American Congress and the administration.

Sustainable Growth Initiative is one of the focus areas—it concentrates on environmental and energy challenges the world is facing.

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CARBON DISCLOSURE PROJECT

Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)

The **Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)** mission is to collect and distribute high quality information that motivates investors, corporations and governments to take action to prevent dangerous climate change.

CDP encourages private and public sector organisations to measure, manage and reduce emissions and climate change impacts.

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Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP)

The **Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP)** is an independent think tank working on climate and air quality policy at the local, U.S. national and international levels. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it helps policy-makers around the world develop, promote and implement innovative, market-based solutions to major climate, air quality and energy problems that balance both environmental and economic interests.

Current CCAP climate and air quality initiatives worldwide include:

- Multi-stakeholder dialogues;
- Education and outreach;
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- Technical analyses of emission mitigation and climate adaptation options;
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Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development "ECOAccord"

The main goal of the **Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development "ECOAccord"** is to contribute to the process of transition to sustainable development by:

- searching new approaches and solutions for environmental, economic and social problems at global, national and local levels;
- raising broad public awareness on issues of environment and sustainable development.

All the ECO-Accord founders have graduated from different departments of the Moscow Lomonossov State University and used to be activists of Moscow University Youth Council for Environmental Protection. Environmental and sustainable development problems came to be the first priority for both their public activities and research.

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Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)

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Chatham House

The mission of the **Chatham House** is to be a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all.

Energy, Environment and Resource Governance is one of the research areas. The programme seeks to advance the international debate on energy, environment and policy development to influence and enable decision-makers, governments, NGOs and businesses to make well-informed decisions that contribute to achieving sustainable development.

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Clean Air Task Force (CATF)

The **Clean Air Task Force (CATF)** is an organisation dedicated to restoring clean air and healthy environment through scientific research, public education, and legal advocacy.

CATF is made up of 20 senior scientists, lawyers, MBAs, economists, and public outreach professionals. It is headquartered in Boston but located throughout the United States.

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Climate Action Network (CAN)

The **Climate Action Network (CAN)** is a worldwide network of over 450 NGOs working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.

CAN promotes a parallel three track approach to mitigate climate change which includes a Kyoto track, a "Greening" (decarbonisation) track and an Adaptation track. The goal of this approach is to facilitate action that will prevent harmful climate change and keep global warming as far below 2°C as possible.

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CLIMATE INSTITUTE



Climate Institute

The **Climate Institute**'s mission is to catalyse innovative and practical solutions for climate change adaptation, mitigation and climate stabilisation, contribute to scientific research and communicate the results of that research. It creates partnership among policy-makers, scientists, the public and environmental institutions at the local, national and international levels. The Institute provides objective and comprehensive information on climate change risks and potential responses.

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Climate Strategies

The **Climate Strategies** mission is to assist governments in solving the collective problem of climate change. It convenes international groups of experts to provide a rigorous, fact-based and an independent assessment on international climate change policy. **Climate Strategies** aims to connect leading applied research on international climate change issues to the policy process and public debate, raising the quality and coherence of advice provided on policy formation. To effectively communicate insights into climate change policy, the organisation works with decision-makers in governments and business.

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The **ClimateNet** purpose is to promote measures which contribute to the prevention of the anthropogenic climate change as well as to the adaptation of the negative effects of climate change through:

- promotion of scientific offspring;
- organisation of public information meetings;
- publications;
- educational measures in form of seminars, conferences and lectures;
- initiation of pilot projects for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions or for adaptation to climate change;
- networking of relevant participants from science, economy and politics;
- introduction of the new scientific findings as well as discussion points into the (climate) political discourse.

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Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

The **Environment Defense Fund (EDF)** is a national organisation representing more than 700,000 members. It links science, economics and law to create innovative, equitable and cost-effective solutions to society's most urgent environmental problems.

It is dedicated to protecting the environmental rights. Among these rights are access to clean air and water, healthy nourishing food and flourishing ecosystems.

As an American organisation, EDF pays special attention to American environmental problems and to America's role in both causing and solving global environmental problems.

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Environmental Quality Protection Foundation

The **Environmental Quality Protection Foundation** is committed to promoting environmental sustainability both globally and in Taiwan. It strives to ensure a secure, healthy, high-quality of life for both present and future generations. Its projects encompass a diverse array of environmental issues including climate change, ozone layer depletion, Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), GMO's, water resources conservation and biodiversity. The Foundation served as an observer of both the UNFCCC and the Global Environment Facility.

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Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia (ESANS)

The **Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia (ESANS)** serves as a collective voice of its members to promote and develop the environmental industry in Nova Scotia and across Canada. ESANS members are representatives of public and private industry sectors.

The Association is dedicated to the promotion of products, services and organisations for the advancement of the environmental industry.

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European Business Council for Sustainable Energy (e5)

The **European Business Council for Sustainable Energy (e5)** is a business-focused initiative with the purpose of advocating the full potential of sustainable energy in the European Union. It advocates policy frameworks that establish a level playing field for producers of sustainable energy. e5 stands for the five principles of a sustainable energy future: energy, economy, efficiency, environment and employment. Its aim is to restructure energy supply and demand, enhancing European economic efficiency and prosperity for the future, without causing irreparable damage to the environment.

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European Climate Forum (ECF)

The **European Climate Forum (ECF)** is a platform for joint studies and science-based stakeholder dialogue on climate change. It brings together representatives of different parties concerned with the climate problem. The core activity of ECF is to define and carry out joint studies that provide arguments for long-term climate mitigation and adaptation of policies ultimately leading toward a sustainable development path.

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European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

The **European Environmental Bureau (EEB)** aims to promote knowledge and understanding of the current and potential EU environmental and sustainable development policies, so that this will generally lead to continuous improvement mobilisation. The EEB office in Brussels closely coordinates EU-oriented activities with EEB Members at national levels across Europe. It works also in ad-hoc coalitions with representatives of other interest groups when appropriate.

The organisation contributes to ensuring that the EU fully complies with its Kyoto obligations and that the EU plays its part in helping to achieve an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement for the post 2012 period. Beyond this, the EEB is contributing to the climate change campaign through work on environmental tax reform and by highlighting links between climate and waste, agriculture, air pollution and Integrated Pollution Prevention Control. Lately it has started a campaign on energy efficiency of buildings.

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European Partners for the Environment (EPE)

The **European Partners for the Environment (EPE)** is a multi-stakeholder forum bringing together public authorities, companies, trade unions, research institutes, environmental organisations, NGOs and civil society groups. Its mission is to improve cross-sectoral collaboration and joint initiatives to align business, capital, markets and society more closely with the sustainability agenda. EPE builds the ground for consensus on sustainability and serves as a catalyst, in Europe and around the world, to achieve into the future a better balance between the environmental, social and economic elements of life.

The organisation brings together a wide range of players applying the concept of “Leadership Through Partnership” to advance system change towards resource efficiency and sustainable development.

Its two current main programmes are:

- The European Platform on Finance & Eco-Innovation,
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European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT)

The **European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT)** is an informal forum bringing together around 45 Chief Executives and Chairmen of major multinational companies of European parentage covering a wide range of industrial and technological sectors.

Much of the work is done by the Working Groups. They are chaired by ERT Members and comprise Members, Associates and experts from the companies behind ERT Members. The Working Groups take a leading role in the drafting of official ERT messages and positions.

Energy and Climate Change is one of the current working groups. It seeks to create a holistic approach to energy and climate change in order to bring about the drastic changes that are needed, both at technical and regulatory levels.

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Fauna & Flora International

Fauna & Flora International was the world's first international conservation organisation. The pioneering work of its founders in Africa led to the creation of numerous protected areas. Expanding beyond its African origins, the organisation succeeded in giving conservation a voice on the international stage. Fauna & Flora International aims to change the policy and behaviour that contribute to biodiversity loss. To do this, it engages with a wide range of governments and non-governmental organisations and has been working to raise the profile of biodiversity within the wider global development debate.

Fauna & Flora International engages also with the commercial sector to improve its operations and reduce its impacts on biodiversity. The organisation provides support to businesses in identifying how to ensure that biodiversity concerns are built into all levels of decision-making within the company.

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Fundación Ecológica Universal

Fundación Ecológica Universal (FEU)

The **Fundación Ecológica Universal (FEU)** works to improve the environment and to achieve a more sustainable development by using and distributing carefully analysed information.

FEU objectives are:

- to increase awareness and promote sustainable development;
- to create and strengthen networks with civil society organisations, mass media and other stakeholders;
- to develop policies and strategies;
- to strengthen the capacity of individuals to participate in its activities.

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Fundación Mapfre is a Spanish institution set up in 1975 to promote and finance not-for-profit activities of general interest through five institutes specialising in Social Welfare, Insurance Sciences, Culture, Prevention, Health & the Environment, and Road Safety.

The institution has widely promoted its work in Spain and Latin America, thus consolidating its commitment to development and progress in society. The institution publishes the *La Fundación* magazine to inform the public about its aims and the various kinds of projects in which it is involved.

Fundación Mapfre is made up of five institutes: the Cultural Institute, the Social Welfare Institute, the Institute of Prevention, Health & the Environment, the Road Safety Institute and the Insurance Sciences Institute. The aim of the last one is to promote educational activities and research in the field of corporate insurance and risk management. In addition, the institute has set up a Documentation Centre specialised in insurance, risk management and safety.

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The main tasks of the **German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)** are to:

- analyse global environment and development problems and report on these;
- review and evaluate national and international research in the field of global change;
- provide early warning of new issue areas;
- identify gaps in research and to initiate new research;
- monitor and assess national and international policies for the achievement of sustainable development;
- elaborate recommendations for action and research;
- raise public awareness and heighten the media profile of global change issues.

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Germanwatch

Germanwatch is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation seeking to influence public policy over trade, the environment, and relations between countries in the industrialised north and underdeveloped south. The organisation collates a variety of economic and social data to formulate position papers, often in partnership with other NGOs. Particular areas of interest include trade in food and agricultural policy, climate change, and corporate accountability.

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Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

The **Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)** was established by an initiative of the Japanese government. It is a research institute that conducts pragmatic and innovative strategic policy research to support sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Among others IGES works on research projects such as: *Climate Policy, Biofuels, Forest Conservation, Waste and Resources* and *Business and the Environment*.

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International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

The **International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)** is a non-governmental organisation gathering national science organisations covering all fields of Arctic research. IASC's main aim is to initiate, develop and coordinate leading edge scientific activity in the Arctic region and on the role of the Arctic in the Earth's system. It also provides objective and independent scientific advice to the Arctic Council and other organisations on issues of science affecting the management of the Arctic region.

The organisational needs of IASC are served by the IASC Secretariat, located in Potsdam, Germany.

- IASC gives priority to interdisciplinary projects relevant to Arctic science issues which require international cooperation. This is achieved by:
- framing issues in thematic terms;
- bringing together the physical, biological and social science;
- strengthening the dialogue between science and policy;
- addressing the concerns of those who live in the Arctic.

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International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)

The **International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)** was founded as a public interest organisation with the aims of promoting the exchange of information on the legal, administrative and policy aspects of environmental conservation and sustainable development, to support new initiatives in this field and to encourage advice and assistance through its network.

ICEL supports legal studies in the field of trade and the environment. It cooperates with its sister foundation the Elizabeth Haub Foundations for Environmental Law and Policy, operating in the U.S. and Canada.

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Kyoto Club

The **Kyoto Club** is an Italian organisation whose members are business companies, associations, local municipalities and governments engaged in reaching the greenhouse gases reduction targets set by the Kyoto Protocol. To reach its goals, the organisation promotes awareness-raising in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and sustainable mobility. It organises training courses, legislative and technological workshops, conferences and seminars.

The Kyoto Club puts policy proposals forward to public decision-makers to make their energy connected decisions more and more environmentally friendly.

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Met Office

The **Met Office** specialises in weather and climate issues. It provides basic weather information, weather-related warnings and public access to historic weather information. It improves weather and climate predictions through specialised research.

The Office works with a variety of industries from aviation to utilities and with ministers across the United Kingdom and Europe.

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Pew Center on Global Climate Change

The **Pew Center on Global Climate Change** brings together business leaders, policy-makers, scientists and other experts to bring a new approach to a complex and often controversial issues. Its approach is based on sound science, straight talk and a belief that it is possible to work together to protect the environment while sustaining economic growth.

The Pew Center produces analysis of key climate issues and works to keep policy-makers informed. It engages the business community in the search for solutions and educates the key audiences.

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ProClim Forum for Climate and Global Change

ProClim is a Swiss forum for climate and global change issues. It seeks to facilitate both integrated research activities and the necessary links among scientists, policy-makers and the public at home and abroad.

Its objectives are:

- integration of Swiss research in international programmes;
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- information exchange and dialog with decision-makers;
- advice for research policy.

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Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI)

The **Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI)** is an independent international research institute. It has been engaged in environment and development issues at local, national, regional and global policy levels for more than a quarter of a century. SEI goal is to bring about change for sustainable development by providing integrated analysis that supports decision-makers.

Researchers are gathered into six thematic teams that tackle overarching issues like climate change, energy systems, vulnerability and governance, as well as specific problems such as water resources and air pollution.

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy

The **Business Council for Sustainable Energy** is an organisation dedicated to implementing market-based approaches to reduce pollution and provide a diverse, secure mix of energy resources. The Council was founded by senior executives in the natural gas, energy efficiency, electric utility, and renewable energy industries and offers a distinct, business-oriented perspective on energy, environmental and sustainability issues.

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THE CLIMATE GROUP

The Climate Group

The Climate Group is an independent non-profit organisation working internationally with business and political leaders to advance clean technologies and policies to cut global greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate a prosperous low carbon economy. The organisation's goal is to create a coalition of governments and the world's most influential businesses all committed to tackling climate change. To reach this objective, it helps to set the targets, create the policies, build the confidence, and generate the political willpower needed to make the changes the world requires.

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World Business Council for
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World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

The **World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)** is a CEO-led global association of some 200 companies dealing exclusively with business and sustainable development.

Its mission is to provide business leadership as a catalyst for change toward sustainable development and to support the business license to operate, innovate and grow in a world increasingly shaped by sustainable development issues.

WBCSB has four focus areas:

- *Energy and Climate;*
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World Environment Center (WEC)

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World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

The **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)** is one of the largest independent conservation global organisations. It acts locally through a network of over 90 offices in more than 40 countries around the world which vary in their degree of autonomy. The central secretariat for the network is located in Gland, Switzerland.

WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

The organisation is working actively for a new United Nations climate change treaty.

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Centre for
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Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)

London School of Economics and Political
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The **Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)** is hosted jointly by the University of Leeds and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The Centre's mission is to extend public and private action on climate change through innovative and rigorous research. It has two main policy objectives: to advance climate change policy and increase the capacity of public and private decision-makers to respond to one of the most critical challenges facing the world today; and to support a "new global deal" on climate change, both through a formal state agreement and through a wider set of actions worldwide.

The Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy runs five inter-linked research programmes:

- developing climate science and economics;
- climate change governance for a new global deal;
- adaptation to climate change and human development;
- governments, markets and climate change mitigation;
- the Munich Re Programme—Evaluating the economics of climate risks and opportunities in the insurance sector.

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Centro Euro-Mediterraneo per i Cambiamenti Climatici (CMCC) Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change

The Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change works on climate science and policy, especially on integrated, multi-disciplinarian and frontier research for understanding, controlling and adapting to climate change. Its activities are developed exclusively for the Centre's work objectives and favour collaboration among universities, national and international research bodies, territorial bodies and the industrial sector. It operates in the name and on behalf of its consortium partners.

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Columbia University Center for Climate Systems Research (CCSR)

The **Center for Climate Systems Research (CCSR)** at the Columbia University has an overriding objective to provide an enhanced understanding of the Earth's climate sensitivity and variability, as well as the forcing and feedback mechanisms that control them. The center is especially concerned with aspects of the climate system that have the potential to impact human populations and environmental stability. Its goal is to provide information that will help governments, industries and citizens to prepare for future climate-related problems or to seize the opportunities that may be presented if environmental changes can be rendered more predictable.

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Duke University Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions

The **Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions** at the Duke University aims to provide a forum for research and policy analysis in several critical areas such as: energy, climate, water, habitat, and oceans policy. It seeks to address some of the world's most pressing environmental problems through scientifically grounded, rigorous, balanced nonpartisan policy analysis and broad-based dissemination of the Institute's work.

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The **EARTH University** is a private, international, non-profit university dedicated to education in the agricultural sciences and natural resources in order to contribute to sustainable development in the tropics by seeking a balance between agricultural production and environmental preservation. Its academic program emphasizes the rational management of natural resources.

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Federal University of Rio de Janeiro Centro Clima—Centre for Integrated Studies on Climate Change and the Environment

The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro is the largest federal university of Brazil, where state-owned universities are known as the best and most qualified institutions.

Centro Clima—Centre for Integrated Studies on Climate Change and the Environment was established at the Institute for Postgraduate Studies and Research in Engineering (COPPE), on the initiative of the Environmental Quality Secretariat for Human Settlements of the Ministry of Environment (SQA/MMA).

It is specialised in the research, development of projects and scientific studies in the fields of climate change and the environment, to support the institutional capacity building. The aim of the centre is to disseminate knowledge to the social agents of the government, non-governmental, private and academic sectors, both in national and international levels.

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Forest Footprint Disclosure Project (FFD Project)

The **Forest Footprint Disclosure Project (FFD)**, a new U.K. government-supported initiative, was created to help investors identify how an organisation's activities and supply chains contribute to deforestation, and link this "forest footprint" to their value. Its aim is to create transparency and shed light on a key challenge within investor portfolios. Participating companies will be asked to disclose how their operations and supply chains are impacting forests worldwide, and what is being done to manage those impacts responsibly. They will also gain a better understanding of their own environmental dependencies, and how the changing climate and new regulatory frameworks could affect access to resources and the cost of doing business in the long term.

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Harvard University Harvard University Center for the Environment (HUCE)

The **Harvard University Center for the Environment (HUCE)** encourages research and education about the environment and its many interactions with human society. Because the most pressing problems facing natural environment are complex, often requiring collaborative investigation by scholars versed in different disciplines, HUCE draws its strength from faculty members and students from various fields including chemistry, earth and planetary sciences, engineering and applied sciences, biology, public health and medicine, government, business, economics, religion and the law.

The Center facilitates new and innovative research through seed grants, stimulating visiting scholars to campus and offering research opportunities. Its main research areas are:

- Climate;
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The **Imperial College London** is a globally positioned science-based university, with excellent results in teaching and research.

The College runs research on climate change and environmental issues via its units such as:

Centre for Environmental Control and Waste Management (CECWM)

The Centre was founded in 1990 as the first U.K. university-based interdisciplinary centre providing an industrial focus for multidisciplinary and collaborative research on waste management and environmental engineering issues.

(www3.imperial.ac.uk/cecwm)

Centre for Environmental Policy (CEP)

The CEP is a department that was initially established in 1977 as the interdepartmental Centre for Environmental Technology and has evolved over the past 31 years to cover a wide range of science,

technology and policy research, teaching and engagement within the broad disciplines of physical and natural environment, energy, agriculture and international development. The Centre produces the highest quality research, teaching and advice on environmental matters.

www3.imperial.ac.uk/environmentalpolicy

Energy and Environment Office (EEO)

The Office was created in 1998 to initiate, support and promote interdisciplinary cross-faculty research programmes both internally and externally. It is based within the Commercial Affairs Division and also works to maximise the return on Imperial's intellectual property and expertise.

www3.imperial.ac.uk/

Grantham Institute for Climate Change

The Institute's mission is to drive climate-related research and translate it into real world impact. Drawing on Imperial's high-quality expertise across areas such as earth sciences, ecology, engineering, medicine, physics and economics, Grantham Institute focuses on improving the ability to predict the pace and scale of climate change, climate change impacts on people and ecosystems as well as strategies to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

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Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)

The **Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR)** is an advanced research institute established for carrying out research on development issues from a multi-disciplinarian point of view. It gains insights into the process of development and alternative policy options and disseminates knowledge.

Special emphasis is laid on methodology and planning techniques, resource utilisation and environment implications of technological alternatives.

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Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI) Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations

The **Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)** is an *association* examining sustainable development issues that require international coordination, such as climate change or the depletion of natural resources.

IDDRI has four focal research areas. One of them is *Climate*, which is structured around four main subjects:

- global climate governance;
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Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

The **Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)** is an independent research organisation studying policies affecting the environment in Europe and beyond. It undertakes research and consultancy on the development, implementation and evaluation of environmental and environment-related policies in Europe. It works closely with the full range of policy actors, from international agencies and the EU institutions to national government departments, NGOs and academics. The Institute's aim is to raise awareness of European environmental policy and to advance policy-making along sustainable paths.

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IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute

The **IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute** is an independent research body that has been involved since 1966 in the development of solutions to environmental problems on behalf of the business sector and the community. It deals with environmental issues from a holistic perspective with the aim of contributing to sustainable growth and promoting long-term conditions for environmental research.

IVL is divided into ten administrative units that work on subjects such as: Sustainable production, Sustainable building, Products and waste, Water, Climate and energy, Air and transport.

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Linköping University (LiU) Water and Environmental Studies (WES)

The **Linköping University (LiU)** is one of Sweden's larger academic institutions, renowned for its long-standing tradition of interdisciplinary studies and research.

The establishment of environmental research at LiU resulted in the founding of the Water and Environmental Studies (WES). It has from its start integrated social and natural science research based on the understanding that the complex water and environmental issues would gain from a close co-operation between scientists from different disciplines. The research covers a spectrum of environmental issues and questions in the borderland of nature/society and is continuously examining its future role in facing new challenges.

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Macquarie University Climate Risk Concentration of Research Excellence (CORE)

The **Climate Risk Concentration of Research Excellence (CORE)** located at the Macquarie University is a multi-disciplinary centre with expertise in climatology, water, coastal processes, geomorphology, ecology, economics, law and governance, social policy, planning and risk analysis. It works on examining the impacts of climate variability and change. The challenge of the Climate Risk CORE is to quantify and assess climate change-associated risks for key sectors such as water, food, biodiversity, economies, financial markets and national security.

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Mistra The Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research

Mistra is a foundation whose aim is to promote the development of robust research environments of the highest international class that will have a positive impact on Sweden's future competitiveness. Its research shall play a significant role in solving major environmental problems and will contribute to the development of a sustainable society. The potential for achieving industrial applications shall be realised as far as possible.

Mistra funds about 20 programmes. It puts major investment in interdisciplinary research programmes stimulating innovation, new options and new forms of cooperation, benefiting Swedish environmental research.

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Münster University of Applied Sciences (MUAS)

The aim of the **Münster University of Applied Sciences (MUAS)** is to be the top address for practical education and research, which is conducted in the field of six competence areas.

The competence area *Construction/Environment/Resources* focuses on planning, construction and the maintenance of buildings. A main emphasis is put on sustained dealing with resources for environmental protection and thereby the creation of a quality of life.

There are the following interdisciplinary focal areas:

- Eco-friendly manufacturing technology: dry processing, minimal lubrication;
- Eco-friendly seal technology: prevention of pollutant emission;
- Utilisation of biomass for energy and substances;
- Facility management, integral planning, public/private partnership;
- Water in the urban space measuring, modelling, managing.

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National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

The **National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)** was founded in 1551 under the name Royal and Pontifical University of Mexico. It is a public university, the biggest in Mexico and Ibero-America. The fundamental aim of the UNAM is to serve both the country and humanity, train professionals, organise and carry out research, mainly on national problems and conditions, and offer cultural benefits in the broadest sense possible.

The university has excelled in various areas of research and houses many of Mexico's premiere research institutions. There are several research centres and programmes working on climate change and environmental issues:

- Centre of Atmospheric Sciences;
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Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

The **Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)** conducts interdisciplinary research in the natural and social sciences to study global change and its impacts on ecological, economic and social systems. PIK gathers scientists from the following research domains: Earth System Analysis, Climate Impacts and Vulnerabilities, Sustainable Solutions and Transdisciplinary Concepts & Methods. The aim is to examine the Earth system's capacity for withstanding human interventions and devise strategies for a sustainable development of humankind and nature. The Institute provides also regional, national and international authorities as well as other policy-makers with sound information and tools for sustainable development.

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Princeton University Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI)

The **Princeton University** simultaneously strives to be one of the leading research universities and the outstanding undergraduate college.

The **Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI)** is an interdisciplinary center, committed to advancing knowledge, creating awareness and developing the next generation of leadership in the environmental field. PEI works on several high-profile environmental research initiatives, such as climate change, energy, conservation, biodiversity, water and infectious diseases.

The Princeton University, in partnership with BP and Ford Motor Company, contributes to the activity of the Carbon Mitigation Initiative (CMI), whose goal is to find solutions to the carbon and climate problems. Its unique approach brings together scientists, engineers, and policy experts to design carbon mitigation strategies that are safe and effective, as well as being affordable.

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Purdue University Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC)

The **Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC)** at the Purdue University was established to serve as a crucible for interdisciplinary research on climate change and its ecological, social, economic and political impacts. It is built on a foundation of scientific excellence, interdisciplinary perspective and the momentum generated by a new, multi-departmental faculty hiring plan.

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Stanford University Woods Institute for the Environment

The **Woods Institute for the Environment** at Stanford University harnesses the expertise and imagination of leading academics and decision-makers to create practical solutions for people and the planet. It uses pioneering innovative approaches to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century—from climate change to sustainable food supplies and ocean conservation.

The Woods Institute carries out its mission by:

- Sponsoring research that leads to new solutions to global environmental sustainability issues;
- Infusing science into policies and practices of the business, government and NGO communities;
- Developing strong environmental leaders for today and the future;
- Serving as a catalyst and a hub for the university's interdisciplinary work in environmental research, education and action.

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The Australian National University (ANU) ANU Climate Change Institute

The **Australian National University Climate Change Institute** has a mission to contribute to climate change solutions through innovative, interdisciplinary approach to research and teaching. It draws on the wealth of expertise across the University's seven Colleges, and connects its work to governments, the private sector and civil society.

The Institute conducts research on a broad spectrum of climate-related areas, such as:

- Understanding the climate system;
- Human dimensions of climate change;
- Climate change and the Asia-Pacific region;
- Mitigation: energy, economics & institutions;
- Adapting to the impacts of climate change.

The ANU Climate Change Institute also plays a strong role in bringing together interdisciplinary teams designed to tackle the most complex climate change problems.

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The Heinz Center

The Heinz Center is dedicated to improving the scientific and economic foundation for environmental policy through multisectoral collaboration. Focusing on issues that are likely to confront policy-makers, the Center creates and fosters collaboration among industry, environmental organisations, academia and governments in each of its programmes and projects.

The Center is actively involved in all aspects of environmental policy-making from identification of a problem through the crafting of recommendations to implementation of a policy. This philosophy gives the leading policy-makers and practitioners from governments, industry, environmental organisations and universities an opportunity to work together to identify pressing environmental challenges and to agree upon ways of meeting those challenges.

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The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

The **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** is one of the foremost social science universities in the world. Through its research centres, LSE contributes actively to the understanding of a climate change phenomena.

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, chaired by Lord Stern of Brentford, author of the 2006 *Stern Review*, brings together international expertise on economics, finance, geography, the environment, international development and political economy to establish a centre for policy-relevant research and training in climate change and the environment.

The Centre for Environmental Policy and Governance brings together the wealth of research expertise across the social science disciplines at LSE to address critical environmental policy questions. These include climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Centre hosts a variety of academic and practitioner seminars, workshops and public events.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

The University of Tokyo Center for Climate System Research

The **Center for Climate System Research** was established at The University of Tokyo in order to promote research activities in climate systems by using climate models and to provide facilities for the collaborative utilisation by investigators in this research field in national universities throughout Japan.

The Center is divided into two sections: Climate System Modelling and Climate Variability Research.

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Tongji University Shanghai College of Environmental Science and Engineering

The **College of Environmental Science and Engineering** of Tongji University was one of the earliest institutes for environmental education and research in China. Currently, the college comprises three specialty programs: Environmental Engineering, Municipal Engineering (Water Supply and Sewage) and Environmental Science. The research fields cover pollution control engineering, environmental planning and management, water resource, urban water supply and sewage, environmental chemistry and environmental biology engineering.

With the aim to enhance scientific research and elite cultivation of global environment and sustainable development, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and Tongji University have jointly established the UNEP-TJU Institute for Environment and Sustainable Development in line with the signed Cooperation Agreement in 2005.

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Tsinghua University Global Climate Change Institute (GCCCI)

The **Global Climate Change Institute (GCCCI)** is a representative research centre at Tsinghua University, engaged in fundamental climate change policy studies. It provides strategy advice, technical support and sound policy to national policy-makers on mitigation of climate change. In particular, GCCCI works on Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM) policies, methodologies, technology options for CDM projects, project development and international cooperation on CDM, as well as international negotiations under the Kyoto Protocol.

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Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research

The **Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research** has six core partners: the University of East Anglia, University of Manchester, University of Southampton, University of Oxford, University of Newcastle, and the University of Sussex.

The objective of the Centre is to become an internationally recognised source of high quality and integrated climate-change research and to exert a seminal influence on the design and achievability of the long-term strategic objectives of the climate policy.

It brings together scientists, economists, engineers and social scientists, who are working together to develop sustainable responses to climate change through trans-disciplinary research and dialogue on both a national and international level—not just within the research community, but also with business leaders, policy advisors, the media and the public in general.

The Tyndall Centre is guided by two key objectives relating to mitigation and adaptation:

- to identify and analyse the opportunities, benefits and social, technical and economic challenges associated with different greenhouse gas stabilisation pathways at different temporal and spatial scales;
- to explore, evaluate and facilitate sustainable routes for adapting to climate change through policy, behavioural and technological innovation and robust decision-support tools.

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Universidad Externado de Colombia (Externado University of Colombia)

Instituto de Estudios Interdisciplinarios (Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies)

Universidad Externado de Colombia is a private university, one of the most traditional and prestigious universities in Colombia highly noted and honoured in all Latin America.

The **Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies** is engaged in running research projects in the field of social studies as well as providing advice on research methodology for teachers and students. It offers interdisciplinary courses and is open to the entire academic community. The Institute hosts the headquarters of the Interfaculty Commission for Ecology Studies.

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The **National University of Colombia** is a public, national research university established in 1867. The university is the largest higher education institution of the country, with a main campus in the City of Bogotá and six satellite campuses located in the cities of Medellín, Manizales, Palmira, Arauca, Leticia and San Andrés.

The mission of the **Institute of Environmental Studies** is to extend the knowledge concerning the complex relations between the society and the environment and to contribute to the sustainable use of natural resources. It is an interdisciplinary unit, opened to cooperating with private companies and NGOs.

The research programmes conducted by the institute are currently:

- Economy and Environment Programme;
- Urban Environmental Studies Programme and Environmental Management;
- Environmental Agricultural Studies Programme;
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- Development and Environment Programme, Mathematical Models;
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The **Centre for Economic and Social Studies on Environment (CEESE)**, created at the Free University of Brussels, is made up of a multidisciplinary research team which devotes its activities to the quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the interactions between the economy and the environment. Its studies meet two principal objectives. Thus, on the one hand, they assist decision-makers to work out environmental policies in a present or future economic and social context and, on the other hand, they contribute to fundamental research into relations between the economy and the environment. A large part of the research carried out at the CEESE takes place on the basis of networks and/or in partnership with other Belgian and European universities.

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University College London (UCL)

The **University College London (UCL)** is a British university institution and a constituent college of the University of London.

The research on climate change is undertaken by the following centres:

Environmental Change Research Centre (ECRC)

The Centre is one of UCL's many inter-disciplinary research centres. Its work concerns primarily with aquatic ecosystem change and climate change on a range of time scales, past, present and future.

(www.ecrc.ucl.ac.uk/index.php/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/)

Aon Benfield UCL Hazard Research Centre (ABUHRC)

ABUHRC is a multidisciplinary academic hazard research centre providing a conduit for the transfer of cutting-edge natural hazard and risk research, practice, and innovation from the academic environment to the business world, government and international agencies. It comprises three research groups: Geological Hazards, Meteorological Hazards & Seasonal Forecasting, and Disaster Studies & Management.

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University Luigi Bocconi Centre for Research on Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy (IEFE)

The **Centre for Research on Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy (IEFE)** located at University Luigi Bocconi is an international research centre in the fields of energy, environment policy and economics, as well as the economics and regulation of public utilities. It creates a multi-disciplinary approach and ongoing relationship with institutional and economic actors, which means that research can focus on issues that not only have a great theoretical relevance, but are also current for policy-makers and economic actors.

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University of Cambridge

The **University of Cambridge** is the second oldest university in England and the fourth oldest in Europe.

The university undertakes a wide breadth of environmental research and teaching - from developing alternative energy sources to exploring conservation methods. It runs and participates in several initiatives concentrating on climate change and environmental issues like:

Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI)

The aim of the Initiative is to secure a sustainable future for biodiversity and humanity through an effective partnership of leaders in conservation, education, public and private policy and action. It catalyzes innovative and collaborative interdisciplinary work that delivers sustainable solutions for natural resource management and enhances global leadership and knowledge exchange.

www.conservation.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge Environmental Initiatives (CEI)

The programme facilitates, supports and encourages interdisciplinary environmental research within the University of Cambridge. Its core activity is gathering and distributing information about environmental research activities in the University, as well as providing research-driven colloquia to promote networking and communication between academics with related research interests.

www.cei.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge University Energy Network (CUEN)

The Network was established to bring together the academic community to share their knowledge and interest in the generation and consumption of energy. It also serves to promote a structured, cross-disciplinary approach to teaching and research in sustainable energy.

www.cuen.org.uk/index.php

The Cambridge Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research (4CMR)

The Centre is an interdisciplinary research unit within the Department of Land Economy. 4CMR focuses on research that examines in detail climate change economics and mitigation strategies. The objectives of the research are to develop and test measures, definitions, policies and processes that are effective in mitigating climate change, illustrating and quantifying the consequences of different mitigation strategies and ensuring that the research findings are disseminated appropriately to the individual needs of key stakeholders.

www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/research/eeprg/4cmr/index.htm

University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL)

The programme is an institution within the School of Technology. CPSL works with business, government and civil society to build the capacity of leaders both to meet the needs of society and to address critical global challenges. Its events are designed to transform public and private sector policies and practices to build greater understanding of interdependence with one another and the natural world.

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University of Cape Town Energy Research Centre (ERC)

The **Energy Research Centre (ERC)** at the University of Cape Town is a multi-disciplinary centre, which pursues excellence in technology, policy, sustainable development research, education and capacity-building programmes at the local and international levels.

Energy, environment and climate change is one of ERC's research areas. It researches the intersection between energy, local environment and global climate change. It aims to contribute to minimising impacts of energy use and production, from social, economic and environmental perspectives.

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University of Colorado at Boulder Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)

The **Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)** was created at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Institute is committed to identifying and pursuing innovative research in Earth System Science and fostering public awareness of these processes to ensure a sustainable future environment. CIRES is dedicated to fundamental and interdisciplinary research targeted at all aspects of Earth System Science and to communicating these findings to the global scientific community, decision-makers and the public.

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The University of Copenhagen

The University of Copenhagen is the largest institution of research and education in Denmark. The purpose of the University is to conduct research and provide further education to the highest academic level.

In preparation to the UN Climate Conference (COP15) in December 2009 in Copenhagen, it launched a series of climate activities. One of the main activities was an international research congress held in March 2009.

The following areas present an overview of the wide range of climate research at the University of Copenhagen:

- Earth System Science;
- Atmospheric Science;
- Global warming and the Cryosphere;
- Natural Resources Management;
- Agriculture, Environment and Food Security also in Developing Countries;
- The Food System;
- Bioenergy;
- Water Resources, Stability and Human Health;
- Biodiversity and Ecology;
- Human Health;
- Environmental Governance;
- Security, Risk analysis, Migration.

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University of Delaware Center for Energy and Environmental Policy

The **Center for Energy and Environmental Policy**, established at the University of Delaware, is an institution for interdisciplinary graduate education, research and advocacy in energy and environmental policy.

The Center is composed of an internationally diverse faculty and research staff with backgrounds in a variety of disciplines including economics, sociology, geography, political science, philosophy, urban planning and environmental studies. It is led by Dr John Byrne, Distinguished Professor of Energy and Climate Policy, who shares the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his contributions to Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

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University of East Anglia (UEA)

The University of East Anglia (UEA) is one of Great Britain's premier research and teaching universities and it is committed to achieving international standards of excellence.

The Faculty of Science has a reputation of being innovative and working across the boundaries of different academic disciplines. It comprises the following research units focusing on climate change and environmental issues:

Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment (CSERG)

The Centre was established in 1991 and since then it has been on the forefront of environmental research. It acts as a part of a global network of institutes concerned with the study of environmental change and related decision-making. Within this network, CSERGE plays a pivotal role and has completed numerous, major international research projects. It is also one of the few institutes in which waste recycling, disposal and energy management issues, including life cycle analysis, have been researched and deployed in real world situations.

[\(www.uea.ac.uk/env/cserge/\)](http://www.uea.ac.uk/env/cserge/)

Climatic Research Unit (CRU)

The Climatic Research Unit is widely recognised as one of the leading institutions concerned with the study of natural and anthropogenic climate change. The Unit has developed a number of data sets widely used in climate research, including the global temperature record used to monitor the state of the climate system, as well as statistical software packages and climate models.

The aim of CRU is to improve scientific understanding in three areas:

- past climate history and its impact on humanity;
- the course and causes of climate change during the present century;
- prospects for the future.

[\(www.cru.uea.ac.uk/\)](http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/)

Centre for Environmental Risk (CER)

CER's research activity spans a wide range of disciplines from environmental sciences through geography, sociology and social psychology. Over the last decade the Centre has been at the forefront of U.K. research into the relationships between scientific risk assessment, risk policy and its communication, in public perception of risk, innovative methodologies, epidemiology and public health, geographic information systems, risk modelling and toxicology.

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University of Guelph Global Environmental Change Group

The **Global Environmental Change Group** is an applied research group based in the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph. The focus of its research is climate change vulnerability, adaptation and capacity-building. The Group's research also addresses international development, risk management, resilience, governance and livelihood enhancement.

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University of Oslo Senter for Utvikling og Miljø (SUM) (Centre for Development and the Environment)

The University of Oslo is Norway's largest and oldest institution of higher education. It seeks to be an active partner in the international academic community, stimulating academic environments to quality and cooperation in research and education.

The **Centre for Development and the Environment** was established primarily as a research institution. Research at the centre is especially concerned with comparative analysis over time and space and on different levels—global, regional and local—and interactions between these.

Research within the area of development and the environment is also carried out at several other departments, such as the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, the Department of Geology, the Department of Biology, the Department of Chemistry and the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

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University of Oxford Environmental Change Institute (ECI)

The **Environmental Change Institute (ECI)** is an interdisciplinary unit within Oxford University that undertakes research on environmental issues and fosters university-wide networks and outreach on the environment. It was designed to answer questions about how and why the environment is changing and how we can respond through public policy, private enterprise and social initiatives. The Institute is currently organised around three major research themes—*Climate*, *Energy* and *Ecosystems*. The other two important subjects that are studied in cooperation with the School of Geography and the Environment are: *Climate Systems and Policy* and *Biodiversity*.

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The University of Regina is a public research university located in Regina, Canada. The **Office of Energy and Environment (OEE)**, located at the university, undertakes a variety of initiatives to:

- create a broad understanding of the social and economic issues in the resource and energy sectors and key environmental issues—climate change—affecting these sectors;
- promote and build acceptance of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology;
- educate stakeholders and the general public on the technology and benefits of CCS and clean energy alternatives;
- develop relationships and opportunities for research and partnerships on CCS in the province, country and abroad.

The OEE director is also responsible for other Energy and Environment Centres and Institutes at the University.

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(Institute of Energy Economics
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The **Institute of Energy Economics and Rational Use of Energy (IER)** is located at the University of Stuttgart, one of the leading technical universities in Germany with highly ranked programmes in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering.

The IER's research emphases are:

- analysis and assessment of new technologies and energy systems;
- technology assessment and environmental analysis;
- development of models and decision-support systems for energy economics and energy policies;
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International Global Change Institute (IGCI)

The **International Global Change Institute (IGCI)** is a self-funding unit within the University of Waikato. IGCI is an interdisciplinary research and teaching institute, focusing on the human dimensions of global environmental change. Its goal is to integrate knowledge on the natural and human dimensions of global environmental change for use in policy development and decision-making.

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Utrecht University Department of Science, Technology and Society (STS-UU)

The **Department of Science, Technology and Society** was created within the Department of Chemistry of the Science Faculty to strengthen and coordinate the education and research activities at Utrecht University.

Its overall objective is to obtain insight and reflect critically upon the interaction between natural sciences and society. Such insights and reflection facilitates the use of technical and scientific knowledge in such a way that a sustainable development of society can be obtained. The mission of the department is to investigate which contributions science and technology can make to a sustainable development of society. This is done by both reactive and pro-active research in the areas of energy, environment and land-use.

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VU University Amsterdam Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM)

The **Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM)** is an interdisciplinary research institute at VU University, located at the Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences. Its aim is to conduct studies that are problem-oriented and useful to a wide range of audiences in science, government, industry and civil society.

The research at IVM is stimulated by confrontation with real-world problems and its unique feature is a capacity to conduct environmental studies in their societal and economic context.

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World Resources Forum (WRF)

The **World Resources Forum (WRF)** is an independent, international platform for debate on global resource consumption issues, advocating innovation for resource productivity. It is an initiative of Empa, the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Testing and Research. The WRF is building a bridge from the natural sciences and engineering to economics. It aims to equip political decisionmakers to identify realistic policy options for sustainable growth.

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Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

The **Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy** explores and develops models, strategies and instruments to support sustainable development at local, national and international levels. Sustainability research at the Wuppertal Institute focuses on ecology and its relation to economy and society. Its specialty is to take an interdisciplinary approach and work towards systems understanding. Emphasis is put on analysing and supporting technological and social innovations that decouple prosperity and economic growth from the use of natural resources.

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