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The following list provides information on **Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)** 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 Conference (COP 14) in Poznan, Poland in December 2008, 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 on inclusion has been made subjectively. Any comments or changes should be mailed to:

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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 policymaking 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 \$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:

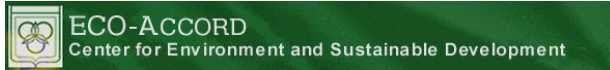
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues;
- Education and outreach;
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- Technical analyses of emission mitigation and climate adaptation options;
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**Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development
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The main goal of the Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development "ECO-Accord" 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 Lomonosov 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
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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 catalyze innovative and practical solutions for climate change adaptation, mitigation and climate stabilization, 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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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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ClimateNet

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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Ecologic Institute

The Ecologic Institute is a private think-tank for applied environmental research, policy analysis and consultancy with offices in Berlin, Brussels, Vienna and Washington, D.C. As an independent non-partisan body, the Ecologic Institute is dedicated to bringing fresh ideas to environmental policies and sustainable development. Its work programme focuses on obtaining practical results. It covers the entire spectrum of environmental issues, including the integration of environmental concerns into other policy fields.

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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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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 Center'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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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 mobilising for continuous improvement. The EEB office in Brussels closely coordinates EU-oriented activities with EEB Members at national level around Europe. It works also in ad-hoc coalitions with representatives of other interest groups when appropriate.

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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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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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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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GERMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GLOBAL CHANGE

**German Advisory Council on Global Change
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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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**Institut du développement durable et des relations
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**Institute for Sustainable Development and International
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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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- climate and development policies;
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**Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
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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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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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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 Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT)

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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 US and Canada.

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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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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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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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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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Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII)

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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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 programs;
- support of interdisciplinary collaboration and dialog;
- 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 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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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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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.

WBCSD has four focus areas:

- *Energy and Climate;*
- *Development;*
- *The Business Role;*
- *Ecosystems.*

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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 Environment Center (WEC)

The World Environment Center (WEC) is an independent organisation, working with the private sector, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and academia. It promotes sustainable development by encouraging leadership, improving health and safety practices worldwide and fostering the efficient use of natural resources to protect the global environment.

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Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie

Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

The Wuppertal Institute 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. Remarkable 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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World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

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 UN climate change treaty.

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