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# Related Links

## International Government Agencies

Promoting and or funding international development.

### **The World Bank**

The World Bank is a good source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. The World Bank also collaborates with nations in their national infrastructure projects.

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

### **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

An organization of developed countries set up the OECD "To promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world."

<http://www.oecd.org>

### **The International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

"An organization of 187 countries, working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitates international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world."

<http://www.imf.org>

### **The United Nations (UN)**

<http://www.un.org>

#### **"The Purposes of the United Nations are:**

1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;
2. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;
3. To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and
4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends."

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/chapter1.shtml>

# National and International Environmental Organizations

## A short listing of many active organizations

### Friends of the Earth

"Friends of the Earth International We are the world's largest grassroots environmental network. We campaign on today's most urgent environmental and social issues."

<http://www.foei.org/en>

### Friends of the Earth (National)

"Friends of the Earth strives for a more healthy and just world. We understand that the challenges facing our planet call for more than half measures, so we push for the reforms that are needed, not merely the ones that are politically easy."

<http://www.foe.org/>

### Sierra Club

A North American environmental & outing organization. "Fighting for the preservation of land and forest, clean air and water, and a host of other issues." Does significant lobbying of government and corporations

<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

### WWF World Wildlife Fund

"WWF's mission is to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. Our vision is to build a future in which people live in harmony with nature."

<http://worldwildlife.org/>

### Natural Resources Defense Council

NRDC, based out of the USA, is an environmental action group. With grassroots members, online activists, expert lawyers, scientists, and other professionals.

For a good listing of other environmental organizations you can also see:

<http://www.nrdc.org/reference/enviroGroups.asp>

### UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

<http://www.unep.org/>

#### UNEP work encompasses:

Assessing global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends

Developing international and national environmental instruments

Strengthening institutions for the wise management of the environment

### International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)

"INECE develops and implements practical and innovative activities that strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement at all levels of governance – local, national, regional, and international. INECE builds the capacity of compliance and enforcement stakeholders to contribute to the rule of law and good governance in areas that advance sustainable development."

"The Network is comprised of environmental regulators, investigators, prosecutors, judges, and employees of international environmental and development organizations. Officials from customs, the police, non-governmental organizations, academia, the media, and business also participate."

[www.inece.org](http://www.inece.org)

# Major National and International Space Agencies

Agencies that carry out their governments directives in developing space technologies and increasing scientific knowledge.

## **NASA, United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

<http://www.nasa.gov>

"NASA conducts its work in four principal organizations, called mission directorates:

Aeronautics: pioneers and proves new flight technologies that improve our ability to explore and which have practical applications on Earth.

Exploration Systems: creates capabilities for sustainable human and robotic exploration.

Science: explores the Earth, solar system and universe beyond; charts the best route of discovery; and reaps the benefits of Earth and space exploration for society.

Space Operations: provides critical enabling technologies for much of the rest of NASA through the space shuttle, the International Space Station and flight support."

[http://www.nasa.gov/about/highlights/what\\_does\\_nasa\\_do.html](http://www.nasa.gov/about/highlights/what_does_nasa_do.html)

## **ESA, European Space Agency**

<http://www.esa.int>

ESA: "Its mission is to shape the development of Europe's space capability and ensure that investment in space continues to deliver benefits to the citizens of Europe and the world."

[http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/About\\_ESA/index.html](http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/About_ESA/index.html)

## **ROSCOSMOS, Russian Federal Space Agency**

<http://www.roscosmos.ru/#>

"The functions of the Agency include pursuance of the state policy and legal regulation, providing state services and administration of the state space assets, as well as management of the international cooperation in joint space projects and programs, the activities of rocket and space industry entities relating to military space technologies, strategic missiles."

<http://www.roscosmos.ru/main.php?id=21>

## **China National Space Administration**

<http://www.cnsa.gov.cn>

"The aims of China's space activities are: to explore outer space, and learn more about the cosmos and the Earth; to utilize outer space for peaceful purposes, promote mankind's civilization and social progress, and benefit the whole of mankind; and to meet the growing demands of economic construction, national security, science and technology development and social progress, protect China's national interests and build up the comprehensive national strength."

From : China's Space Activities (White Paper)