

Partnerships for Sustainability Resource Centre

Welcome to the resource centre for the Partnerships for Sustainability project. This project was initiated by CIELAP as part of its ongoing work to facilitate the development of productive partnerships for sustainability. It contains information about documents (searchable database), organizations, and programs focusing on partnerships and sustainability.

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General

Organization Name	Organization Description
Brazilian LEADnet	Leadership for Environment and Development Program assists professionals in selected countries in addressing the challenges of their own countries and in working together across national and regional boundaries to advance environmentally sound development.
European Partners for the Environment	EPE is a multi-stakeholder forum which builds the ground for consensus on sustainability, on which members can more confidently plan actions. EPE 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. Dialogue built through long-term relationships between partners and strengthened by trust leads to common practical action.
InterNetwork for Sustainability	INS promotes sustainable development by making information [about sustainable development] transparent and accessible, by making its networks and resources available to people and organizations with similar goals and by creating, supporting and stimulating sustainable projects. Includes links to databases.
Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy	University Partnerships Program for Sustainability with the Sustainability Policy Unit of the government of Western Australia.
Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development	The Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) is a UNEP facilitated knowledge network of developing world centres of excellence and network partners, renowned for their work on energy, development, and environment issues. The longer-term result of GNESD is to: enhance the capacity of national institutions to develop policies and undertake planning and research efforts that integrate solutions to energy, environment and development challenges; reduce pollution from energy activities while allowing developing countries to meet growing needs for energy services.
National Council for Public-Private Partnerships	The mission of The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships is to advocate and facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships at the federal, state and local levels, where appropriate, and to raise the awareness of governments and businesses of the means by which their cooperation can cost effectively provide the public with quality goods, services and facilities. The objectives are: to serve as an advocate of public-private partnerships, to provide complete, objective, timely and useful information on the utilization of public-private partnerships to provide services and facilities to the general public, to facilitate communications between public- and private-sector members with respect to issues related to the implementation of public-private partnerships, to conduct educational, training and other activities on public-private partnerships, to provide input to the public dialogue in support of the use of public-private partnerships and removal of

impediments to their implementation and to facilitate an international dialogue on public-private partnerships in support of the foregoing objectives.

[Partnerships for Pollution Solutions](#)

About 32 innovative programs are being supported by the private sector to address environmental issues in agriculture such as manure management and runoff control. These kinds of partnerships with the private sector can leverage limited government funds to produce higher public dividends.

[Resource Renewal Institute](#)

The Resource Renewal Institute (RRI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to solving complex environmental problems by developing, promoting and facilitating innovative strategies for a sustainable future. Founded in 1985 by former California Cabinet Secretary of Resources, Huey D. Johnson, projects at RRI range from the recently launched Defense of Place conservation initiative, to ongoing projects such as Green Planning—the promotion of long-term, comprehensive governance strategies designed to achieve sustainability.

[United States-Asia Environmental Partnership](#)

The United States-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP) is a public-private initiative that promotes environmentally sustainable development in Asia. US-AEP is jointly implemented by several U.S. government agencies, under the leadership of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

[UN Commission on Sustainable Development](#)

Partnerships for sustainable development register with the CSD Secretariat to be associated with UN implementation; lists all registered partnerships (total 232) and criteria for registration.

Municipalities

Organization Name

Organization Description

[bremen initiative](#)

The bremen initiative is a global platform for all local business-municipality partnership programmes and projects aiming at sustainable development. As a campaign, its goal is to affect awareness, influence legislation and be a catalyst in developing new solutions based on best practices.

[Stockholm Partnerships for Sustainable Cities](#)

The vision of the Stockholm Partnerships for Sustainable Cities is to gather comprehensive knowledge and information on the most innovative and inspiring sustainability projects from all over the world in a grand exposure of urban solutions and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and technology from these initiatives. The Stockholm Partnerships has as its mission to facilitate for those who represent national or local governments, industry, non-governmental organisations, academia, media, finance institutions, international organisations, etc. to share knowledge and experience in the field of applied technology and management. An event was held in Stockholm in June 2002 that included 360 delegates from all over the world, an awards ceremony, an exhibition of 60 Ambassador Projects, and group discussions on four central themes: knowledge sharing, the market and sustainable development, sustainability in the information society, and responsible urban governance. The next Partnerships for Sustainable Cities program intends to build on what Stockholm achieved, adopting also the same basic

philosophies: an awards and networking program to collect, analyse and disseminate successful initiatives that demonstrate innovative policies and technology for sustainable urban development. Just as in the Stockholm program, participating projects from public sector as well as from industry will be invited. The new program is planned to start by September this year, working towards a final event in Toronto June 2005.

Policy

Organization Name	Organization Description
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Global Alliance for Building Sustainability	The focus of GABS is to build and strengthen partnerships between policy makers and practitioners to promote participation and learning amongst the many stakeholders involved in these sectors. The overriding aim is to close the gap between policy and practice, making sustainable development a reality for practitioners working for and with government, business, academia, communities and the wider world. Our shared vision is: To create an operating environment throughout the sectors of land, property, construction, facilities management, infrastructure and development in which practitioners are enabled, and able, to implement partnerships, processes and practices that deliver sustainable development.
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Sustainable Development Policy Institute	Conducts research and provides advice to public, private and voluntary organizations on sustainable development.
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Policy Research Initiative	The PRI is working with federal government departments and other partners to complete a first round of projects on governance, trade and environment, and corporate social responsibility. Simultaneously, the PRI has embarked on a process of redefining the federal government's medium-term research priorities on sustainable development. The PRI publishes Horizons as a liaison bulletin for the federal government policy research community. The core mandate of the PRI is to deepen, collect and integrate research work on crosscutting issues that are highly relevant to the Government of Canada's medium-term policy agenda. Horizons highlights the work of policy researchers from across federal departments, and from external experts, on issues that relate closely to PRI horizontal research projects and activities.
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Resources

Organization Name	Organization Description
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Global Water Partnership	The Global Water Partnership is a working partnership among all those involved in water management: government agencies, public institutions, private companies, professional organizations, multilateral development agencies and others committed to the Dublin-Rio principles. The mission of the Global Water Partnership is to "support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources."
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Transportation

Organization Name

[Centre for Sustainable Transportation](#)

Organization Description

The mission of the Centre for Sustainable Transportation is to work proactively to achieve the sustainable transportation of persons and goods in Canada through co-operative partnerships; relevant and timely research; projects; communication and dissemination of balanced information; and monitoring and support of sustainable transportation activities. Projects include Sustainable Transportation Performance Indicators.

[The Partnership Organization](#)

Public/private funded non-profit Southern Californian organization with the mission is to accelerate the deployment of Advanced Transportation Technologies (ATTs) throughout Southern California that have a positive impact the traffic congestion and air pollution created by conventional single occupant vehicles.

[Victoria Transport Policy Institute](#)

The Victoria Transport Policy Institute has identified innovative strategies for more efficient and equitable transportation. They are technically feasible and cost effective. They involve giving consumers more choices, creating a more balanced transportation system, and removing market distortions that result in excessive and economically inefficient travel choices. Reports on Transportation Cost Analysis and Potential Transportation Demand Management Strategies.

Programs Relating to Partnerships for Sustainability in Canada

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Energy

Program Name	Program Description
Energy Innovators Initiative Government of Canada	This program encourages commercial businesses and public institutions to reduce energy consumption and increase energy efficiency in existing buildings. Since April 2001, 96 organizations have received almost \$14 million in funding under this program, investments that have led to more than \$250 million worth of energy-efficiency retrofits by building owners.
Renewable Energy Deployment Initiative Natural Resources Canada	REDI is a 6-year, \$24 million program designed to stimulate the demand for renewable energy systems for space and water heating and cooling. Under REDI, NRCan undertakes market development activities, in cooperation with renewable energy industry associations and other partners, and provides an incentive for specific renewable energy systems. To encourage the private sector to gain experience with active solar and large biomass combustion systems, businesses are eligible for a refund of 25 percent of the purchase and installation costs of a qualifying system, up to a maximum refund of \$80,000. NRCan provides a similar incentive to federal departments and to public institutions. Some incentives are also provided to the residential sector for pilot projects delivered by partners. In remote communities, businesses, institutions and other organizations may be eligible for a refund of 40 percent of the purchase and installation of a qualifying system, up to a maximum refund of \$80,000.
Wind Power Production Incentive Natural Resources Canada	WPPI is intended to encourage electric utilities, independent power producers and other stakeholders to gain experience in wind power. WPPI will provide financial support for the installation of 1,000 megawatts of new capacity over the next five years. The incentive will cover approximately half of the current cost of the premium for wind energy in Canada compared to conventional sources. This incentive will be available to electricity producers for the first ten years of a project.
Market Incentive Program Natural Resources Canada	The Market Incentive Program for Distributors of Emerging Renewable Electricity Sources is an initiative to stimulate emerging markets for renewable electricity. It aims to establish such emerging renewable energy sources as full-fledged competitors in the electricity market by 2010, and to reduce current and future GHG and other air emissions from electricity generation. Funding is available through the MIP until March 31, 2006.
Aboriginal and Northern Community Action Program Government of Canada	Through the ANCAP, the Government of Canada will work with all Aboriginal and northern communities, with particular emphasis on supporting the approximately 130 remote, and Aboriginal and northern communities that rely on diesel generation as they work to improve their energy efficiency and adopt alternative energy sources to reduce their dependence on diesel fuel.

[Climate Change Action Fund](#)

Government of Canada

The Climate Change Action Fund (CCAF) was established in 1998 by the federal government to help Canada meet its commitments under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is intended to support early actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to increase understanding of the impact, the cost and the benefits of the Protocol's implementation and the various implementation options open to Canada. Through the CCAF, the Government of Canada is taking concrete and immediate steps to engage governments, businesses, communities and individual Canadians to address climate change. The CCAF is now in its final year of operation. Limited funding remains for new projects.

Commercial Building

Program Name

[New Buildings Program](#)
Natural Resources Canada

Program Description

Commercial Buildings Incentive Program (CBIP) and Industrial Buildings Incentive Program (IBIP) offer financial incentive for the incorporation of energy efficiency features in new building designs.

[Better Buildings Partnership](#)
City of Toronto

The Better Buildings Partnership program was developed to focus on curbing CO2 emission, and would take a lead role in the City of Toronto's overall CO2 reduction commitment. Better Buildings Partnership includes many programs such as The Residential Energy Awareness Program, The Large Office Building Program, The Small/Medium Commercial Buildings Program, The Multi-Residential Non-Profit Buildings Program, The In-House Energy Efficiency Program and The BBP Loan Recourse Fund.

Housing

Program Name

[Affordability and Choice Today](#)
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Program Description

ACT provides funding to community teams made up of builders, developers, renovators, architects, planners, industry association staff, municipal staff, non-profit and consumer groups, and others. ACT can provide funding to your community team for three different kinds of regulatory reform projects: Demonstration Projects, Approval Process Projects, and Promotion Projects.

[Centre for Public-Private Partnerships in Housing](#)
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

The Canadian Centre for Public-Private Partnerships in Housing provides up to \$20,000 in financial assistance through Seed Funding to housing proponents who are in the very early stages of developing a housing project proposal that will be affordable OR innovative OR community-based, or any combination of these characteristics. Proponents may be not-for-profit organizations, housing co-operatives, private entrepreneurs, or groups of individuals who may or may not intend to become incorporated. CMHC's capacity development initiative will assist housing providers in acquiring the information and skills they need to organize themselves and to develop and manage housing projects in their communities. Proposal Development Funding (PDF) loans help with the up-front expenses incurred during the process of developing an affordable housing project proposal. A PDF loan enables housing proponents to carry out the activities required to bring their proposal to

the point where they can apply for mortgage financing. Loans of up to \$100,000 are available for affordable housing project proposals by non-profit or private sector proponents who can demonstrate that their intended housing project can meet CMHC's affordability criteria.

[EnerGuide for Houses
Retrofit Incentive](#)

Natural Resources Canada

A grant program to encourage homeowners, particularly those who have older homes that are in need of energy efficiency upgrades, to retrofit their homes to make them more energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Only homeowners who have had the EnerGuide for Houses evaluation and have followed up on recommendations will be eligible for a grant (maximum value of \$5,000 per owner per house). The closing date for submissions to the grant program is March 31, 2007.

Community Planning

Program Name

[Green Municipal Funds](#)

Government of Canada,
Federation of Canadian
Municipalities

Program Description

In federal budget 2000, the Government of Canada established two complementary funds to stimulate investment in innovative environmental infrastructure projects for Canadian municipal governments and their public or private-sector partners: Green Municipal Enabling Fund and Green Municipal Investment Fund.

[Sustainable Communities
Initiative](#)

Natural Resources Canada

The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) builds capacity in rural, coastal, Aboriginal and northern communities that wish to take control of their future, by providing them with modern mapping technologies to make informed decisions for sustainable development. SCI provides this enabling capacity by helping communities learn, implement and use Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) to make decisions about their economic, environmental and social development. A partnership of Natural Resources Canada and other federal, provincial and local governments, SCI provides remote communities with geospatial information, often presented in computer-generated maps.

International Programs

Program Name

[Public-Private
Partnerships for the Urban
Environment](#)

United Nations
Development Programme

Program Description

The core goal of PPPUE is to increase the access of the urban poor to basic urban services by promoting collaboration between the private and public sectors. Innovative Partnership Grants support projects in the areas of establishing adequate policy, legal and institutional frameworks for public private partnership development at the local level; building local capacity for public private partnerships; designing and implementing innovative partnership agreements.

[North American Fund for
Environmental
Cooperation](#)

Commission for
Environmental
Cooperation

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) created the North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation (NAFEC) in 1995 as a means to fund community-based projects in Canada, Mexico and the United States that promote the goals and objectives of the CEC.