



Climate Change - the Existing Network - A Snapshot View from the Web

The international, institutionalized climate change discussion is disconnected from the U.S. domestic initiatives, where for example [epa.gov](#) appears in the same space as the most noteworthy national climate change activity ([me3.org](#), Sustainable Minnesota).

Contrary to expectations, the international NGO community, represented most starkly on this map by [climatenetwork.org](#), is far closer to the US domestic activities (e.g., [energystar.gov](#), [sustainable-business.com](#)) than to the inter-governmental players, with the World Resource Institute a notable exception.

Overall there is a vast divide between those undertaking projects for a sustainable future, and those discussing climate change and regulatory regimes on an inter-governmental level.

Strategically, the international NGO community appears poised to address and further the actual projects on the ground, instead of engaging in the inter-governmental debate. A sobering assessment of the actor-issue space presumably could be made on the basis of more historical data. On the face of it, it would appear that over the years the NGO community has been more and more marginalized by the inter-governmental players, as have U.S. domestic initiatives, either promoted by the federal government or undertaken independently.

Method & Credits

A co-link analysis of significant climate change URLs, using the IssueCrawler, the Java crawler, co-link analysis and SVG visualisation software by the Govcom.org Foundation, Amsterdam. Visualisation provided by ReseauL by Aguidel.com, Paris. The placement of the URLs on the map is according to 'centrality,' a standard network measure.

URL data supplied by the E-Volve Foundation.

Legend

- Only gives links
- Only receives links
- Hubs giving and receiving many links

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 Node size relative to quantity of links given and received

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