



The Energy and Resources Institute

## **TERI RETAINS NUMBER ONE POSITION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRY THINK TANKS**

*ICCG (International Center for Climate Governance) has announced the rankings of the most influential institutions working in the field of climate change, economics and policy.*

**New Delhi, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has retained number one position among the developing country institutions in the ICCG Climate Think Tank Ranking under the category "Absolute Rankings".

Standardized ranking makes different -sized think tanks comparable, each indicator is divided by the number of researchers working in the institution, yielding a measurement of a think tank's efficiency.

Absolute Ranking measures the best think tanks in absolute terms, regardless of their efficiency and hence size.

**Dr. Leena Srivastava, Acting Director-General, TERI** said, "*TERI is proud to be ranked 12th globally amongst climate change think tanks, and the first amongst developing countries, in the absolute rankings of the International Center for Climate Governance. This is a recognition of our research contributions to finding mitigation, adaptation and resilience building solutions - locally, nationally and globally - as also our active participation in various advocacy forums. Institutes were evaluated on the three pillars of activities, publications and dissemination. Our ranking in the standardised system are lower only due to our large size, with professionals engaged in multifarious research activities.*"

### **ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS:**

- 1) Only think tanks working at the international level were assessed:

*The comparative assessment of climate think tanks around the globe was done by narrowing down the selection of think tanks that use a common set of channels to disseminate the results of their research, and connect with policy makers.*

- 2) The ranking was based upon coherent and checkable data:

*The think tanks were asked to provide information for the ranking through a survey, while on the other hand when the survey had not been filled in, the relevant information were found by the Think Tank Map team through a web search.*

## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:**

ICCG Think Tank Map ranks the think tanks based on the following criteria:

- It must conduct both research and dissemination activities;
- The final objective of its activities must be a practical solution, not the simple definition of a problem;
- Policy makers and experts must be its main targets. The general public must be involved only as a means to influence policy makers;
- Its projects and partners list must be updated and well defined;
- Its activities must be focused on climate change economics and policy.

Besides TERI, the other think- tanks that featured in the absolute ranking list were: Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) ,Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) , World Resources Institute (WRI) among others.

The other think tanks from India that we included in the assessment were: Council on Energy, Environment and Water; Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology; Centre for Policy and Research, etc.

## **ABOUT TERI:**

TERI is an independent, not-for-profit research institute focused on energy, environment, and sustainable development and devoted to efficient and sustainable use of natural resources. Since its inception in 1974, TERI has emerged as an institution of excellence for its path-breaking research, and is a global brand widely respected by political leaders, policy makers, corporate entities as well as the civil society at large.

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