

Organisations involved in research on research-policy links

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The **Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research** aims to promote the generation, dissemination and use of knowledge for enhancing health system performance. It has recently set up a section of the site with a range of information on how to promote **impact of research on policy**. [More...](#)



The Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs **Commission on Development-Related Research** was established to learn what could be done to improve learning for policymaking. It emerged from the strong belief that policymaking should be based on solid knowledge. With regards to political programs, such as development aid, the Commission points out that legitimacy depends not only on whether policies are well intended, but on whether they will work and whether public resources are frugally used. [More...](#)



The **Council for Health Research for Development COHRED** was established to improve links between research and policy in health sector. COHRED has undertaken important work in this field over recent years in both developed and developing countries. [More...](#)



Demanding Innovation: Articulating policies for demand-led research and research capacity building. This international seminar, organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Centre for Development Policy Management, was held in Maastricht, The Netherlands on October 10-12, 2001. It served to bring together researchers, research policymakers, research users from the South, academics and representatives of donor agencies to discuss how to promote demand-led research. [More...](#)



The UK **Department for International Development DFID** is active in sharing its knowledge such that policy makers and practitioners can use it to have a positive impact on people's lives. DFID has set up a Knowledge Policy Unit (KPU), whose purpose is to enhance the use of knowledge by DFID and others in support of the elimination of poverty. The KPU seeks to coordinate DFID's existing knowledge activities more effectively and to initiate new activities that will add to the impact of DFID's knowledge programmes. [More...](#)



The **Network for Evidence-Based Policy and Practice** was established in 1999 by the Economic and Social Research Council, the UK's largest funding agency for research and postgraduate training in social and economic issues to bring social science research much nearer to the decision making process. [More...](#)



The **Global Applied Research Network GARNET** at the Water, Engineering & Development Centre (WEDC), Loughborough University is a mechanism for information exchange in the water supply and sanitation sector using low-cost, informal networks of researchers, practitioners and funders of research. [More...](#)



The **Global Development Network (GDN)** was established in 1998, with the goal of supporting and linking research and policy institutes involved in the field of development and whose work is predicated on the notion that ideas matter. **RAPNet** is the web site of GDN's Bridging Research and Policy Project. [More...](#)



The **Global Knowledge Partnership** is a "network of networks" with a diverse membership base comprising public, private and not-for profit organizations from both developed and developing countries. The Partnership was born as a result of the 1997 Global Knowledge Conference in Canada, hosted by the World Bank and the Government of Canada. At present there are 45 members and 48 pending members. [More...](#)



The **Getting Research into Policy and Practice (GRIPP)** website is a practical resource to support researchers maximise the impact of their research on policy and practice. While the tools are generic, the case studies are mostly on the topic of family planning. [More ...](#)



The **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)** is a public corporation created in 1970 to help developing countries find long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems they face. IDRC's architects believed that the powers of science and technology could be harnessed to promote economic growth and development in the South. [More...](#)



The **Institute for Development Studies** at the University of Sussex host several useful resources. The **Environment team** works on policy processes and policy learning as related to livelihoods and environmental issues. **id21** is a fast-track research reporting service and **ELDIS** is a gateway to information on development issues, providing free and easy access to wide range of high quality online resources. [More...](#)



International Food Policy Research Institute IFPRI is exploring the impact of economic policy research and ways of evaluating this. They have held a workshop on assessing the impact of policy-oriented social science research in November 2001, in which a number of ways for enhancing impact were identified. These included identifying a communications strategy, understanding policy processes, strengthening national and international research capacity, and presenting research as policy options. [More...](#)



Learning and Skills Development Agency LSDA is a 'strategic national resource for the development of policy and practice in post-16 education and training'. Its headquarters are located in London. They have set up a Research and Development Programme called Research Impact, and the first paper to be produced was Walter & Nutley's literature review, 'Models of Research Impact', in April 2002. [More...](#)



The **Netherlands Development Assistance Research Council (RAWOO)** was established to (1) issue recommendations regarding research priorities and to put forward proposals for long-term research programmes, and (2) foster communication among the various parties involved in research for development: researchers, policy-makers and end users, both in the South and in the North. . [More...](#)



The **Research Unit for Research Utilisation (RURU)** was recently set up by the University of St Andrews affiliated to the ESRC Network for Evidence-based Policy and Practice. They aim to look at how to enable evidence to inform policy and professional practice, and their main areas of interest are key public sectors such as health care and social care. [More...](#)



The **Support for Analysis and Research in Africa (SARA)** project is managed by the Academy for Educational Development, Washington DC. Its aim is to improve policies and programs in health and basic education. Together, AFR/SD and SARA aim to improve the link between research, policy development and program design and implementation in Africa. [More...](#)



The **United Nations Research Institute on Social Development (UNRISD)** has ongoing work on **Improving Research and Knowledge on Social Development in International Organizations** and recently held a conference on **Social Knowledge and International Policy Making: Exploring the Linkages**. [More...](#)



The **World Bank** has a number of useful resources. The World Development Report 1998/99 focused on 'Knowledge for Development' (www.worldbank.org/wdr/wdr98/index.htm), and dealt with the broad issues of narrowing knowledge gaps, addressing information problems, and policy priorities. The World Bank also has a Knowledge Sharing webpage (www.worldbank.org/ks), and is a member of the Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) (www.globalknowledge.org). The Poverty Reduction Group's approach to **Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA)** aims to improve links between research and policy for poverty reduction. [More...](#)

