

**Global Survey of Environmental, Social and Governance Policies
with National Governments, International Organizations and Institutional Investors ¹**

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Introduction

The purpose of this survey is to provide examples of environmental, social and governance (ESG) policies and programs promoted by national governments, international

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organizations, institutional investors, and related organizations worldwide.

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- <http://www.eiris.org/>

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- Bursa Malaysia, Securities Commission Malaysia and the Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group launch the Corporate Governance Index (June 2009)
 - <http://www.mswg.org.my/>
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 - Brazil's Bovespa
 - <http://www.bovespa.com.br/indexi.asp>
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 - <http://www.euronext.com/editorial/wide/editorial-1962-EN.html>

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 - <http://www.tse.or.jp/english/about/charter/index.html>
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 - <http://en.indices.cc/indices/themestyle/profiles/ceerius.html>
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 - <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/index.html>
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- NASDAQ OMX and CRD Analytics launch Global Sustainability 50 Index (June 2009)
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- Warsaw Stock Exchange launches Respect Index, in cooperation with *Forbes* (June 2009)
 - <http://www.respectindex.pl/>
 - <http://www.gpw.pl/>
- **National and Regional Social Exchanges Promoting ESG Performance**
 - Brazil's Environment and Social Investment Exchange (BVS & A)
 - <http://www.bovespasocial.org.br/>
 - Social Stock Exchange Asia to launch in 2009; based in Singapore

- <http://ssxasia.com/>
- <http://www.asria.org/news/press/1241495400>
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- http://www.rockfound.org/about_us/news/2008/033108social_investing.shtml

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 - <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/>
- US Department of Commerce's Baldrige Award (since 1987)
 - <http://baldrige.nist.gov/>
- Malaysia's Khazanah Nasional Berhad, a national corporate investment agency, is a member of the advisory panel of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility Malaysia
 - <http://www.khazanah.com.my/>
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 - <http://www.mcc.gov/selection/indicators/>
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- <http://www.ccm.au.govt.nz/csr.html>

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 - <http://www.responsible-investor.com/home/article/fiduciary/>
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 - http://www.globalreporting.org/NewsEventsPress/PressResources/Pressrelease_27_jan_09.htm
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 - <http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/fin.html?id=216>
 - Pension Fund link on left
 - UK's Environment Agency Pension Fund
 - <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus/233207/1707397/>
 - France's Article 19 of the *Autorite des Marches Financiers* requires disclosure of social, environmental, and ethical matters, and whether a rating agency is used (2005)
 - pdf: http://www.novethic.com/novethic/english/upload/SRI_Employee_Study.pdf
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 - CalPERS Investment Policies
 - <http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/investments/policies/home.xml>
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 - <http://www.regnan.com.au/>
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 - <http://www.pbgc.gov/media/news-archive/news-releases/2008/pr08-19.html>
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 - <http://ministers.treasury.gov.au/>
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 - <http://www.asria.org/news/press/1248244688>

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- <http://www.parliament.uk/>
- Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services
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- US Senate Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment: Hearing on Climate Risk Petition to the SEC (October 31, 2007)
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- http://english.mep.gov.cn/News_service/news_release/200902/t20090211_134114.htm
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- http://www.naic.org/Releases/2009_docs/climate_change_risk_disclosure_adopted.htm
- <http://www.ceres.org/Page.aspx?pid=1062>
- Arab Forum of Insurance Regulatory Commissions and Hawkamah release Policy Brief on corporate governance (March 2009)
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- <http://firstinitiative.org/>

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- <http://www.csrwire.com/News/14431.html>

- <http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/sustainability.nsf/Content/SustainableInvesting>

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- <http://www.oecd.org/corporate>

- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

- <http://www.oecd.org/daf/investment/guidelines>

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- http://www.oecd.org/document/56/0,3343,en_2649_201185_21688824_1_1_1_1,00.html

- European Union Modernization Directive Article 46 requires disclosure of non-financial information (2005)

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 - http://www.unepfi.org/work_streams/investment/materiality/
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- UN Principles for Responsible Investment (launched April 2006)
 - <http://www.unpri.org/>
 - signatories: <http://www.unpri.org/signatories/>
- UN Global Compact's Financial Markets Program
 - http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/financial_markets/index.html
- UN Global Compact, IFC, Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs conference report *New Frontiers in Emerging Markets Investment* (August 2007)
 - http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/enviro.nsf/Content/Publications_SustFinance#WhoCares2007
- EU Shareholder Rights Program (2007)
 - http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/company/shareholders/indexa_en.htm
- EU Compendium on National Public Policies on CSR (updated annually)
 - http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/csr-matrix/csr_matrix_en.cfm
- EU and others launch *Markets in Financial Instruments Directive* (November 2007)
 - background: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MiFID>
- UN General Assembly adopts a resolution promoting global partnerships and requests a report on progress in a year (December 2007)
 - http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/news_archives/2007_12_05a.html
- OECD releases *Draft Guidelines on Pension Fund Governance* (August 2008)
 - http://www.oecd.org/document/45/0,3343,en_2649_34853_41088685_1_1_1_1,00.html
- The European Union's European Investment Bank releases a revised *Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards* (Fall 2008)
 - <http://www.eib.org/about/news/public-consultation-on-eibs-eib-statement-of-environmental-and-social-principles-and-standards.htm>
- the EU European Commission's *European Competitiveness Report 2008*, Chapter 5, *Overview of the links between Corporate Social Responsibility and Competitiveness* (2008)
 - <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/csr/documents/csrreportv002.pdf>
- OECD program on ESG guidance for OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

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 - <http://www.oecd.org/daf>
 - OECD report *The Role of Stock Exchanges in Corporate Governance* (Spring 2009)
 - report in pdf: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/3/36/43169104.pdf>
 - WFE: <http://www.world-exchanges.org/reports/studies-and-surveys/oecd-report-role-stock-exchanges-corporate-governance>
 - IFC and the European Investment Bank (of the European Union) create Global Emerging Markets Risk Database Consortium (June 25, 2009)
 - <http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/media.nsf/Content/PressReleases>
 - UNEP Finance Initiative releases report *Fiduciary responsibility: Legal and practical aspects of integrating environmental, social and governance issues and institutional investment* (July 2009)
 - <http://www.unepfi.org/>
 - <http://www.calvert.com/newsArticle.html?article=14908>
 - UN Principles for Responsible Investment releases reports on private equity (July 2009)
 - <http://www.unpri.org/privateequity/>
- **Shareholder and Investor Initiatives Promoting ESG Performance**
- Ceres, the Environmental Defense Fund, States and investors file petition with the US SEC to require corporate reporting on climate risk (September 2007)
 - <http://www.ceres.org/Page.aspx?pid=445>
 - <http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/2388.html>
 - June 2009: <http://www.ceres.org//Page.aspx?pid=1106&srctid=1&erid=157014>
 - Aspen Principles report *Long-Term Value Creation: Guiding Principles for Corporations and Investors* chaired by the Aspen Institute (June 2007)
 - <http://www.aspenbsp.org/>
 - Goldman Sachs adopts policies promoting ESG performance
 - http://www2.goldmansachs.com/our_firm/our_culture/corporate_citizenship/index.html
 - Trucost releases report on UK corporate reporting (November 2007)
 - <http://www.trucost.com/pressreleases/EA-disclosures.html>

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 - <http://www.global100.org/>
- the Social Investment Research Analyst Network releases *Sustainability Reporting in Emerging Markets: An analysis of the sustainability reporting in selected sectors of seven emerging market countries* (January 2008)
 - <http://www.siran.org/emd/>
- SAM Group and Pricewaterhouse Coopers launch *The Sustainability Yearbook 2008* (January 2008)
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- Leading banks Citi, JP Morgan Chase and Morgan Stanley adopt *The Carbon Principles* (February 2008)
 - <http://www.citigroup.com/citigroup/press/2008/080204a.htm>
- Network for Sustainable Financial Markets provides comments and recommendations on *OECD Guidelines for Pension Fund Governance*, including fiduciary duty (October 2008)
 - <http://www.sustainablefinancialmarkets.net/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/oecd-guidelines.pdf>
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 - <http://www.csrwire.com/News/13537.html>
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 - <http://www.responsible-investor.com/home/article/aviva/>
- <http://www.aviva.com/index.asp?PageID=44&category=csr&year=Latest&newsid=4556>
- Norwegian institutional investors create *Sustainable Value Creation* collaboration and release report on ESG performance of companies on Oslo Stock Exchange (November 2008)
 - <http://www.baerekraftigverdiskaping.no/english>
- International Corporate Governance Network releases *ICGN Statement and Guidance on Non-financial Business Reporting* (December 2008)
 - <http://www.icgn.org/>
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(December 2008)

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- <http://www.domini.com/about-domini/News/index.htm>

- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and Trucost launch web site with online database on 150 companies to receive shareholder resolutions on climate and other matters (February 2009)

- <http://www.iccr.org/shareholder/trucost/index.php>

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- *ESG – Reality Sets In: Trends in ESG Disclosure of Supply Chain Listings in Hong Kong* (January 2008)

- *The Devil is in the Detail: Natural Resources Disclosure in China* (March 2007)

- *A Cat and Mouse Game for Investors: Assessing ESG Disclosure of Supply Chain Listings in Hong Kong* (August 2006)

- <http://www.asria.org/publications>

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- <http://www.fandc.com/new/aboutus/?id=82810&PageId=&source=fnetsearch&locale=UK>

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- <http://paxworld.com/newsmedia/2009/03/08/pax-world-kld-construct-first-gender-index-series-for-international-finance-corporation/>

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- <http://investorsagainstgenocide.net/vanguard>

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- http://www.eurosif.org/press_events/eurosif_press_releases

- *Global Alliance for Banking on Values* is launched by 11 banks (March 2009)

- http://www.triodos.com/com/whats_new/latest_news/press_releases/global_alliance_launched

- South African PRI Network is launched by UN PRI signatories in South Africa (May 2009)
- pdf: http://www.unpri.org/files/SA_network_final.pdf

- Institutional Shareholders' Committee (UK) releases report *Improving Institutional Investors' Role in Governance* (June 2009)
- <http://institutionalshareholderscommittee.org.uk/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/iscpresrelease050609.pdf>

- Investor Network on Climate Risk and other investors send letter to US SEC requesting corporate disclosure of climate risk and ESG matters (June 2009)
- <http://www.ceres.org//Page.aspx?pid=1106&srctid=1&erid=157014>

- ShareOwners.org is launched (June 2009)
- <http://www.shareowners.org/>

- Social Investment Forum (US) sends letter to US SEC calling for greater ESG disclosure and participation in Global Reporting Initiative (July 2009)
- <http://www.socialinvest.org/news/releases/pressrelease.cfm?id=143>

- **Banking Organizations Promoting ESG Performance**
 - 67 financial institutions have adopted the Equator Principles since 2003 (as of May 2009)
 - <http://www.equator-principles.com/>
 - http://www.equator-principles.com/documents/EP_5th_anniversary_press_release.doc

 - Sustainable Banking and Public Policy Consortium releases Draft 1 of Working Paper: *Sustainable Banks Trust & Leadership, the Role of the State Within Private Banks* (June 2009)
 - pdf: http://www.tblicg.com/reports/esgbanking_1.pdf

 - Independent review by Sir David Walker on UK banking and financial institutions (July 2009)
 - pdf (140 pp.): http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/walker_review_consultation_160709.pdf

- **Private Equity Organizations Promoting ESG Performance**
 - Private Equity Council (US) adopts *Guidelines for Responsible Investment* (February 2009)
 - <http://www.privateequitycouncil.org/>

- http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/news_archives/2009_02_10.html

- British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA) creates Responsible Investment Board (May 2009)

- <http://www.bvca.co.uk/About-BVCA/Responsible-business>

- **Private Exchanges Promoting ESG Performance with Specific Markets**

- Chicago Climate Exchange (2003)

- <http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/>

- New York Mercantile Exchange (for commodities) announces plans for *The Green Exchange* for launch in Spring 2008

- <http://www.greenfutures.com/>

- **International Financial Organizations**

- International Organization of Securities Commissions' *Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation* (May 2003) and *Principles for Ongoing Disclosure and Material Development Reporting by Listed Entities* (October 2002)

- <http://www.iosco.org/about/>

- <http://www.iosco.org/library/>

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- <http://www.ica.coop/al-ica/>

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- World Federation of Exchanges global survey of exchange governance (March 2006)

- <http://www.world-exchanges.org/reports/studies-and-surveys/executive-summary-wfe-governance-exchanges-survey-march-2006>

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- <https://www.iosco.org/library/index.cfm?section=pubdocs>

- pdf: <https://www.iosco.org/library/pubdocs/pdf/IOSCOPD298.pdf>

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- International Accounting Standards Board's Work Plan (e.g., emissions trading)

- <http://www.iasb.org/>
- Chartered Accountants of Canada supports ESG corporate reporting (February 2007)
 - http://www.cica.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/36164/la_id/1
- Forum on International Convergence of Accounting in Emerging Markets and Transition Economies (July 2007)
 - <http://www.iasb.org/News/Press+Releases/Convergence+of+accounting+in+emerging+and+transition+economies.htm>
- European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies' Commission on Environmental, Social and Governance Issues
 - <http://www.effas.com/en/commissions.htm>
- the Society of Investment Professionals in Germany releases *KPIs for ESG: Key Performance Indicators for Environmental, Social and Governance Issues* (March 2008)
 - http://www.dvfa.de/die_dvfa/kommissionen/non_financials/dok/35683.php
- CFA Institute (Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts) releases *Environmental, Social and Governance Factors at Listed Companies: A Manual for Investors* (May 2008)
 - <http://www.cfapubs.org/toc/ccb/2008/2008/2>
- National Association of Corporate Directors releases *Key Agreed Principles to Strengthen Corporate Governance for U.S. Publicly Traded Companies* (October 2008)
 - <http://www.directorship.com/stuff/contentmgr/files/2/7d77608e0a8a1fb1df2d3593f94848fe/misc/keyagreedprinciples.pdf>
- Responsible Investment Association Australasia announces plans for Responsible Investment Academy (February 2009)
 - http://www.responsibleinvestment.org/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?keyword=RIAA-RI-Academy
- the Institute of Directors releases draft King III Code of Governance for comment; corporate compliance is required by Johannesburg Stock Exchange (February 2009)
 - <http://www.iodsa.co.za/>
 - <http://african.ipapercms.dk/IOD/GovernancePrinciples/>
- CFA Institute (Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts) releases *Shareowner Rights Across the Markets: A Manual for Investors*; 22 countries reviewed (April 2009)
 - http://www.cfainstitute.org/centre/topics/governance/shareowner_markets.html
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- 16 global accounting organizations sign sustainability principles of the Prince's *Accounting for Sustainability Project* (July 2009)
- <http://www.accountingforsustainability.org/>
- Federation of European Accountants and Eurosif Call for Action on Sustainability Disclosure (July 2009)
- http://www.fee.be/publications/default.asp?library_ref=4&content_ref=1061
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 - Global Reporting Initiative Guidelines now used by more than 1,000 companies (GRI was launched in 1997; the guidelines were launched in 2000)
- <http://www.globalreporting.org/>
 - SustainAbility's *Global Reporters Program* has released four biannual reports on corporate non-financial reporting (since 2000)
- http://www.sustainability.com/insight/global_reporters.asp
 - East-West Management Institute surveys of CSR reporting in Central and Eastern Europe (since 2003)
- <http://www.pfsprogram.org/>
 - the Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia releases report on ESG disclosure for listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (August 2006)
- <http://www.asria.org/publications>
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- <http://www.globalreporting.org/CurrentPriorities/AmsterdamDeclaration/>
 - International Organization for Standardization's Advisory Group on Social Responsibility preparing voluntary guidance ISO 26000 (planned for 2010)
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- <http://www.globalreporting.org/NewsEventsPress/PressResources/Pressrelease25March2009.htm>
 - Luxembourg Institute for Global Financial Integrity is launched (April 2009)
 - <http://fintegrity.org/>
 - World Resources Institute releases report *Undisclosed Risk: Corporate Environmental and Social Reporting in Emerging Asia* (June 2009)
 - <http://www.wri.org/publication/undisclosed-risk-asia>
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 - Standard and Poor's and Hawkamah announce plan for ESG index for 11 Middle East countries in Spring 2009
 - press release April 15, 2008: <http://www2.standardandpoors.com/>
- **Country Reports promoting ESG Policies in Capital Markets**
 - *Sustainable Investment in India*; Delsus Limited; May 2007
 - <http://www.delsus.com/resources.html>
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 - <http://www.delsus.com/resources.html>
- **Key International Organizations for Future Partnerships**
 - UNEP Finance Initiative
Geneva
- <http://www.unepfi.org/>
 - UN Global Compact
New York
- <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/>
 - International Finance Corporation
Washington, DC
- <http://www.ifc.org/>
 - International Organization of Securities Commissions
Madrid

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- European Alliance for CSR, EABIS and others launch *Corporate Responsibility and Market Valuation of Financial and Non-Financial Performance* (June 2007)
 - <http://www.csreurope.org/pages/en/marketvaluation.html>
- Goldman Sachs report *GS Sustain* (June 2007)
 - http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/news_archives/2007_07_05d.html
- Germany's GTZ and the Bertelsmann Foundation release *The CSR Navigator: Public Policies in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe* (October 2007)
 - <http://www.gtz.de/en/leistungsangebote/21388.htm>
- UNEP Finance Initiative report *Demystifying Responsible Investment Performance* (October 2007)
 - http://www.unepfi.org/work_streams/investment/amwg/
- Oxford Business School's Skoll Centre for Entrepreneurship report *Creating a Social Stock Exchange; 2007*
 - <http://www.csrwire.com/resources/directory/organization/2567>
- World Bank Program: *Reports on the Observance of Standards and Codes*
 - <http://www.worldbank.org/ifa/rosc.html>
- the Social Investment Forum's list of organizations using ESG factors in rating publicly traded companies
 - <http://www.socialinvest.org/directory/>
 - go to Social Investment Research
- Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (established January 2008)
 - <http://www.swfinstitute.org/>
- Committee for Economic Development releases report *Rebuilding Corporate Leadership: How Directors Can Link Long-Term Performance with Public Goals* (February 2009)
 - <http://www.ced.org/issues/corporate-governance>
- the Institute for Responsible Investment at Boston College report *Handbook for Climate-related Investing Across Asset Classes* (May 2009)
 - pdf: http://bcccc.net/Handbook_ClimateRelatedInvesting.pdf
- Responsible Research Pte Ltd (based in Asia)

- <http://www.responsiblesearch.com/>
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