Norwegian Research Institutions

These research institutions have expertise in development work, but there has been no formal process for quality control done by the World Bank or the Norwegian Government. Bank procurement regulations will apply in all cases.

Each institution is marked as follows to signal its capacity in one, two or all three of the fields:

- "E" (Environment)
- "S" (Social Development)
- "P" (Poverty)

**CDS: Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen**  E  P  
Main fields of research are development studies; resource systems; dryland areas; water management; NGOs; and development aid. CDS has been conceded status as national networking center for water research from 1999 to 2006.

**CICERO: Center for International Climate and Environmental Research, University of Oslo**  E  
With expertise in both the natural and social sciences, CICERO conducts interdisciplinary research on three main areas (1) impacts of climate changes and climate policy, (2) design of, implementation of, and compliance with climate policy instruments, and (3) integrated assessments, that is, the relationship between climate, other environmental issues and development.

**CROP: The Comparative Research Program on Poverty**  P  
CROP is a program of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), hosted by the University of Bergen. CROP build independent, alternative and critical knowledge and education which can inform policy.

**CMI: Chr. Michelsen Institute**  E  S  P  
CMI is a private social science research foundation working on issues of development and human rights, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

**FAFO: Institute for Applied Social Science**  S  
A Norwegian institute for applied social research, bringing together competence within the areas of public policy, industrial relations, trade unions and living conditions. The institute has accumulated a broad assignment portfolio, with research commissioned by employers' and employees' organizations, private enterprises, government agencies, research councils and NGOs.

**FNI: The Fridtjof Nansen Institute**  E  
The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) is an independent foundation engaged in research on international environmental, energy, and resource management politics. The academic approach is multi-disciplinary, with emphasis on political science, economics, and international law.

**GRID-Arendal**  E  
GRID-Arendal provides environmental information, communications, and capacity building services for information management and assessment. Established to strengthen the United Nations through its Environment Program (UNEP), its focus is to make credible, science-based knowledge understandable to the public and to decision-making for sustainable development.
**IMR: Institute of Marine Research**

One of the largest research institutes in the world in its main areas of interest: marine resources, marine environment, and aquaculture. IMR is the research branch of the Ministry of Fisheries.

**LOS: Norwegian Center for Research in Organization and Management**

LOS is a joint research center between the University of Bergen and The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration. The center is engaged in long-term basic research focusing on change and development in the public sector and the shifting borders between the public and private sectors.

**NGU: The Geological Survey of Norway**

A research-based management organization with competence in bedrock geology, superficial sediments, geophysics, geochemistry, mineral resources, groundwater and marine geology. NGU is involved in projects in Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Africa, Russia and Eastern Europe.

**NIBR: Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research**

NIBR performs studies of politics and administration in developing countries, including decentralization, state-society relations, management of the environment and natural resources, political participation, and administrative reforms and social change.

**NILU: Norwegian Institute for Air Research**

The institute conducts environmental research with emphasis on the sources of airborne pollution, atmospheric transport, transformation and deposition.

**NINA: The Norwegian institute for Nature research**

The Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) is a national and international center of expertise for applied ecological research.

**NIBIO: Norwegian Institute for Forest Research**

The main tasks of the institute are to strengthen the scientific basis for the management of forest resources, the creation of wealth from forests and countermeasures against environmental problems in forests.

**NIVA: Norwegian Institute for Water Research**

NIVA performs research and development, monitoring and feasibility studies, and conveys information about water related issues to interested parties.

**NORAGRIC: Centre for International Environment and Development Studies**

Noragric is based at the Agricultural University of Norway (NLH). With experience from research, teaching and consultancies, Noragric's staff provide practical advice to a range of institutions in Norway and abroad. Advisory services are particularly related to agriculture and natural resources management, environment, related social, economic and policy issues, project planning, appraisal and evaluation, strategic planning and development theory.

**NUPI: Norwegian Institute of International Affairs**

An independent center for research and information on political and economic issues. The Section for International Economics, studies trade and economic integration, technology and competitiveness, and the economics of international crime. NUPI's Section for Development Studies focuses on two partly overlapping themes: "governance" and "development assistance".
Polar Environment Centre
A center of research, environmental monitoring and advisory services in the Northern Region and the Arctic/Antarctic. With a multi-professional base its area of work stretches from research and development projects to administrative tasks.

PRIO: International Peace Research Institute, Oslo
An international research institute dedicated to the causes of war and the resolution of conflict. Several ongoing projects focus on the interrelationships between environment, development, and conflict. PRIO publishes two international journals, Journal of Peace Research and Security Dialogue.

ProSus: Program for Research and Documentation for a Sustainable Society, University of Oslo
As a strategic university program, located at the Centre for Development and the Environment, ProSus conducts strategic research and documentation for the realization of a sustainable society at the local, national and global levels.

SSB: Statistics Norway
Administratively placed under the Ministry of Finance, Statistics Norway is engaged in production of statistics; research; and dissemination of statistics.

SUM: Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo
An interdisciplinary centre established at the University of Oslo following the Brundtland Commission Report. In addition to research and related activities (conferences, publications, etc.) it undertakes teaching and policy-oriented work concerned with the twin challenges of poverty and environmental degradation.

TOI: Institute of Transport Economics
TOI has carried out a number of transport studies in recent years in Africa and Asia for the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). The Institute also carries out research for public authorities in other countries and international organizations.