The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania conducts research on the role policy institutes play in governments and civil societies around the world. Often referred to as the "think tanks' think tank," TTCSP examines the evolving role and character of public policy research organizations. Over the last 29 years, the TTCSP has developed and led a series of global initiatives that have helped bridge the gap between knowledge and policy in critical policy areas such as international peace and security, globalization and governance, international economics, environmental issues, information and society, poverty alleviation, and healthcare and global health. These international collaborative efforts are designed to establish regional and international networks of policy institutes and communities that improve policy making while strengthening democratic institutions and civil societies around the world.

The TTCSP works with leading scholars and practitioners from think tanks and universities in a variety of collaborative efforts and programs, and produces the annual Global Go To Think Tank Index that ranks the world’s leading think tanks in a variety of categories. This is achieved with the help of a panel of over 1,796 peer institutions and experts from the print and electronic media, academia, public and private donor institutions, and governments around the world. We have strong relationships with leading think tanks around the world, and our annual think Tank Index is used by academics, journalists, donors and the public to locate and connect with the leading centers of public policy research around the world. Our goal is to increase the profile and performance of think tanks and raise the public awareness of the important role think tanks play in governments and civil societies around the globe.

Since its inception in 1989, the TTCSP has focused on collecting data and conducting research on think tank trends and the role think tanks play as civil society actors in the...
The index ranked top think tanks from around the world. As per the report India’s Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was ranked at 27th place among 176 global think tanks. The report was topped by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) of US. 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report: The report in detail are as follows: Report on India: i. ORF: India’s ORF which ranked 27th in 2019 was previously ranked 118th position in 2018. It has also featured at 9th place on the “Think Tank to Watch in 2019″ list and also ranked as the 7th most “Innovative” think tank globally.

We encourage you to participate in the 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index rankings process so the think tanks in your country and regions can be properly reflected in the survey findings. Please rank the think tanks that are listed in all the categories where you have knowledge and experience with the institutions that are listed. Please consult the Global Go To Ranking Criteria on pages 31-34 of the 2018 Global Go To Report at: https://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1017&context=think_tanks when making your selections for the 2019. The findings of the 2019 rankings will be reviewed by a Global Panel of Experts who will make the final selections. The 2019 edition of the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report marks the 14th edition of the report. I want to thank all the interns, peers and experts who have helped make the report a valuable resource for policymakers, policy-oriented civil society organizations and the public. The Go To Index is now used to identify and recognize centers of excellence in policy research, forge knowledge and policy partnerships and create a global think tank village. I want to express my deep appreciation to the 3,974 plus university faculty and administrators, journalists, policymakers, think tank scholars a Think tanks may be affiliated or independent institutions that are structured as permanent bodies, not ad hoc commissions. Global Go To Think Tank Index (GGTTI) marks the ninth year of continued efforts by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) at the University of Pennsylvania to acknowledge the important contributions and emerging global trends of think tanks worldwide. Our initial effort to generate a ranking of the world’s leading think tanks was a response to a series of requests from donors, government officials, journalists, and scholars to produce regional and international policymakers. In 2006, the TTCSP developed and launched a pilot project named the global index of think tanks, designed to identify and recognize centers of excellence in all the major areas of public policy research and in every region of the world. To date, TTCSP has provided technical assistance and capacity building programs in 85 countries. We are now working to create regional and global networks of think tanks in an effort to facilitate collaboration and the production of a modest yet achievable set of global public goods. Our goal is to create lasting institutional and state-level partnerships by engaging and mobilizing think tanks that have demonstrated their ability to produce high quality policy research and shape popular and elite opinion and actions for public good.

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