
Chapter 5 References and Resources

Resources and References

This section offers resources that BDS and credit organizations may find useful in developing their own context-specific guidelines for MSE activities. The best resources are likely to be found under “General Resources.” These most often link to a variety of subsectors, and are likely to be kept updated by their operators. Only a few additional subsector-specific sites have been provided.

Please note that Internet links are constantly changing. If the link given here does not function properly, try to find the resource by typing its name into a search engine such as Google (www.google.com), which caches Web pages, frequently enabling searchers to locate documents or pages that have been removed from the Internet. Alternately, visit the home page of the organization that created the document, and use their search engine to locate the document. For organizations that do not have search functions on their Internet sites, one can use advanced search features with most of the major search engines to conduct searches within single Web sites. As a last resort, of course, one can contact the appropriate organization to request a copy. (Contact information is usually one of the hyperlinks on an organization’s home page.)

In visiting the resources below, readers should note that cleaner production is also sometimes referred to as pollution prevention, waste minimization, and/or eco-efficiency.

Highlighted Resources

- *The Environmental Colours of Microfinance: Theory and Practice*. This Web site offers information and links on the following six topic areas: workplace safety; economically viable solutions to environmental challenges; environmental management practices for microcredit program; community development and participatory practices; technological innovation; and promoting environmentally based microenterprises. (<http://www.gdrc.org/icm/environ/environ.html>)
- *Global Pollution Prevention/Cleaner Production Network*. Organized by the U.S. National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, this effort creates a global network of pollution prevention/cleaner production professionals. (<http://www.p2.org/intl/activities/new/main.html#activities>)
- *Information Resources on Industrial Pollution Prevention. CD Version (2000)*. United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Contains guides, case studies, and articles focused on pollution prevention in food processing and other subsectors.
- *International Cleaner Production Cooperative*. Connects users to a network of international cleaner production expertise, as well as linking into many other U.S. networks. (<http://es.epa.gov/cooperative/international/>)
- *International Cleaner Production Information Clearinghouse. CD Version 1.0 (1999)*. United Nations Environment Program, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP-TIE). Contains case studies, country profiles and cleaner production strategies for various subsectors.
- *International Web Site on Environmental Management Accounting*. Excellent starting point for information on EMA. Offers a searchable library, contacts and links. (<http://www.emawebsite.org/library.htm>)
- *New Ideas in Pollution Regulation*. Offers links to all World Bank environmental resources, plus annotated links to non-Bank sites. Also offers search engine for environmental Web site links and information. (<http://www.worldbank.org/nipr/>)

- *North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance Service* (joint effort with United States Environmental Protection Agency Waste Reduction Resource Center). Offers a “Web library” of links on cleaner production (pollution prevention) practices and case studies in more than 20 subsectors (and growing), as well as tips for water and energy conservation. Mostly focused upon developed country cases. (<http://www.p2pays.org>)
- Pallen, D. *Environmental Sourcebook for Micro-Finance Institutions*. Canadian International Development Agency. 1996. (<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/microcredit>)
- *Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center*. Fact sheets and reports on pollution prevention for a variety of subsectors. Mostly focused on developed country cleaner production strategies, which may not all be relevant to MSEs in developing countries. (<http://www.pprc.org>)
- *Small Business Environmental Home Page*. Offers publications and links regarding environmental issues at small enterprises in a wide range of subsectors. Many of the documents relate to U.S. environmental regulations, but a number offer cleaner production tips. (<http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/pubsector.asp>)
- *United Nations Environment Programme*. Offers a wealth of resources on relevant environmental impacts and mitigation strategies. (<http://www.UNEP.org>)
- *UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics—Cleaner Production Activities*. Provides a library and links to cleaner production networks. (<http://www.uneptie.org/pc/cp/home.htm>)
- *UNEP—Financing Cleaner Production*. Offers resources designed to increase investments in Cleaner Production by helping financial institutions understand the value of cleaner production activities, and helping cleaner production experts prepare credit-worthy investment proposals. Includes a library and training materials. (<http://www.financingcp.org/index.html>)
- *United Nations Industrial Development Organization*. Offers resources on cleaner production, energy efficiency and other environmental issues, with information on different industrial subsectors. (<http://www.unido.org>)
- *USAID: Environment*. Home page for USAID’s environmental information. Most notably, provides links to USAID environmental publications and to USAID and non-USAID environmental sites, organized by region and topic area. (<http://www.usaid.gov/environment/>)
- World Bank (1998). *Pollution Prevention and Abatement Handbook*. This document, available online, is an excellent starting point for anyone looking to learn about the adverse environmental impacts of particular industrial subsectors and a wide variety of mitigation options available to address those impacts. Readers should note that the handbook is not specifically oriented toward MSEs. (<http://wbln0018.worldbank.org/essd/essd.nsf/Docs/PPAH>)

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