

WiserEarth

WISER stands for World Index for Social and Environmental Responsibility

WiserEarth serves the people who are transforming the world. It is a community-editable international directory and networking forum that maps out and connects the largest movement in the world – the hundreds of thousands of organizations within civil society that address social justice, poverty, and the environment.

WiserEarth provides the tools and a platform for non-profit organizations, funders, social entrepreneurs, students, organizers, academics, activists, scientists, and citizens to find each other, make connections, build alliances and share resources.

WiserEarth links organizations and people in new ways:

- * Its comprehensive taxonomy (described on the site as Areas of Focus) combined with its database of over 100,000 organizations based in 243 countries, territories and sovereign islands, makes it the largest, freely accessible, international directory of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- * Just like Wikipedia, WiserEarth invites its users to create and edit content on the site.
- * It is free of advertisements and commercial entities.
- * **WiserEarth** encourages its users to create personal profiles so that they can build visibility for their work, create connections and contribute to the conversations taking place on the site.
- * **WiserEarth** provides groups for networks that want a unique space to gather, share resources, collaborate on projects, and grow their network
- * **WiserEarth** provides a free web presence for grassroots groups without a website, helping bring visibility to their work.
- * **WiserEarth** provides funders a comprehensive landscape of organizations engaged in specific program activities.
- * **WiserEarth** provides geographic maps to locate individual organizations, or any collection of organizations, from street to continent level.
- * **WiserEarth** offers free postings for the recruitment of staff, volunteers, and interns and plans to offer (in the future) a marketplace to share surplus resources and materials.
- * Academics, students, politicians, and the media can better visualize the extent and comprehensiveness of global civil society.

The software for the WiserEarth platform was released in early April 2008 as open source under the GPL 3.0 license, which allows anyone to use, modify, or share the software without any restrictions. It was released under the name 'WiserPlatform', and can be downloaded at:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/wiserplatform>

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