



# the Global state of Washington

*WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE WORLD*

## **LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

- 355 non-profit organizations and foundations working internationally
- 124 university-based centers
- 293 businesses contributing to over 400 initiatives
- 200 university-level degrees with international foci

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In the state of Washington, businesses, universities, non-governmental organizations and research institutes, along with hundreds of civic organizations, are committed to having a positive impact in the world through alleviating poverty, improving health, preserving the environment, enhancing rights and security and increasing opportunities for all people.

## GOALS

The Global State of Washington and its steering committee are dedicated to:

- Increasing the effectiveness and impact of our work;
- Growing awareness and support for our work within the state and elsewhere;
- Making Washington State an important global center for sustainable development and policy work;
- Contributing to a vibrant state economy, attracting investors, creating jobs, and enhancing the quality of life through our work; and
- Offering our students and citizens the opportunities to be “global citizens.”

## BACKGROUND

Washington State is a place of remarkable entrepreneurship, and numerous initiatives are underway here that address global sustainable development topics, such as sustainable agriculture, food security, global health, poverty alleviation, and human rights, to name just a few.

These global sustainable development efforts aim to achieve economic growth and social cohesion without compromising the natural environment, and take into account the connections between the local and the global, between Washington State and the world.

Global sustainable development activities:

- Target international populations within Washington State, including immigrants, refugees and Native Americans
- Target populations living outside the U.S.
- Tackle environmental issues with global impacts

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## THE GLOBAL STATE OF WASHINGTON FINDINGS

### Global Nonprofit Organizations & Foundations

There are over 800 non-profit organizations and foundations based in Washington State working in the northwest and across the globe to address health, livelihood, and environmental concerns. Over 500 of these work predominately within the state of Washington, and more than 350 work internationally. They work on the following issues (some organizations work in more than one issue area):

- 153 work internationally on health issues
- 36 address the health needs of international populations living in Washington State
- 170 work on economic development, poverty and social justice issues overseas
- 95 work on economic development, poverty and social justice issues with international populations inside the state of Washington
- 30 work on environmental issues internationally
- 406 work on environmental issues in Washington State that have global impacts

### Engaged Businesses

Over 290 companies contribute to global sustainable development.

- 266 Washington businesses develop products and offer services that address societal needs with marketplace solutions, contributing to society as well as to their bottom lines.
- 119 Washington companies improve the environment, increase health and decrease poverty worldwide through their operations.
- 28 companies support 124 international philanthropic projects. Companies like Microsoft, Boeing and Starbucks support a wide range of projects across the globe.

### Diverse Academic Centers

There are 124 centers focused on sustainable development based at Washington's six public universities: University of Washington, Washington State University, Central, Eastern, and Western Washington Universities and the Evergreen State College.

- 64 centers work on economic development poverty and social justice
- 67 centers work on human and environmental concerns
- 57 work on health challenges
- 17 work across all three issues of poverty, the environment and health

### Innovative Global Learning Opportunities

Washington's four-year degree granting institutions offer a wide selection of international and global learning opportunities to their students. They bring global learning back to Washington through fostering international student learning on-campus, and strengthening relationships in their communities.

- 200 international degree programs & majors
- 44 international research institutes
- Programming in over 90 countries
- Partnerships in over 40 countries

## Global Reach of Washington's Non-Profit Organizations & Foundations



## RESEARCH OVERVIEW

During 9 months of effort, the Global Washington Initiative developed the first inventory of Washington's sustainable development activities and held three workshops to discuss the findings.

The research identified non-profit organizations, university-based centers, and businesses dedicated to addressing sustainable development through published lists, existing databases, online searches, a comprehensive online survey, and key informant interviews.

Sustainable development programs and projects were included in the inventory if they addressed one or more of three main areas of sustainable development activity: 1) global health, 2) economic development, poverty & social justice, and 3) humans & the environment.

The research also included an examination of the 19 four-year degree granting universities and colleges in Washington, detailing the international and global learning opportunities offered to students.

Three workshops brought together leaders from across the state and across sectors to discuss how to improve our collective efforts by working together and how to grow our international leadership in these areas.

For more information about the Global Washington Initiative and to download copies of the full reports, please visit [www.globalwa.org](http://www.globalwa.org).

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