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Internet for You

What can you get from the Net?

There is a lot of information on the Internet. And most of it is free! Anyone with an Internet connection and *a lot of time* can find out useful and amazing things about their work and the world.

Why *a lot of time*? Because the pages load ever so **..s..l..o..w..l..y...** Because there is information by billions of tonnes. Because you have to ask the right questions. As someone once said, getting information from the Net is like trying to get a mouthful from a ruptured water mains.

Getting Around

What follows therefore is a tiny guide to some sites which you may (or may not) find useful. If you have downloaded this document the web, just click the underlined links to reach the site. If you are using a paper copy, type the site address in the location box and press enter. If you can not reach a site, don't worry because sites keep moving around and links get broken.

Site descriptions have been taken mostly from the web-sites or listing where available❖

Mousing Around Accountants



NGO accounting on the Internet

AccountAid India

<http://education.vsnl.com/accountaid>

Information on FCRA, Accounting, Tax.

AccountingNet

<http://www.accountingnet.com/>

Library, research, updates on accounting

AuditNet Home Page

<http://www.auditnet.org/>

Links to useful sites for auditors and accountants

Better Business Bureau-Charity Update

<http://www.bosbbb.org/chars961.htm>

Information on accountability of 400 US charities.

CPA Journal

<http://cpajournal.com/1997/index.htm>

Official journal of Certified Public Accountants in USA

ICAI

<http://www.icaai.org/>

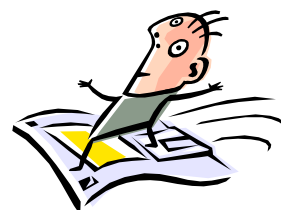
Official site of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Ombudsman Project

www.oneworld.org/ombudsman/

Aimed at improving accountability to beneficiaries. Includes an important survey for Southern NGOs and beneficiaries❖

Surfing the Agencies



What are They up to?

ACTIONAID

www.actionaid.org

Focuses on long-term development, tackling the root causes of poverty.

AusAID

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/>

Australian Development Agency

Book Aid International

www.bookaid.org

Provides relevant surplus books from the UK in response to requests from overseas partners

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CARE USA

www.care.org

One of the world's largest international relief and development organisations, founded in the aftermath of World War II.

Christian Aid

www.christian-aid.org.uk

The official relief and development agency of 40 British and Irish Churches.

CIDA

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index-e.htm>

Canadian Development Agency

Concern India Foundation

<http://www.concernindia.org/>

Indian grant-making agency

CRY

<http://cry.org/>

Indian Development Agency focusing on children

DFID (formerly ODA)

www.oneworld.org/dfid/

The UK Government department responsible for all aspects of development policy.

GTZ

<http://www.gtz.de/home/english/index.html>

German Development Agency

HelpAge International

www.oneworld.org/helpage

A global network of not-for-profit organisations working with and for disadvantaged older people

Hivos International

<http://www.hivos.nl/Engels/index.htm>

Dutch Agency for international development

Homeless International

www.homeless-international.org

Supports housing projects for low income communities overseas.

India Literacy Project DC

www.ilpdc.org

Focused on helping India achieve 100% literacy. It finds suitable NGOs in India - raises funds in the US through fund-raisers and personal contributions and sends them over to the NGOs in India.

ICCO

www.antenna.nl/icco

A Dutch co-financing organisation working on behalf a large number of Protestant churches, which are also represented in the board of ICCO.

International Family Health

www.ifh.org/

Provides support to partner organisations to implement innovative projects, which integrate sexual, and reproductive health care, through technical assistance, fundraising, consultancy and contract management.

NOVIB

<http://antenna.nl/novib/>

Netherlands based development agency

Oxfam America

<http://www.oxfamamerica.org/>

US based development Agency, member of Oxfam International

OXFAM UK

www.oxfam.org.uk

A development and relief agency working to put an end to poverty world-wide. In partnership with local groups, Oxfam works with poor people to help them help themselves.

OXFAM International

www.oxfaminternational.org

A world-wide partnership of Oxfams working for change and development.

Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum

www.oneworld.org/pwblf/

Works in partnership with business leaders to promote and develop the business case for sustainable development and good corporate citizenship.

SCF - The Save the Children Fund

www.scfuk.org.uk

Fights world-wide injustice against children and young people, defending their rights and promoting their needs.

Sida

<http://www.sida.se/Sida/dyn/Crosslink.dyn?d=107>

Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency

Tear Fund

www.tearfund.org.uk/

A Christian Relief and Development agency working with national partners to help the poor in over 100 countries.

UNICEF

www.unicef.org

Advocates and works for the protection of children's rights, to help the young meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.



US-AID

<http://www.info.usaid.gov/>

Official site of US Government's Development Agency

VSO - Voluntary Service Overseas

www.oneworld.org/vso/

Sends aid to developing countries - not in the form of money, food, clothing or equipment, but in the form of expert volunteers

WaterAid

www.wateraid.org.uk

Aims to work through partner organisations to help poor people in developing countries achieve sustainable improvements in the quality of life by improved domestic water supply, sanitation and associated hygiene practices.

World AIDS Foundation

www.worldaidsfoundation.org

Helps raise funds for AIDS research on a world-wide basis.

World Bank Group

www.worldbank.org

Provides assistance to developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards through sustainable growth and investment in people.

World Wide Fund for Nature

www.panda.org

Dedicated to reversing the destruction of the Earth's natural environment and building a future in which humans live in harmony with nature❖

CDR

www.cdr.dk/

The Danish Centre for Development Research carries out social science development research in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It supports development research through library and documentation services and offers consultancy services.

Central Index of Appointments Overseas

www.ciao-directory.org

Provides information about development organisations that are interested in recruiting international volunteers/staff.

Charities Aid Foundation

www.charitynet.org

Provides services that are both charitable and financial in order to help charities and donors make the most of their resources

Corporate Watch

www.corpwatch.org

An on-line magazine and resource centre covering corporate accountability, economic globalisation, social and environmental justice.

Econetworth

www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/5832

An international network of environmental professionals for the evaluation of third world Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs).

IDS - Institute of Development Studies

www.ids.ac.uk/ids

One of Europe's leading centres for research and teaching on Third World development.

International Federation of Journalists

www.ifj.org

World's largest journalists' organisation, with over 120 members in more than 90 countries.

Inter-NetWorking

Making Friends and Influencing People

AHRTAG

www.healthlink.org.uk

Works to improve the health of poor and vulnerable communities by strengthening the provision, use and impact of information.

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org

Works to promote all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards.

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



I don't know where he's gone... a few minutes ago, he was surfing the Net.

IPS - Inter Press Service

www.ips.org/

A leading alternative news organisation with a network of correspondents in over 100 countries and telecommunications links to 1,200 media outlets.

Indev

indev.nic.in

Electronic gateway to development information on India, with four searchable databases.

Japan Environmental Exchange

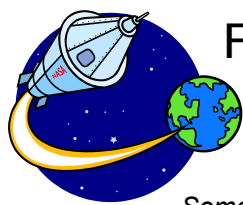
web.kyoto-inet.or.jp/org/s-world/jee/index.html

A volunteer based environmental awareness group, promoting the exchange of ideas between NGOs in Japan and overseas.

Worldwatch Institute

www.worldwatch.org

Dedicated to informing policymakers and the public about emerging global problems and trends and the complex links between the world economy and its environmental support systems❖



First Indians on the Moon

Some Indian NGOs are already on the Internet

CART

www.oneworld.org/cart/

A small organisation based at Mysore. CART's primary focus is sustainable rural development.

Centre for Science & Environment

www.oneworld.org/cse/

A public interest research and advocacy organisation, which promotes environmentally sound and development strategies.

Dakshinayan

www.linkindia.com/dax

Providing basic education and health care to tribal and other rural communities in India.

Development Alternatives

www.ecouncil.ac.cr/devalt

Primary focus areas include development and marketing of environmentally sound and appropriate technologies, and design and implementation of environmental management strategies and institutional systems.

Katha

www.oneworld.org/katha/

Works in the areas of literacy, empowerment and income-generation with women and in the areas of education with children, aged 0 - 14 years in Delhi's slum clusters in Govindpuri.

NCAS

http://education.vsnl.com/ncas_pune

Web site of National Centre for Advocacy Studies

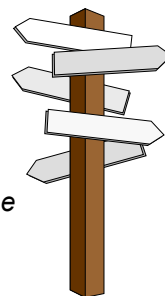
YUVA

www.yuvaindia.org

Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, Mumbai❖

Guides for the Perpetually Perplexed

Finding Your Way Around the World



Action Without Borders Inc.

www.idealists.org

Maintains the richest online directory of non-profit and volunteering resources, with information provided by 14,000 organisations world-wide.

ActivistNet

www.activistnet.org

A new, comprehensive internet resources directory and online networking centre for global issues, political activism and progressive social change.

International Development Co-operation

http://alcazar.com/wwwvl_idc/

A virtual library for NGOs and activists

OneWorld

http://www.oneworld.org/partners/partners_list/index.html

Web-sites and listing of Agencies and NGOs❖

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