

# International Development Consultancy

## GENERAL STARTING POINTS

This is not a comprehensive list of development consultancies, but should give you a good idea of the different types and focuses of firms operating in this area. To find others, or to find consultancies in particular countries, use the general resources listed here.

- **Aidworkers Net: Jobs in Development Consulting**  
[www.aidworkers.net/personal/consulting.html](http://www.aidworkers.net/personal/consulting.html)
  - **Consulting Base Ltd Directory of Firms**  
[www.consultingbase.com/index.php?pageid=8](http://www.consultingbase.com/index.php?pageid=8)  
Searchable database of consulting firms from around the world who specialise primarily in aid-funded development projects in emerging markets and developing countries.
  - **Directory of Development Organisations**  
[www.devdir.org](http://www.devdir.org) – excellent directory of organisations by region and country. Download relevant country documents (PDF) and search for 'consultant'.
  - **Association of International Consultants**  
[www.aic2000.org](http://www.aic2000.org) – provides consultants to other organisations for short and medium term projects
  - **INDEVOR**  
[www.insead.edu/indevor/career/consultants\\_g.htm](http://www.insead.edu/indevor/career/consultants_g.htm) - useful listings of development consultancies.
  - **Opportunities for Economists**  
[www.careers.lon.ac.uk/development](http://www.careers.lon.ac.uk/development) - see *Roles > Economists*. Details of potential employers for those seeking economics-specific careers in development.
  - **Oxford HR Consultants** [www.oxfordhr.co.uk](http://www.oxfordhr.co.uk) – executive search and selection consultants serving the international development sector
- natural resources, democracy, trade, HIV/AIDS and trade.
- **Environmental Resources Management**  
[www.erm.com](http://www.erm.com) – environmental consultants working in energy, environmental management, climate change and corporate responsibility practice.
  - **Africa Practice** [www.africappractice.com](http://www.africappractice.com) – emphasis on corporate citizenship and communications and the management of good ethical business.
  - **Options** [www.options.co.uk](http://www.options.co.uk) technical assistance, consultancy and management services in health and the social sectors. UK based.
  - **Constella Futures** [www.futuresgroup.com](http://www.futuresgroup.com) – specializes in design and implementation of public health and social programs for developing countries.
  - **Booz Allen Hamilton – International Development**  
[www.boozallen.com/home/services/inst\\_strengthening\\_intl\\_development/658265](http://www.boozallen.com/home/services/inst_strengthening_intl_development/658265) - economic and financial analysis, program management, cost modeling, sector reform and regulatory structures, and information systems design
  - **MASDAR** [www.masdar.com](http://www.masdar.com) consulting firm focusing on rural development in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean providing technical, institutional and socio-economic services.
  - **IATD** [www.itad.com](http://www.itad.com) – areas include aid effectiveness, poverty and governance, institutional development and communication
  - **PA Consulting**  
[www.paconsulting.com/industries/international\\_development/](http://www.paconsulting.com/industries/international_development/) - works with agencies and donors, notably USAID, in four sectors: energy, water, environment and tourism
  - **The IDL Group** [www.theidlgrou.com](http://www.theidlgrou.com) – provides advisory, applied research, training and project management services to international development agencies.
  - **Adam Smith International**  
[www.adamsmithinternational.com](http://www.adamsmithinternational.com) – international development consultancy based in London and Delhi with expertise in government and enterprise/utility reform.
  - **Future Green Planet** [www.future-greenplanet.com/service6.html](http://www.future-greenplanet.com/service6.html) - environmental consultancy with international development expertise
  - **Stirling Thorne Associates**  
[www.stirlingthorne.com](http://www.stirlingthorne.com) – research and consultancy

## UK BASED (or international with UK office)

- **Crown Agents** [www.crownagents.com](http://www.crownagents.com) – capacity-building and institutional development consultancy services in public sector transformation, with expertise in revenue enhancement and expenditure management, banking, public finance, training and procurement
- **Development Alternatives** [www.dai.com](http://www.dai.com) – consultancy with projects in banking, agriculture and

services for international development in agriculture, livestock and natural resources.

- **Enterplan** [www.enterplan.co.uk](http://www.enterplan.co.uk) – specialist management consultancy and project management services in developing and transitional environments worldwide
- **Intermediate Technology Consultants (ITC)** [www.itcltd.com](http://www.itcltd.com) – the consulting arm of Practical Action. Working on rural and urban infrastructure and enterprise and markets.

## US BASED/INTERNATIONAL

- **MetaMetrics** [www.metametrics.com](http://www.metametrics.com) – program planning, evaluation, and implementation services to US and foreign governments, NGOs and private companies. Particular focus on developing countries and in transition states.
- **Development Associates** [www.devassoc.com](http://www.devassoc.com) – US based firm which provides public policy research and technical services to US government
- **John Snow International** [www.jsi.com](http://www.jsi.com) management, research, education, information and training solutions in international health
- **DevTech Systems** [www.devtechsys.com](http://www.devtechsys.com) international consulting firm dedicated to development, working with government and NGO sectors. Services include economic advisory, education, gender, governance and monitoring
- **Associates for International Resources and Development (AIRD)** [www.aird.com](http://www.aird.com) – works in regional trade integration, competitiveness, private sector development, poverty reduction, agriculture, and trade capacity building for development.
- **Nathan Associates** [www.nathaninc.com](http://www.nathaninc.com) – economic consultancy with some development-related projects.
- **Abt Associates** [www.abtassociates.com](http://www.abtassociates.com) services to governments and multilateral agencies and financial organisations in agriculture, economic development, environment, health, privatization, and urban development.
- **Carana** [www.carana.com](http://www.carana.com) economic development services to government, private business, individuals, and international donor agencies
- **Cecchi Consulting** [www.hecchiconsulting.com](http://www.hecchiconsulting.com) – specialist development consultancy providing technical assistance, management consulting and research services to US government agencies, foreign governments, international organizations and the private sector
- **Creative Associates International** [www.caii-dc.com](http://www.caii-dc.com) – education-sector improvement and support to transitional communities through civil

society strengthening in areas of civil or political instability.

- **International Science and Technology Institute** [www.istiinc.com](http://www.istiinc.com) assistance to developing countries through technical, managerial, and financial expertise in the fields of economics, health and nutrition and agriculture and natural resources.
- **PADCO** [www.padco.aecom.com](http://www.padco.aecom.com) development consultancy focusing on democracy and governance, humanitarian response and reconstruction, conflict resolution, sustainable economic development, urban services
- **Pragma Corporation** [www.pragmacorp.com](http://www.pragmacorp.com) – international development consultancy focusing on civic participation, financial infrastructure and economic governance and agriculture and agribusiness
- **ARD** [www.ardinc.com](http://www.ardinc.com) – development consultancy with expertise in agriculture, governance and institutional development, information and knowledge management, infrastructure, natural resources and the environment.
- **International Resources Group** [www.irgltd.com](http://www.irgltd.com) - international professional services firm working with governments, the private sector and communities, working in the environmental, energy, agricultural and relief sectors.

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