

**Development Alternatives (DA) ranks 129 out of the top 150 Think Tanks worldwide.**

Development Alternatives (DA) is proud to share that it has been ranked **129<sup>th</sup> amongst the top 150 Think Tanks worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.)**. An exemplifying achievement for DA has been that out of the 6681 Think Tanks worldwide, it has been recognised in 10 categories out of 49 in the survey conducted by Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania.

Over the last three decades, Development Alternatives through its research and action has been striving to deliver socially equitable, environmentally sound and economically scalable development outcomes.

Top Think Tanks in China, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea: Recognising DA's green technology innovations for habitat, water, energy and waste management; DA was slotted the 23<sup>rd</sup> position out of the Think Tanks that were nominated from countries like China, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea. DA's initiatives have delivered basic needs and generated sustainable livelihoods in large numbers, reduced poverty and rejuvenated natural ecosystems in the most backward regions of India.

Top Environment Think Tanks: Acknowledging Development Alternatives' efforts to foster a relationship amongst the people, technology and the environment, it has been listed at the 37<sup>th</sup> place under the category of Top Environment Think Tanks across the world. Since 1982, DA has been innovating and multiplying alternative and sustainable tools, techniques, approaches and strategies to manage the People-Nature interactions; in all spheres including the rural, urban, industrial, pristine and global environments.

Top Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks: Identifying the quality and commitment of DA's leadership, which focuses on effectively managing the mission and programmes, mobilising the financial and human resources necessary to fulfill the mission, and monitoring the quality, independence and impact, it has been ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the Top Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks category.

Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposal worldwide: In the past 32 years, Development Alternative has produced new knowledge, innovative policy proposals, challenged traditional wisdom of policy makers and has generated innovative policy ideas and programmes. This has enabled DA to bridge the gap between the academic and policy-making communities and also between the policymakers and the public. DA has also been successful in bringing about positive behavioural change amongst millions of people in India. Recognising DA's contribution in this field, it has been ranked as the 19<sup>th</sup> Think Tank with the most Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposal worldwide.

Best use of Social Networks, Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program, Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programs, Best Think Tank Conference and Best Trans-disciplinary Research Program: DA which has been ranked 51<sup>st</sup> for its optimum utilisation of Social Networks, understands the significance of Communication, as it works closely with people in large numbers.

DA has received the 41<sup>st</sup> position for the Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program, this ranking highlights the focus laid by DA on using electronic, print and the new media to communicate its research and reach policymakers, journalists and the public. DA's ability to produce high quality, rigorous, policy oriented research which is accessible to policymakers, media and the public has enabled DA to gain the 52<sup>nd</sup> position amongst Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programs.

DA has also been ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in the Best Think Tank Conference category and 52<sup>nd</sup> in the Best Trans-disciplinary Research Program category.

In the survey '2014 Global Go To Think Tank;' DA has taken a leap from the 140<sup>th</sup> rank (in 2013) to the 129<sup>th</sup> rank (in 2014).

