

Climate and energy issues in the U.S. have never been more topical than they were this year, and international development and networking remain critical in forming the global capacity needed to address them.

Focusing on these topics, [Green Light Group](#) had a great inaugural year of research, writing, and analysis. Some of Green Light's major projects this year included:

CLIMATE & ENERGY

- Drafted an **energy policy** memo for [Third Way](#), an organization that helps progressive leaders reach moderate voters. The memo provided background on policy ideas and critiques of the Bush Administration.
- Prepared a memo for [David Gardiner & Associates](#) on **responsible property investment** and on efforts by institutional investors to improve the energy efficiency of their real estate portfolios.
- Prepared a report, working with [David Gardiner & Associates](#), suggesting potential improvements to the **corporate climate partnership programs** of the [World Wildlife Fund](#) (WWF).
- Undertook several projects for [Ceres](#), working with [David Gardiner & Associates](#), focused on **investors and climate risk**. One such project analyzed ExxonMobil's recent actions and statements concerning climate change and clean energy. The [analysis](#) compared the company to its competitors, as well as against standards put forth by investors concerned about climate risks and economic opportunities.
- Researched **biofuels policy** issues for [Green Strategies](#).

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT & NETWORKING

- Drafted a strategic white paper on **international environmental crime** for the [International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement](#) (INECE) that reviewed the key issues and recommended a strategy for INECE to be of greater assistance to practitioners around the world.
- Helped complete overall and country-specific final reports for a joint pilot project between the [UN Environment Programme](#) (UNEP) and the [International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement](#) (INECE) that used **environmental compliance and enforcement indicators** in Brazil, Costa Rica, Kenya, and South Africa to identify opportunities in each country for creating efficiencies in the implementation of biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).
- Prepared a memo, working with [Environment & Enterprise Strategies](#), that assessed the **strategic organizational options** for the [International Long-Term Ecological Research Network](#) (ILTER). The research involved soliciting the perspectives of ILTER participants and the insights of representatives of similar organizations concerning the pros and cons of the various organizational and geographical options for an ILTER Secretariat.

These issues will only grow more pressing in the year ahead, and Green Light looks forward to another successful year of working with concerned organizations to address them. When you need research, writing, or strategic analysis on such projects, please be sure to keep Green Light in mind!

With best wishes for a happy holiday season,



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