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Global Footprint Network Named One of World's Top 100 NGOs

(Oakland, CA) – January 24, 2012 – [The Global Journal](#), a leading international publication that covers the issues and major players of global governance, named the sustainability think tank **Global Footprint Network** as one of the world's [100 Best NGOs](#) this week.

The Global Journal, which described the Top 100 list as the first international ranking of its kind, praised NGOs as influential change agents and the Top 100 as the non-profit world's leading actors.

"We are humbled to be in the company of the many innovative organizations named in the top 100 who are seeking to create systemic change," said Susan Burns, Global Footprint Network's Senior Vice President and co-founder. "The world now finds itself at a defining moment where ecological constraints are ever more critical as we seek to secure people's well-being."

Global Footprint Network, a 9-year-old international organization headquartered in Oakland, California, was recognized for its work as global resource accountants "to influence decision-makers at all levels to society" to make ecological limits central to their planning and decisions. Global Footprint Network President Mathis Wackernagel is co-creator of the Ecological Footprint, a resource accounting tool that helps users understand their resource constraints and the link between financial stability and environmental sustainability.

"From humanitarian relief to the environment, public health to education, microfinance to intellectual property, NGOs are increasingly at the forefront of developments shaping the lives of millions of people around the world," The Global Journal said in announcing its Top 100 list.

Global Footprint Network is an international research organization working to make ecological limits central to decision-making by advancing the use of the Ecological Footprint, a resource management tool that measures how much nature we have, how much we use and who uses what. For more, visit www.footprintnetwork.org

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