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Effortless Search: Save time with powerful search tools, including full-text capabilities, Boolean operators, and filters. Even tables in reports are searchable!

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- Exclusive access to hundreds of books and other licensed content—including materials previously only available in print—from leading publishers.
- Access to over 600,000+ preserved documents from just under 650 inactive organisations which have disappeared.
- The inclusion of member think tank and research institute content to showcase their output on a premier grey literature platform.

Feature-filled, current and diverse, Policy Commons: Global Think Tanks adds research value through tools that:

Search and interrogate content
Advanced search tools surface content in a manner that allows for analysing trends and identifying new research and policy partners.

Find and cite tables
Thumbnails of tables and graphs can be viewed within reports, with the option to browse, cite or download them directly.

Create and share reading lists
Your selected audience has access through a personalised, high-functioning landing page to customised lists of topics, reports, organisations or searches.

Fully deploy policy research in your organisation
All materials have a permanent ID and organisation-level MARC records. Content is indexed by major search engines and linked with library discovery services.

Personalise alerts
With customisable alerts, users can stay up to date with what really matters to them, receiving emails highlighting new materials as they are added to the database.

Collect community contributions
Gain access to a growing collection of community uploads enriched with metadata. Members can also submit their own policy materials within minutes.

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