

## **Green Building Practices: Harmonizing Non-Governmental Organizations Roles and Energy Efficiency**

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**Abstract :** Green buildings provide serious challenges for governments all over the world with regard to achieving energy efficiency in buildings. Energy efficient buildings are needed to keep up with minimal impacts on the environment throughout their cycle and to enhance sustainable development. The lack of awareness and benefits of energy efficient buildings have given rise to NGO's playing important role in filling data gaps, publicizing information, and undertaking awareness raising and policy engagement activities. However, these roles are countered by concerns about subsidies for evaluations, incentives to facilitate data-sharing, and incentives to finance independent research. On the basis of literature review on experiences with NGO's involvement in energy efficient buildings, this article identifies governance strategies that stimulate the harmonization of NGO's roles in green buildings with the objective to increase energy efficiency in buildings.

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