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**Climate Challenge: Thinking Beyond Borders for Collective Action**

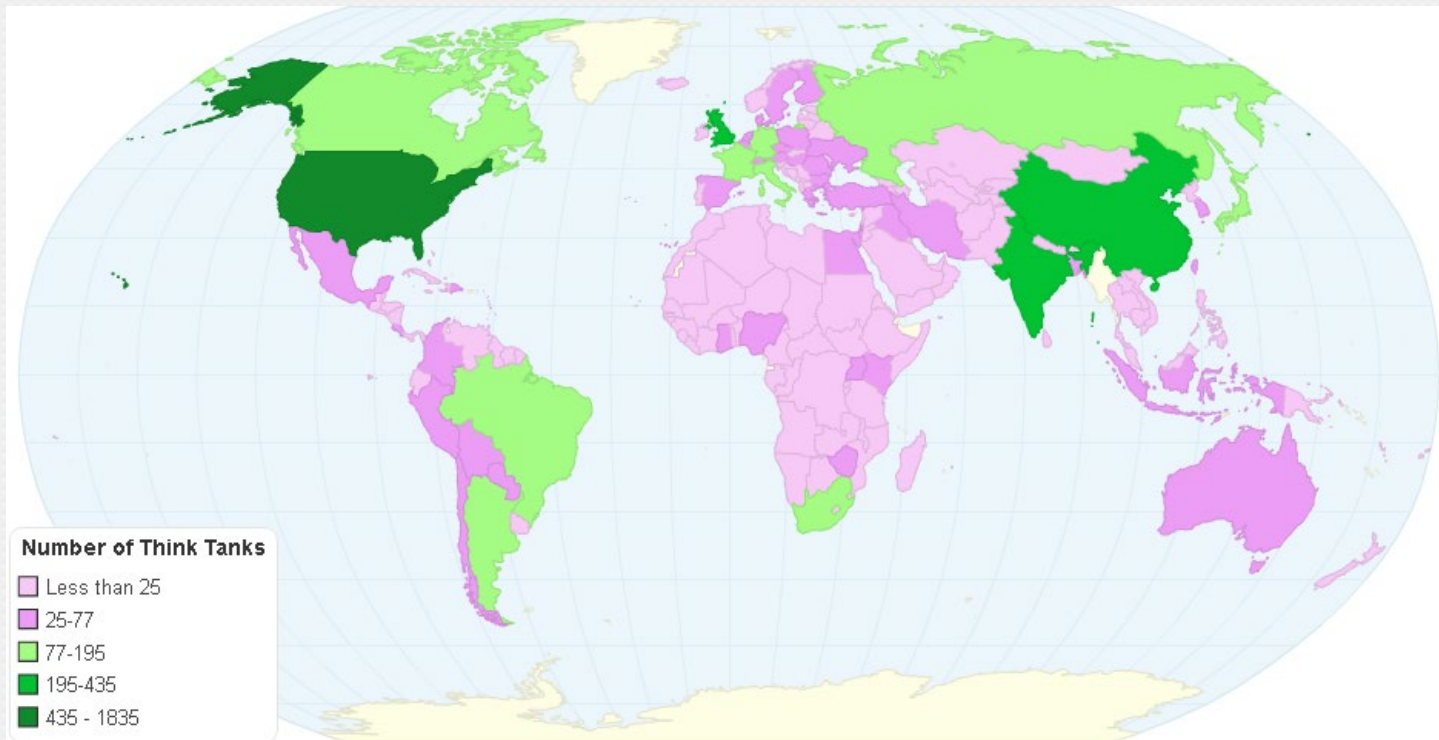
**CAREC Think Tank Voices**

**The Case of Kazakhstan**

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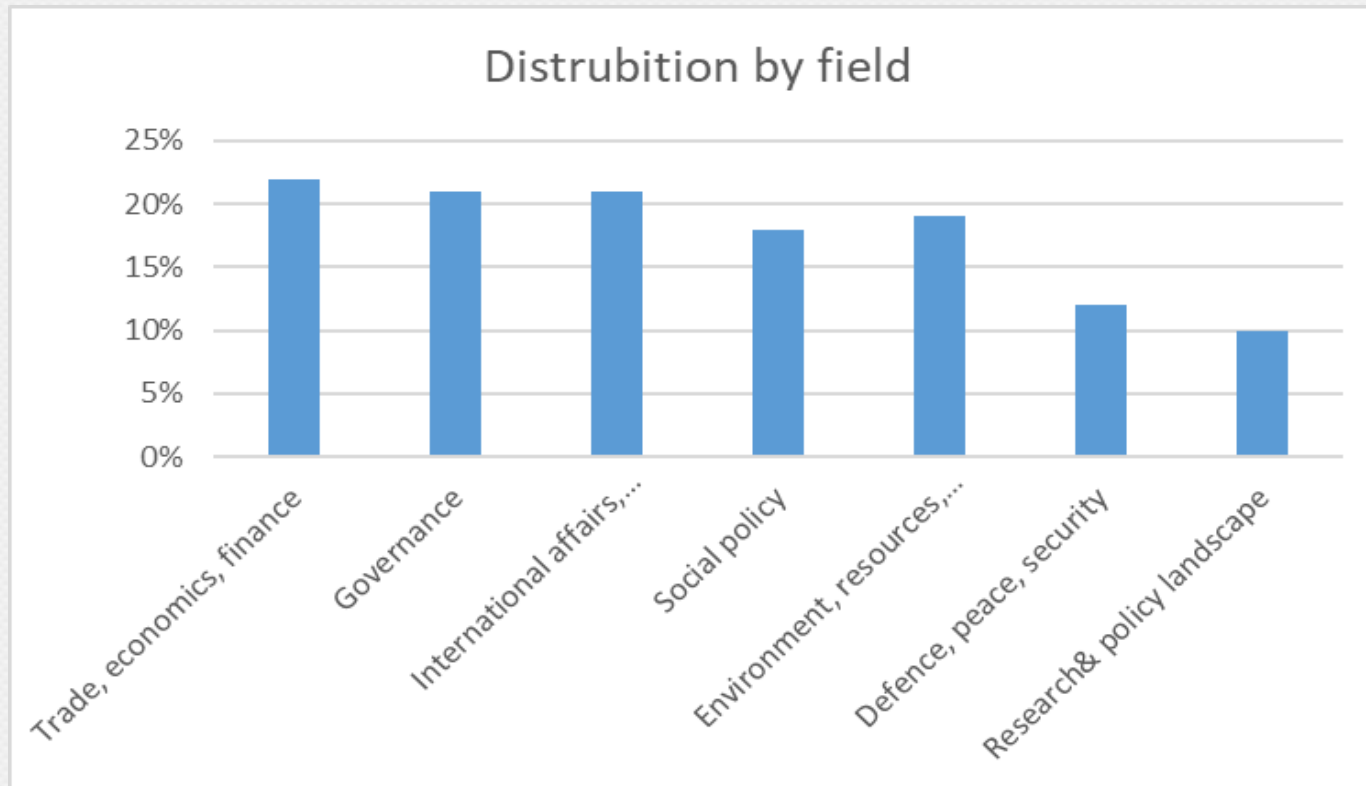
The number of think tanks worldwide

**10.000 +**



Source: [guides.library.upenn.edu](https://guides.library.upenn.edu) (2020)

## The distribution of think tanks by field (worldwide)



Source: onthinktanks.org (2023)

The number of think tanks in CAREC Region

1.000-2.000 ŧ



The number of think tanks in Kazakhstan

**30 ≈**





## Types of Think Tanks in Kazakhstan

- Academic/University-Affiliated Think Tanks
- Government-Affiliated Think Tanks
- Research Institutes
- Independent/Public Policy Think Tanks
- NGO-Linked Think Tanks



## Major Think Tanks in Kazakhstan

- Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KazISS)
- Foreign Policy Research Institute- (MFA)
- Eurasian Research Institute (ERI)- Khoja Akhmet Yassawi University- Kazakhstan
- Economic Research Institute
- Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP)
- Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP University)
- Center for Strategic and Military Research
- Institute of Ionesphere- II





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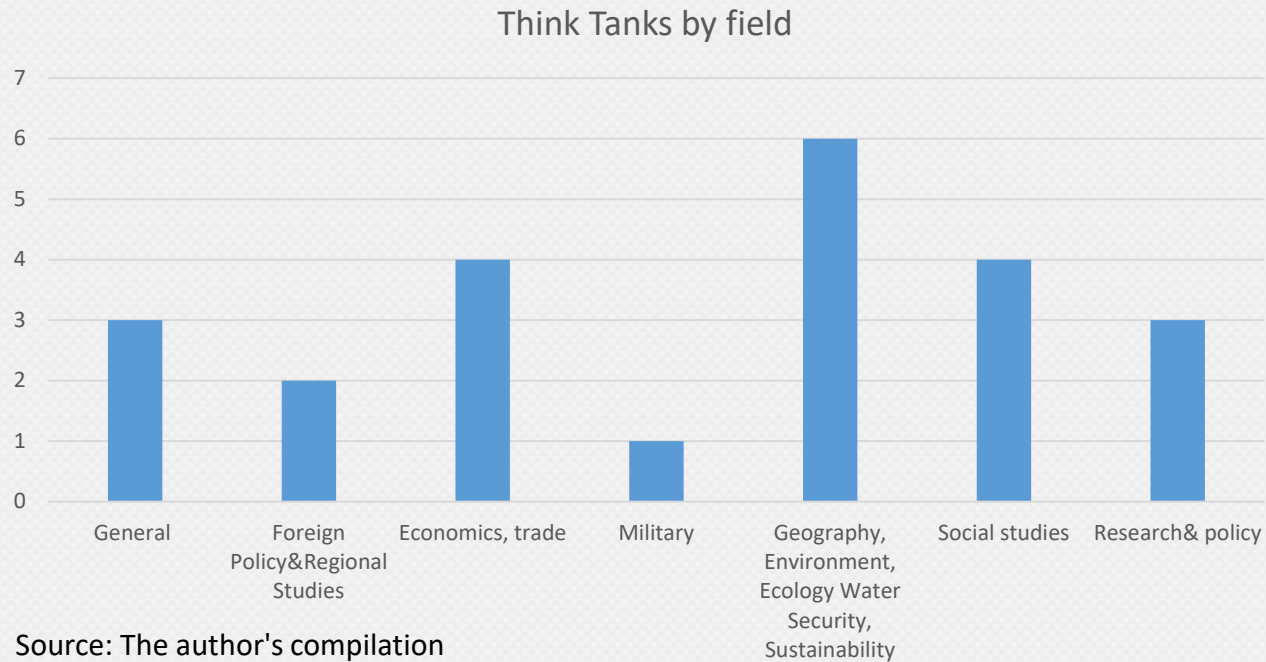
- Institute of Geography and Water Security- INGEO
- Institute of Hydrobiology and Ecology- IHE
- Central-Asian Institute of Environmental Research (CAIER)
- Public Policy Research Center (PPRC)
- Public Research Institute- OPINIONS KZ
- Public-Private Partnership Center
- National Analytical Center
- Eurasian Integration Institute- EII



## Major Think Tanks in Kazakhstan

- Applied Research Centre “TALAP”
- PaperLAB Research Centre
- Kazakhstan Institute of Social Studies- QISS
- Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute- (Narhoz University)
- Center for Natural Resources and Sustainability (Kazakh-German University)
- Climate Change Coordination Centre- CCCC
- Centre for Research and Consulting – CRC

## The Distrubition of Think Tanks by field





## The Financial Resources of Think Tanks in Kazakhstan

- Government (Ministry of Information and Social Development)
- International Organizations (UN, EU, OSCE, ...)
- International Foundations and Institutions (World Bank, Asian Development Bank, USAID, CAREC, FES, KAS, ...)



## What More Can Be Done for Collective Action?

From the reports of Global Go To Think Tank Index, on think tanks-TTT report, CAREC, and other organizations, it is evident that there is a significant number of think tanks operating on environmental and climate change issues at both the global and national levels.

However, the extent to which these think tanks influence policy-making processes remains a subject that requires further investigation.

At this point, I believe we should focus on the following issues:

The first issue, in my opinion, is the financial sustainability of the relevant think tank organizations. Naturally, if these organizations do not have sufficient and sustainable financial resources, their output and impact will be limited.

The second issue is the need for a continuous, yet distanced and sustainable relationship between the relevant think tanks and government institutions. Otherwise, it cannot be expected that the knowledge produced will be taken into account by governments. In this dialogue, official intergovernmental structures like CAREC play important roles.

Another point is the necessity of experience-sharing and collaboration with non-regional think tanks that have significant experience in this field globally. I believe that CAREC has the necessary infrastructure and resources to facilitate this.