



FINDING EVIDENCE FOR POLICYMAKING

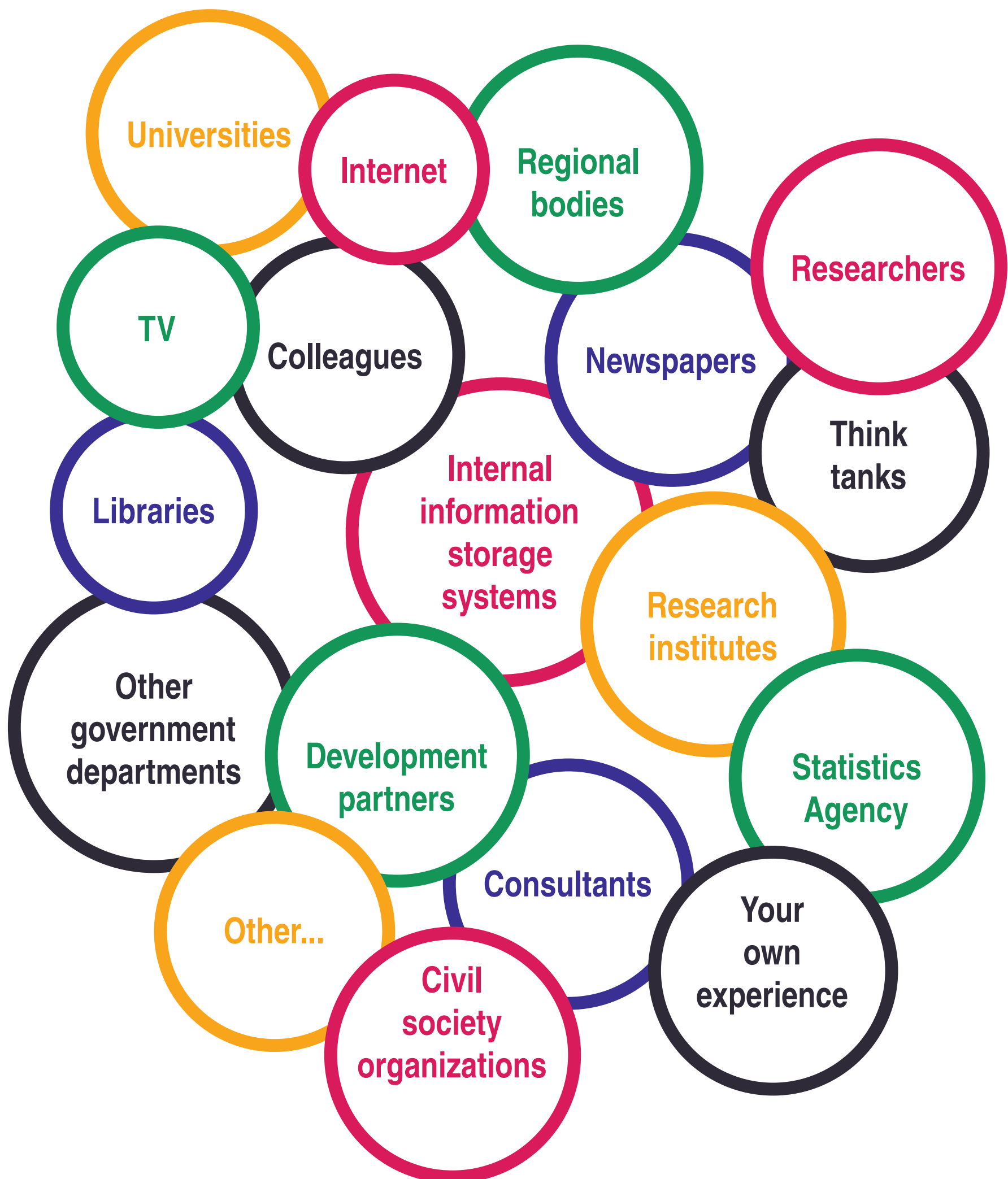


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TIPS TO FIND USEFUL INFORMATION ONLINE

Searching effectively and using filtering techniques will save you time and ensure you find the most relevant evidence products for your search.

Boolean Operators are simple words (Or, And, Not) used to connect and define the relationship between your search terms. When searching electronic databases, you can use Boolean operators to either narrow or broaden your record sets.

| Operator | Description | Example |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | uses a keyword or idea | Education |
| | uses a phrase, question or string of ideas | Girls Education |
| AND | includes both words | Girls AND Education |
| OR | includes either word | Girls OR Education AND Girls Education |
| NOT | excludes this word | Equality NOT Education AND Girls Education |
| * | wildcard, includes plurals and close matches | Gender* |
| " " | looks for whole phrases together by inserting quotations | "impacts of gender equality on girls education" |
| use lower case letters | upper case can limit your search | "girls education" |
| title | to find the word in the title of the page | title: girls |

(Source: DFID, 2014)

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