

Think-Tank Development Index

Utility of the Think-Tank Development Index:

The Think-Tank Development Index (TDI) is a method for measuring the development level of think-tanks working on a given subject within a specific geographical area.

How is it measured?

In a given geographical area, and on a specific subject, the TDI is calculated as the sum of the number of League 1 (L1) think-tanks (TTs) and the number of L1 working programs (WPs).

TDI = number of L1 TTs + number of L1 WPs

Key Discussion Point:

This formula does not account for the differences in size among the L1 think-tanks (TTs and WPs).

It assigns too much weight to smaller L1 TTs and WPs, while not giving enough weight to larger ones.

Example :

On a given theme, this formula assigns the same weight to a 'simple' L1 working program (WP) and to a 'large' think tank (TT) with multiple WPs for different sub-branches of the theme.