

## **"Presentation and Mission of CERES-GKN International Consortium"**

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### Abstract

A consortium of universities, research laboratories, private companies, and governmental organizations have undertaken the creation of a network of global knowledge bases (known as CERES-GKN) to enable decision makers around the world to make environmentally sound, technologically feasible, and economically justifiable choices during the development of products and processes.

The emerging global information infrastructure will form the basis of this effort. The consortium has formed a not-for-profit corporation, headquartered in the University of Rome at TorVergata and with regional offices in the United States and Japan. Consortium members are seeking cooperative relations with world bodies and national initiatives that support the use of information technology for such purposes. The CERES network concept is based on the assumptions that there is global interest in sharing environmental knowledge, thereby making it a global resource, that knowledge exists in diverse forms and media, and that the global Information Infrastructure is emerging rapidly.

Furthermore, government mandates and incentives for producing environmentally sound products are rapidly evolving, and recycling infrastructure development is becoming a high priority for many countries.