

2024 SEMESTER 1 POLICY PROMPTS

HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (8-12 JULY 2024, NEW YORK)

Policy Prompts

You can address your policy proposal in response to one of the prompts below, however you do not need to address the prompts directly, and you may have another area of interest that links to these themes. However, policy proposals must relate to the themes of the HLPF or one of the SDG's in review, and must relate to Australian domestic policy. Your proposal must address only ONE policy area and **cannot exceed 500 words.**

- In 2022, the UN Human Rights Committee said Australia was violating the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Torres Strait Islands by not doing enough about climate change. How can Australia work better with Traditional Owners and First Nations communities to address the threats of climate change on our environment?
- The 2022 UN Human Rights Committee ruling on Australia's violation of Indigenous People in relation to climate justice marked the first time a UN body has found a State violated international human rights laws through an inadequate climate policy. Explore Australia's human rights policy in relation to our progress with the SDGs.
- The Pacific region is impacted by climate change economically, environmentally, socially and culturally. How can Australia better collaborate with Pacific countries to mitigate the risk of climate change in the Asia-Pacific Region?
- Dr Cameron Allen from the Monash Sustainability Development Institute stated that Australia tends to perform better in health, education, and economic growth in comparison to the other sustainable development goals. Discuss how Australia can leverage its strengths to raise our status on the SDGs in which we are falling behind.
- How can young people lead the way in shifting towards a more circular economy?
- In 2024, the HLPF-SDG will review in depth five of the SDGs, including Goal 16 which aims to "promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels." How do you recommend Australian governments drive accountability and inclusion to ensure vulnerable communities are not left behind?
- Ending poverty in all its forms everywhere is goal number 1 of the SDGs. The HLPF theme for 2023 also focuses on eradicating poverty in times of multiple crisis and delivering effective sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions. How can Australian policy ensure that our next generation of young people can overcome intergenerational poverty?



AI FOR GOOD SUMMIT (27-31 MAY 2024, GENEVA)

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- How can Australia create policy that supports innovative use of AI-powered software in contexts such as medical research?
- How can Australia utilise policy to prepare, upskill and protect our workforce for the introduction of AI?
- AI can both be a cause and solution to sophisticated cyber attacks. How can Australia implement policies to ensure certain AI systems are not used in a way that threatens our security?
- What legislation should Australia implement to tackle the malicious use of rapidly evolving deepfake and text-to-image media?
- How can Australia update its copyright laws to ensure they are equipped to deal with AI?
- What policies should state governments and education departments implement to educate students on AI, while also combatting the use of AI for cheating in educational contexts?
- How can Australia update its policy framework to ensure we are prepared for the growth of AI? (this prompt is deliberately broad in case there is something niche that applicants are passionate about that is not captured in the prompts above)

