SEMESTER 1 2025 POLICY PROMPTS

GLOBAL VOICES

CONVENTION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN MARCH 2025 | NEW YORK

CONTEXT

"In 2025, the global community will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). The sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2025. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and NGOs from all regions of the world will attend. The main focus of the sixty-ninth session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly." Read more

As a part of CSW69, Australia has completed a 5 year review into our national progress on the Beijing Declaration. It includes key priorities for Australian gender equality. The policy prompts have been based on this report, which you can read here.

Your policy proposal should address one of the prompts provided below or another topic related to the theme of the delegation you're applying for. However, your proposal must focus on Australian domestic policy and only cover ONE specific area of policy.

Policy proposals must relate to the themes of CSW69. Your policy proposal must relate to Australian domestic policy.

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, your proposal must address only ONE policy area and your policy proposal cannot exceed 500 words.

Your submission should be no longer than 500 words excluding references.

POLICY PROMPTS

- Violence against women has remained alarmingly and stubbornly high in Australia in recent decades. What policies can Australia implement to curb violence against women?

- Migrant and refugee women in Australia have a higher unemployment rate at 4.5% compared to the overall women's unemployment rate of 3.4%. Other intersectional groups, such as women with disabilities, face similar challenges. How can Australia create policies that make the workforce accessible for all women? (You may choose to focus on just one demographic).

- Australian women aged 60 to 64 have a median superannuation balance 25% less than men of the same age. How can Australia combat wealth inequality in this context?

- In Australia and around the world, women's access to sexual and reproductive healthcare has been challenged. How can Australia create policies that robustly protect access to healthcare for women?

- Changing technology (such as generative AI) has created new forms of abuse, often targeted at women. How can Australia update its policies in response to these new technologies?

- What policies can Australia implement that ensure an equal representation of women in leadership positions?

- Australian women still hold the majority of unpaid work. How can Australia incentivise shared unpaid care responsibilities?

Y20 YOUTH SUMMIT
WINTER 2025 | SOUTH AFRICA

CONTEXT

The Y20 (Youth 20) is the official youth engagement group of the G20. The Y20 is a process which brings together young leaders from across the globe, to engage in reflection processes concerning global issues; share experiences and knowledge; negotiate; and prepare proposals, solutions and consensus for G20 discussions and decisions. Each year, Y20 delegates gather at a summit hosted by the G20 presidency, where they collaborate to develop policy recommendations known as a communiqué, which is announced publicly at the Y20 Summit and presented to world leaders as part of the official G20 summit.

Each year the Presidency announces summit tracks to be negotiated on by Y20 delegates for inclusion in the communique. This typically includes dialogue on global issues such as climate change, education, employment, and social inclusion.

Global Voices Fellows are recruited into the different negotiation tracks. You will engage in negotiations on this track at the Y20. You will also need to write a policy proposal which directly addresses one of the negotiation tracks. However, your proposal must focus on Australian domestic policy and only cover ONE specific area of policy.

Use the negotiation tracks below to select a policy problem in Australia to write a 500 word policy proposal on for your application.

Policy proposals must relate to Australian policy (please write a proposal for Australian policy change, not another country, or an international body).

The negotiation topics are broad, therefore we recommend focussing on a very specific issue that interests you related to this track.

Please note, each new G20 presidency chooses new negotiation tracks each year. The 2025 tracks are yet to be confirmed by the presidency, so we have utilised the 2024 tracks for the purpose of the application. The negotiation tracks may change slightly, however you will not have to change your policy proposal topic if this occurs.

Your submission should be no longer than 500 words excluding references.

POLICY TOPICS / NEGOTIATION TRACKS

- Fighting Poverty, Hunger and Inequality

- Climate Change, Energy Transition and Sustainable Development

- Reform of the Global Governance System*

- Inclusion and Diversity

- Innovation and the Future of Work

*Focus on Australian governance systems for your proposal

AI FOR GOOD
JULY 2025 | GENEVA

CONTEXT

The AI for Good Global Summit is the leading action-oriented United Nations platform promoting AI to advance health, climate, gender, inclusive prosperity, sustainable infrastructure, and other global development priorities.

AI for Good is organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – the UN specialised agency for information and communication technology – in partnership with 40 UN sister agencies and co-convened with the government of Switzerland.

The conference aims to identify practical applications of AI, accelerate progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and scale solutions for global impact.

The 2024 AI for Good Summit will be held from May 30-31 in Geneva, Switzerland. The session will involve speakers and representatives from member states, the private sector, UN agencies, government agencies, and researchers.

Use the policy prompts below to write a 500 word policy proposal. Policy proposals must be a proposal for Australian policy change, not another country, or an international body).

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.

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- As AI systems are tasked with handling increasingly sensitive data, how can Australia strengthen data privacy laws to ensure its continued security?

- How can datasets be strengthened to ensure fair treatment across demographics when utilising advice derived from AI?

- Data centres utilised by AI are incredibly energy intensive to maintain. How can Australia develop policies to manage the environmental impacts of AI technologies whilst fostering innovation?

- As AI technologies are increasingly utilised for law enforcement and surveillance, what kinds of policies will be needed to balance security needs with civil liberties?

- How can Australian policy ensure AI-driven financial systems remain transparent and don't introduce systemic risks to the economy?

- How can Australia ensure transparency in the use of AI developed content and information to maintain public trust and limit mis/disinformation?