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# Human Development Research Initiative Institutional brief - September 2025

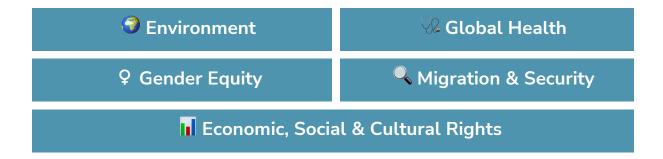
#### Who We Are

Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI) is a **student-led think tank founded** in **2016 at Sciences Po**, and dedicated to advancing youth-centered policy, democratic accountability, and evidence-based advocacy and policymaking.

Formally registered as an association under French law and headquartered in Paris, HDRI brings together a diverse and growing community of 50+ members.

Our work is rooted in the belief that youth-led research and civic engagement are essential to shaping inclusive, forward-looking policy.

We produce research across five thematic areas:



#### **Our Mandate**

HDRI bridges the gap between evidence-based research and policy action, elevating youth perspectives in global governance and policymaking.

In September 2025, HDRI was formally represented at the United Nations General Assembly during the high-level plenary marking the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth.



In recent years, HDRI delegations have participated in consultations with major international bodies, including the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the United Nations.

HDRI is also a proud member of several international coalitions and networks:

- EU4Ocean Coalition (EU4Ocean Platform & Youth4Ocean Forum)
- European Youth Energy Network
- Youth and Environment Europe
- Equality Platform for the Energy Sector
- Green Economy Coalition
- EESC Youth Test Programme

### **Engagement & Collaboration**

HDRI seeks **formal inclusion in policymaking initiatives** led by governments, ministries, international organizations, research centers and civil society actors.

We invite partners to engage HDRI in initiatives where **youth expertise**, **civic innovation**, **and intergenerational collaboration** are valued as drivers of policy impact.

## Interested? Get in Touch!



To explore partnerships, invite us to consultations, or inquire about observer accreditation, please contact:

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