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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**:



Environment



Global Health



Gender Equity



Migration & Security



Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

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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