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Proposers:
Agenda item: 8. Candidate Organisations

Name in Local Language:
Human Development Research Initiative
Country :
France
E-mail Address:
admin@hdevri.org

## Introduction

The Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI) is a youth-led think tank dedicated to policy research and facilitating debate in the field of human development. Through independent, rigorous, and ethical work, we aim to be a hub generating new policy ideas to advance social change.

Our values are inclusivity, integrity, and innovation, and our mission is to advance human development and justice throughout the world by means of policy research and advocacy, while also giving students a platform to engage in policymaking and gain professional experience in the policy arena.

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**APPLICATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP CANDIDACY**
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# *Application for membership of the Network*

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| **Name of the organisation:**<br><br>**(Local Language)** | Human Development Research Initiative |
| **Name of the organisation:**<br><br>**(English)** | Human Development Research Initiative |
| **Country where the organisation is located:** | France |
| **Postal address:** | Résidence Le Palatino, 20, allée Eric Chabeur, 75013 Paris |
| **Phone number of the organisation:** | N/A |
| **E-mail address of the organisation:** | info@hdevri.org |
| **Website of the organisation:** | hdevri.org (under update) |

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| **Date of establishment:** | January 21st, 2017 |
| **How is organisation registered (indicate legal act if there is one):** | HDRI is a registered under French law as an association loi 1901 |
| **Is the organisation part of the Green Party in your country or an independent Non-governmental youth organisation** | yes, IGLYO, SDSN Youth, Youngo, Eklesia, STEAR, The Wilberforce Society, |

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| **(if other please explain):** | |
| **Number of members:** | 25-50 |
| **Age limit:** | 18-30 |

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| **Statutory bodies of the organisation:** | The Executive Board |
| **Names and e-mails of members of current managing body (board, executive committee, etc.) and date of their election:** | Maria Gabriela Archila (1st September) - president@hdevri.org<br><br>Domenica Villacreses (1st September) - vice-president@hdevri.org<br><br>Gourangi (15th September) - publications@hdevri.org<br><br>Gurgen Petrosyan (1st October) - admin@hdevri.org & events@hdevri.org<br><br>Saroj (1st of October) - partnerships@hdevri.org<br><br>Maria Magdalena Szczerbowska (28th October) - communications@hdevri.org |
| **Name and contact info (e-mail) from person responsible in the name of the organisation and represents organisation towards the General Assembly:** | Gurgen Petrosyan<br><br>admin@hdevri.org |

| **Please briefly present the history of the organization:** |
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| The Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI) was founded in 2016(registered 2017) by eight graduate students from Sciences Po, the Paris Institute of Political Sciences. These students came together with the vision of creating a platform to rethink development towards a more inclusive, just, and sustainable society. Since its inception, HDRI has been dedicated to conducting independent, rigorous, and ethical policy research while also fostering debate in the field of human development.<br><br>Over the years, HDRI has grown into a youth-led think tank with a focus on five core topics: Environment, Climate Change & Energy; Migration & Security; Global Health; Gender Equity; and Economic, Social & Cultural Rights.<br><br>Throughout its history, HDRI has remained committed to its mission of advancing human development and justice worldwide through policy research and advocacy. It has provided students with opportunities to engage in policy-making and gain professional experience in the policy arena. As it continues to evolve, HDRI aspires to become a key actor in the international development policy arena, contributing to fair, joint, and sustainable development for all. |
| **Please briefly present mission and vision of the organisation, what are your core values:** |

**Mission of HDRI:**

The mission of the Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI) is to advance human development and justice throughout the world through policy research and advocacy. HDRI aims to achieve this by conducting independent, rigorous, and ethical research while facilitating debate in the field of human development. Additionally, HDRI provides students with a platform to engage in policy-making and gain professional experience in the policy arena.

**Vision of HDRI:**

HDRI aims to generate ideas and knowledge to inform policy-making processes, create open spaces for debate, and contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of public policies. Ultimately, HDRI aspires to become a key actor in the policy arena of international development and to bring about change to advance fair, joint, and sustainable development for all.

**Core Values of HDRI:**

- **Inclusivity**: HDRI values inclusivity, ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered in its research, advocacy, and policymaking efforts.
- **Integrity**: HDRI is committed to conducting its work with integrity, adhering to high ethical standards and rigorous research practices.
- **Innovation**: HDRI embraces innovation, seeking creative solutions to address complex human development challenges and drive positive change.

**What is your organisation's motivation to join our Network? How can we contribute to your organisation and how your organisation can contribute to CDN?**

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HDRI's motivation to join the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN) stems from our shared commitment to advancing green ideas, promoting sustainability, and fostering democratic values in Eastern Europe. As a youth-led think tank dedicated to policy research and advocacy for human development, HDRI recognizes the importance of collaborating with like-minded organizations to effect meaningful change.

By joining CDN, HDRI seeks to contribute its expertise in policy research and advocacy to support the development and implementation of green initiatives in Eastern Europe. Our focus on key areas such as environment, climate change, gender equity, and economic rights aligns closely with CDN's mission to promote a green vision for the region. Through independent and rigorous research, HDRI aims to provide valuable insights and recommendations that can inform policy-making processes and contribute to the advancement of sustainable development goals in Eastern Europe.

Furthermore, HDRI recognizes the significance of empowering young people as active and equal participants in society. We believe that youth engagement and participation are essential for driving grassroots changes and promoting democratic principles. By collaborating with CDN and its member organizations, HDRI seeks to amplify the voices of young people, facilitate knowledge-sharing, and foster international cooperation among youth-led initiatives.

In return, HDRI sees opportunities for mutual learning and collaboration within the CDN network. By engaging with other youth organizations and Green parties in Eastern Europe, HDRI can gain valuable insights into local challenges and opportunities, expand its network of partners, and enhance its understanding of regional dynamics. Additionally, HDRI can contribute its expertise in policy research, advocacy strategies, and capacity-building initiatives to support CDN's efforts in promoting green values and sustainable development in the region.

Overall, HDRI's participation in CDN reflects our shared commitment to advancing green ideas, promoting youth empowerment, and fostering sustainable development in Eastern Europe. Through collaboration and collective action, we believe that we can make meaningful contributions to addressing the challenges facing the region and building a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

**Please list (the main) activities of your organisation in the past 2 years:**

- **HDRI 2022 Research Summit**
  - At the summit, HDRI think-tank members will present their solutions to some of the most pressing policy issues of our time. On the panels, leading NGO and IO scholars will discuss possible solutions as well.
- **Researches and Publications**
  - External Contribution (3)
  - Queer Asylum Seekers and the Asylum Granting Process
  - Sex Education in Schools
  - Women in Politics
  - Asylum Seekers with mental health problems
  - Intersectionality as a motive for hate speech crimes
  - The benefit of flexible work on gender equality, COVID 19 lesson learned
  - Engaging men in feminist discourse
  - INGOs: towards a more confidential protection referrals and follow ups
  - Child Protection in Emergencies
  - Refugee Education (Formal & Informal Education) in Country of Asylum
  - Community-based Protection in Migration
  - Well-being of the Field Staff Working in Migration Context
  - Refugee-led grassroots initiatives to uphold their rights in host/transit countries
  - Health supply chains amid economic sanctions: what is justified?

- The role of big tech (Alphabet, Meta, Twitter, Telegram) during geopolitical conflicts
- The denial of the existence of 'race' intertwined with 'cultural archive'
- Racial profiling by the border police-the issue of systemic state racism
- Colonialism+Carcerality+Borders
- Community-based protection of refugees and migrants, International NGOs, Refugee-led initiatives
- Domestic Workers in Economy
- Comparative Sociolegal Perspectives on Same Sex Marriage
- Disability, universal accessibility - comparative analysis

- **A Guide to Writing Policy Briefs**
- Social Policy Competition
  - Human Development Research Initiative, LAPA Georgetown, … invite undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world to propose innovative recommendations to solve a pressing issue related to the SDG 16.
- Policy brief workshop
  - 101 of policy briefs: a workshop to understand how to write and present briefs for various topics.
- Interview workshop
  - Workshop on methodology to conduct stakeholder interviews.
- Podcasts

**Please, list involvement in CDN and/or FYEG activities in the past 2 years:**

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| N/A | |
| **The organisation is applying for:** | ☑ **Member Organisation**<br>☐ **Observer Organisation** |

**I herewith certify, on behalf of** Human Development Research Initiative. **that we accept CDN Statutes, Political Platform and Internal Rules of Procedure and commit ourselves to respect the decisions of CDN statutory bodies.**

**Full name of the formal representative:**
Gurgen Petrosyan

**Date:** 16 February, 2024

**DEADLINE for submitting your membership candidacy is 28th of March at 23:59 CET. However, the earlier you apply the more chance delegates will have to see your candidacy on**

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**cdn.discuss.green. According to the Internal Rules of Procedure, candidacies can be received until 30 days prior to the General Assembly.**

**Within 1 day you will receive a confirmation e mail that your candidacy has been received (if you do not get such e mail, you can contact us at giorgi.ptskialadze@cdnee.org.**

**Don't forget you that in order for us to cover your physical participation, get in touch with the office before-hand. You still need to register your participation on the GA by filling in the REGISTRATION FORM**

**ONCE FILLING THIS APPLICATION, YOU SHOULD UPLOAD THIS WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

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# Preamble

In pursuit of fostering human development and justice globally, a group of individuals, motivated by the principles of inclusivity, integrity, and innovation, hereby establish the **Human Development Research Initiative (HDRI)**. As a youth-led think tank, HDRI endeavors to engage in rigorous policy research, facilitate constructive debate, and advocate for equitable and sustainable development. This statute outlines the organizational structure, governance procedures, and operational framework of HDRI, ensuring transparency, accountability, and adherence to legal standards.

# Article I: Name and Legal Status

**1.1 Name:** The organization shall be officially known as the **Human Development Research Initiative**, abbreviated as **HDRI**.

**1.2 Legal Status:** HDRI is established as an association under the laws of France, operating in accordance with the provisions of the law 1901.

# Article II: Mission and Objectives

**2.1 Mission:** HDRI is dedicated to advancing human development and justice worldwide through rigorous policy research, inclusive dialogue, and proactive advocacy.

**2.2 Objectives:** HDRI shall strive to achieve the following objectives:

A. Conducting comprehensive policy research on key areas impacting human development, including but not limited to Environment, Climate Change & Energy; Migration & Security; Global Health; Gender Equity; and Economic, Social & Cultural Rights.
B. Creating inclusive spaces for constructive dialogue and debate, facilitating the exchange of diverse perspectives and ideas.
C. Contributing to the monitoring and evaluation of public policies to ensure their effectiveness and alignment with principles of equity and sustainability.
D. Providing students with meaningful opportunities to engage in policymaking processes, fostering their professional development and civic engagement.

# Article III: Membership

**3.1 Eligibility:** Membership in HDRI is open to all individuals from 18 to 30, who support its mission and objectives, regardless of gender, nationality, or academic background.

**3.2 Admission:** Prospective members may apply for membership by submitting a formal application expressing their commitment to HDRI's mission and willingness to abide by its principles and policies.

**3.3 Rights and Responsibilities:** Members of HDRI shall have the following rights and responsibilities:

A. Right to participate in the activities and decision-making processes of HDRI, including attending meetings, voting in elections, and contributing to research projects.
B. Responsibility to uphold the values and objectives of HDRI, actively engaging in its activities and adhering to its policies and code of conduct.

**3.4 Termination**: Membership in HDRI may be terminated in cases of misconduct, violation of HDRI's policies, or failure to fulfill membership obligations, subject to a fair and transparent review process.

# Article IV: Governance Structure

**4.1 Executive Board:** HDRI shall be governed by an Executive Board, responsible for overseeing its strategic direction, operations, and financial management.

**4.2 Composition:** The Executive Board shall consist of elected members, including but not limited to the following positions: President, Vice-President, Events Director, Publications & Research Director, Partnership & Fundraising Director, Communications Director, and other positions as deemed necessary by the Board.

**4.3 Election Process:** The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the outgoing Board through a transparent and democratic process, ensuring equal opportunity for all qualified candidates.

**4.4 Term of Office:** The term of office for members of the Executive Board shall be one year, renewable for additional terms as determined by the Board.

**4.5 Powers and Duties:** The Executive Board shall have the following powers and duties:

A. Setting the strategic direction and priorities of HDRI in alignment with its mission and objectives.
B. Developing and implementing policies, programs, and initiatives to advance the work of HDRI.
C. Managing the finances and resources of HDRI, ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
D. Representing HDRI in external relations, establishing partnerships, and advocating for its interests and objectives.

# Article V: General Assembly

**5.1 Annual Meeting:** HDRI shall convene an annual General Assembly, open to all members, for the purpose of reviewing its activities, finances, and governance, as well as electing the Executive Board and discussing matters of importance to the organization.

**5.2 Agenda:** The agenda for the General Assembly shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

A. Presentation of annual reports by the Executive Board, including financial statements and activity reports.
B. Election of the Executive Board for the upcoming term.
C. Discussion of proposed amendments to the statute or other matters submitted by members.

**5.3 Decision-Making:** Decisions at the General Assembly shall be made by a simple majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise specified in this statute.

# Article VI: Amendments to the Statute

**6.1 Proposal:** Proposed amendments to this statute may be submitted in writing by any member of HDRI to the Executive Board.

**6.2 Approval Process:** Amendments to this statute shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the General Assembly, provided that notice

of the proposed amendments has been circulated to all members at least 25 days in advance.

## Article VII: Dissolution

**7.1 Procedure:** In the event of dissolution, HDRI shall be dissolved in accordance with the legal requirements applicable to associations under the law 1901.

**7.2 Distribution of Assets:** Upon dissolution, any remaining assets of HDRI shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit organizations with similar purposes as determined by the Executive Board, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

## Article VIII: Financial Management

**8.1 Budget and Accounting:** HDRI shall maintain accurate and complete financial records, including an annual budget and financial statements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and legal requirements.

**8.2 Financial Audit:** HDRI shall undergo an annual financial audit conducted by an independent auditor, appointed by the Executive Board, to ensure the accuracy and integrity of its financial reporting.

## Article IX: Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest

**9.1 Code of Conduct:** HDRI shall adopt and enforce a code of conduct for its members, officers, and directors, outlining expected standards of behavior, integrity, and professionalism.

**9.2 Conflict of Interest:** HDRI shall have policies and procedures in place to identify, disclose, and manage conflicts of interest among its members, officers, and directors, ensuring transparency and impartiality in decision-making processes.

# Article X: Liability and Indemnification

**10.1 Limitation of Liability:** No member of HDRI, including members of the Executive Board, shall be personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of HDRI, except to the extent provided by law.

**10.2 Indemnification:** HDRI shall indemnify and hold harmless its members, officers, and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law against all costs, expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding, subject to the provisions of this statute and applicable laws.

# Article XI: Final Provisions

**11.1 Effective Date:** This statute shall enter into force upon its adoption by the General Assembly and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed in accordance with its provisions.

**11.2 Governing Law:** This statute shall be governed by the laws of France, including but not limited to the provisions of the law 1901 and other applicable legal requirements.

**11.3 Interpretation:** In case of any discrepancies or ambiguities in the interpretation of this statute, the Executive Board shall have the authority to make reasonable interpretations and decisions, subject to review by the General Assembly.

Adopted this **31 day of August, 2023** by the General Assembly of the Human Development Research Initiative.

**President:** Maria Gabriela Archila

**Vice-President:** Domenica Villacreses

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**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INITIATIVE - HDRI.**
*Objet :* initiative de recherche et de plaidoyer qui vise à penser et favoriser la mise en oeuvre de nouvelles politiques.
*Siège social :* Résidence Le Palatino, 20, allée Eric Chabeur, 75013 Paris.
*Date de la déclaration :* 6 janvier 2017.