Start a Discussion

Open a topic for discussion or request community input

# Overview

This document outlines the form fields and options for the "Start a Discussion" template.   
Each field is numbered and includes information about its type, available options, and instructions for completion.  
  
Template Information:  
• Name: Start a Discussion  
• Labels: ['cmip7', 'discussion']  
• Total Fields: 9  
• Required Fields: 4

# Form Fields

## Discussion Topic  
  
Use this template to start a discussion, gather community input, or propose ideas for consideration.

1. Topic Summary \*

*Field Type: Input | Field ID: topic\_summary*

Description: Provide a brief summary of what you'd like to discuss.

Placeholder text: "In one or two sentences, what is this discussion about?"

**How to fill: Enter a single line of text. This field is required and must be filled. Use the placeholder as guidance: 'In one or two sentences, what is this discussion about?'.**

2. Background/Context \*

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: background*

Description: Provide background information to help others understand the discussion topic.  
  
Include:  
- Why this discussion is needed  
- Current situation or problem  
- Any relevant history or previous discussions

Placeholder text: "Provide context for this discussion...\n\nWhy is this important now?\nWhat prompted this discussion?"

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is required and must be filled. Use the placeholder as guidance: 'Provide context for this discussion...\n\nWhy is this important now?\nWhat prompted this discussion?'.**

3. Main Discussion Points \*

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: main\_points*

Description: What are the key points or questions you'd like the community to address?  
  
Use bullet points or numbered lists for clarity.

Placeholder text: "1. Should we consider...\n2. What are the implications of...\n3. How should we approach..."

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is required and must be filled. Use the placeholder as guidance: '1. Should we consider...\n2. What are the implications of...\n3. How should we approach...'.**

4. Options/Proposals (if applicable)

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: proposed\_options*

Description: If you have specific options or proposals to discuss list them here.

Placeholder text: "Option A: We could...\n- Pros:\n- Cons:\n\nOption B: Alternatively...\n- Pros:\n- Cons:"

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is optional. Use the placeholder as guidance: 'Option A: We could...\n- Pros:\n- Cons:\n\nOption B: Alternatively...\n- Pros:\n- Cons:'.**

5. Relevant Stakeholders

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: stakeholders*

Description: Who should be involved in this discussion?  
  
You can @mention specific people or teams, or describe groups that should provide input.

Placeholder text: "- Data providers\n- @username\n- Teams working on..."

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is optional. Use the placeholder as guidance: '- Data providers\n- @username\n- Teams working on...'.**

6. Timeline/Urgency

*Field Type: Input | Field ID: timeline*

Description: Is there a deadline for this discussion? When do you need input by?

Placeholder text: "e.g., Need input by end of month, No specific deadline"

**How to fill: Enter a single line of text. This field is optional. Use the placeholder as guidance: 'e.g., Need input by end of month, No specific deadline'.**

7. Desired Outcome \*

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: desired\_outcome*

Description: What do you hope to achieve from this discussion?  
  
Examples:  
- Consensus on approach  
- List of requirements  
- Decision on policy  
- Community feedback

Placeholder text: "By the end of this discussion we should have..."

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is required and must be filled. Use the placeholder as guidance: 'By the end of this discussion we should have...'.**

8. Related Resources

*Field Type: Textarea | Field ID: related\_resources*

Description: Link to any relevant documents previous discussions or external resources.

Placeholder text: "- Related issue: #123\n- Previous discussion: [link]\n- Reference document: [link]"

**How to fill: Enter multiple lines of text. This field is optional. Use the placeholder as guidance: '- Related issue: #123\n- Previous discussion: [link]\n- Reference document: [link]'.**

## How to Participate  
  
👋 \*\*Everyone is welcome to contribute to this discussion!\*\*  
  
Please:  
- Keep comments constructive and on-topic  
- Consider all perspectives  
- Provide examples or evidence where helpful  
- Be respectful of different viewpoints

9. Participation Needed

*Field Type: Multi-Select | Field ID: participation\_type*

Description: What kind of participation are you looking for?

Available options (multiple selections allowed):

• General comments and feedback

• Technical expertise

• Use case examples

**How to fill: Select multiple options from the list (hold Ctrl/Cmd to select multiple). This field is optional.**

# Additional Information

Completion Guidelines:  
• Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required  
• For dropdown fields, select the most appropriate option  
• For multi-select fields, you may choose multiple options  
• For text fields, provide clear and concise information  
• If unsure about a field, refer to the description provided  
  
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