

# ICSU POSITION PAPERS

## OUTLINE & GUIDELINES



### ABOUT ICSU POSITION PAPERS

The International Council for Science's position papers have been altered from PACMUN's standard position paper outline and guidelines. ICSU's position papers should place emphasis on the proposed solutions and methods for implementing solutions.

### FORMATTING

- Position Papers will be 1-2 pages per topic
- Header including name, school, committee, topic
- Citations in any format (not included in page limit)
- Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1-inch margins, single-spaced

### CONTENT

#### 1. Background

- a. Delegates are expected to give background detail on the topic so that the reader can glean contextual details to further understand the problem.
- b. Delegate should go into detail about possible events that have occurred in the past with said topic.
- c. This section should also contain any **significant policies or controversies** that have arisen in the *past* pertaining to the topic at hand.

#### 2. Current Situation

- a. This section should outline in specific detail, the **current laws, procedures or projects** pertaining to the chosen topic -- in relation to the delegate's position.
- b. Additionally, delegates may include events that pertain to the topic that could **potentially benefit or detriment** from either implementation or neglect of the topic's solution(s).

#### 3. Solutions

- a. This section should lay the groundwork for potential solution(s) that will resolve the topic.

- b. Delegates will go into detail in the section afterward, but this section should outline what consequences the solution will have, either **positive or negative**.

#### 4. **Solution Implementation**

- a. This section should go in-depth into these details:

- i. *Financing*

- 1. Identify not only the **specific organizations and associations** willing to support potential resolutions and long-term solutions to the given issues, but also the **rough percentage** that they would be encouraged to contribute.
    - 2. Determine how **investments will lead to progress** and how debts and interest will be recuperated.

- ii. *Planning/Review*

- 1. Addresses **long term planning and risk prevention issues** by including specific legislation, actions or procedures that would enable countries to address the worsening of the issue in advance.
    - 2. Methods that the issue can be monitored and ways to ensure that countries are fulfilling their appropriate roles in the resolution.
    - 3. Ensures that the indices and scales used by the solutions are accurate and reasonable.

- iii. *Freedom/Responsibility*

- 1. Outlines specifics of how each issue will be addressed, appropriate and detailed regulations that must be encouraged, and/or number values of amount of resources or timelines.
    - 2. **Determines repercussions for lack of action** or violation of freedom/sovereignty.