



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

World Food Forum

Partnership Prospectus

THE WORLD FOOD FORUM



October 2024 | Rome, Italy

The world currently produces enough food to feed everyone, but in 2023, around 738 million chronically malnourished people went hungry. To provide fresh impetus for a transformed global food system, the United Nations (UN) launched the [World Food Forum](#) (WFF) in 2021.

As a youth-led initiative organised by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Forum brings together the next generation of students, farmers, scientists and entrepreneurs to discuss and enact change – from the global to the local level. Participants attend workshops, events and roundtable discussions where they can foster connections, engage with industry leaders and gain the tools necessary to address today's challenges on food insecurity and climate change.

The WFF serves as the premier global forum to harness the passion and power of youth to identify solutions and incite positive action for agrifood systems. It aligns with the [2021 United Nations \(UN\) Food Systems Summit](#), acts as a major youth platform in global food governance, and serves as a global think tank that fosters youth-led solutions in innovation, science and technology. The WFF aims to support and grow youth initiatives in the agrifood sector in line with global youth policy recommendations.



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

“With seven years remaining to achieve our sustainable development and climate goals, we need to urgently strengthen our collective efforts using food systems as a lever to accelerate implementation...any path to fully realizing the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement must include agriculture and food systems, from which over one-third of emissions emanate”

**UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed,
at the 2023 UN Climate Conference (COP 28)**



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

Why Support A Youth Delegate



Invest in Australia's future leaders

Get access to Australia's emerging talent

Support progress on future proofing Australia's agri-food sectors

Investing in future leaders

Australia is at the front line of climate change, and we need to prepare and protect our communities, businesses and systems for a changing environment. We need future leaders in the food and agriculture sector to support Australia into a future of sustainable and secure food. By funding a Fellowship position, you are investing in the leaders of tomorrow.

Our participants are carefully selected based on their potential to drive positive change and make meaningful contributions to society. Your support nurtures their leadership skills and global perspective, preparing them to tackle the challenges of Australia's sustainable food systems.

Access to emerging talent

Partnering with Global Voices provides you with access to a pool of motivated, talented, and forward-thinking individuals. As a partner, you have the opportunity to connect with these emerging leaders, fostering potential collaborations and recruitment opportunities.

Social responsibility

Demonstrate your commitment to social responsibility by supporting initiatives that focus on education and global cooperation. Sponsoring a young person through Global Voices aligns your brand with the values of empowerment, education, and youth development.



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

Who We Are

Global Voices and The United Nations Association of Australia Victoria (UNAAV) are partnering to take a delegation of up to six young Australian leaders to the UN's 2024 World Food Forum in Rome from 14 -18 October 2024.

Global Voices is a youth-led Australian not-for-profit committed to developing the next generation of leaders by providing practical experience in policymaking, international relations, and diplomacy. Global Voices is a non-partisan and non-advocacy organisation committed to contributing youth perspectives to domestic and global decision-making.

Since 2011, Global Voices has supported over 335 young people to participate in our Fellowship Program and attend over 85 international summits. The program includes attendance at an international forum, pre-departure training in Canberra, and the completion of a policy fellowship.

The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) is a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) which has category-one UN consultative status. The UNAA works to inform, inspire and engage Australians on the work, goals, and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

Since 2018, UNAA Victoria has taken groups of engaged young Australians on Study Tours to the UN in Geneva and New York. Led by Carlisle Richardson, former Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to the UN, and former UN Economic Affairs Officer, these tours have proven to be a huge success in fostering a greater understanding of the UN system to the wider Australian community and developing awareness and practical skills for future leaders.

We look forward to working with a group of outstanding young people and providing them with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the World Food Forum.



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

Delegation Leader

Carlisle Richardson



Carlisle Richardson is a former Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations and a former Economic Affairs Officer of the United Nations. As Ambassador, he worked on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the preparations for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. As Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations, he was one of the organisers of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

Carlisle has led the UNAA Study Tours to the UN Offices in Geneva and New York since 2018. He is a Special Advisor to ICLEI Oceania on Small Island Developing States Member and a Member of the Regional Advisory Council, Victorian Multicultural Commission. Carlisle is also author of the Book, "Island Journeys: The Impact of the Island Way of Life at Home and Abroad."

Carlisle Richardson's extensive experience in attending international forums as both UN Ambassador and as a UN staff member will enable him to assist participants to fully engage in this event and learn how knowledge is shared, decisions made and solutions developed to today's most pressing issues.

Carlisle will provide daily briefings and mentoring, and liaise with UN contacts during the event in Rome. Carlisle will also assist participants to refine and communicate their projects in an international forum.

Pre and post the Forum, there is potential for delegates to be involved in the WFF network in a range of events and regional action strategies. Delegates can also investigate the possibility of forming an Australian WFF chapter.



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

The Global Voices Program

A Formula For Success

Global Voices delivers an unparalleled professional, and global, development experience for young Australians passionate about shaping innovative solutions to complex national and international challenges.

The Fellowship Program consists of three pillars, the Global Voices National Conference, Policy Fellowship and Multilateral Forum.

Pre-Departures

The National Conference (Canberra based briefings program) provides an opportunity to connect our Fellows with each other, as well as the Global Voices executive team, and key players in the International Relations landscape from Government, Civil Society and Academia.

This initial meeting sets the tone for the entire 6 month Program, and allows our Fellows to step into their policy research with confidence and purpose.

The Policy Proposal

The Policy Fellowship is the pillar of our program that provides the Fellows with a tangible outcome from their experience. Each scholar will develop, with the support of our experienced Program Managers, a 2,500 word Policy Brief on an issue of importance to them and their workplace.

This experience provides our Fellows with practical skills in professional writing and editing processes, as well as transferable research and analytical skills.

Multilateral Forum

The Multilateral Forum is an opportunity for Fellows to test out their policy paper, by sharing their ideas and work to date with highly esteemed academics and professionals at high level international meetings.

Whether in person or online, Global Voices provides Fellows with unparalleled access to the official agenda of the forum, as well as facilitates private meetings with relevant industry leaders, from Australia and across the globe.



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division

"It is hard for me to put into words just how grateful I am for the opportunity...the experience has shown me just how critical it is that young people are engaged in policy-making. We are creative, open-minded, and we want to change the world."

**Rose-Anna Selhorst,
Global Voices National Scholar
2019 Y20 Youth Summit**



United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division



GLOBAL VOICES



**United Nations
Association
of Australia
Victorian Division**

Global Voices and the UNAA would like to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First People and Traditional Custodians. We Value their culture, identities, and continuing connection to country, waters, kin and community.

We pay our respects to Elders, both past and present, and are committed to supporting the next generation of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

Authorised and produced by:

Global Voices
PO BOX 4051

University of Melbourne,
Victoria 3052 Australia
ABN: 35 149 541 766

info@globalvoices.org.au

With the support of UNAA



www.globalvoices.org.au