

Elements of the policy paper

Element	Examples of Evaluative Criteria
<p>Executive summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background of the issue or dilemma • Description of the social dilemma • Outcomes of earlier efforts to address the dilemma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are recommendations highlighted? • Are all the important terms clearly defined? • Are all appropriate dimensions described? • Are prior efforts clearly assessed?
<p>Context and importance of the problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of past policy efforts • Significance of the conflict • Need for analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the conflict / region important? • What are the major assumptions and questions to be considered?
<p>Critique of policy option(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of alternatives • Comparison of future outcomes • Externalities • Constraints and political feasibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are alternatives compared in terms of costs and effectiveness? • Are alternatives systematically compared in terms of political feasibility?
<p>Policy recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for recommending alternatives • Descriptions of preferred alternative(s) • Outline of implementation strategy • Limitations and possible unanticipated outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are all relevant criteria clearly specified? • Is a strategy for implementation clearly specified? • Are there adequate provisions for monitoring and evaluating policies, particularly unintended consequences?
<p>Appendices</p>	
<p>Sources consulted</p>	