## **PIT-UN Thematic Working Groups**

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## Session Title: Amplifying PIT-UN Influence: Societal Impacts, Ethics, and Norms

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## **Conversation Prompts**

- 1. To amplify PIT-UN influence, we must be mindful of students who are time-poor and juggling priorities of school, family, and work. What are ways to provide meaningful and achievable engagement and training opportunities for students (that aim at understanding what PIT is, the benefits of PIT, and how they can engage with PIT as producers and consumers, for instance)?
- 2. The PIT-UN network as a collective group and in collaborations between its individual members and public and non-profit sector professionals have made notable gains in civic-minded technology and related ethical norms. However, the innovations are still mostly siloed within organizations and disciplines. How can we amplify these innovations so that broader societal benefits are achieved and better appreciated? For example: Does a broader definition of technology increase acceptability and use of new ideas? Does convening universities by region of the country help amplify impact? Is it possible to bring governments into the "university space" to share innovations?