

Natasha Stott Despoja AO

Curriculum Vitae

Nationality: Australian

Current positions

- Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
 - Rapporteur for Follow Ups
 - Vice Chair, Working Group on General Recommendation 40: Equal and Inclusive Representation of Women in Decision-making Systems
 - Member, Ukraine Taskforce and Afghanistan Taskforce
 - Member, Working Group on General Recommendation 39: Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls
- Professor in the Practice of Politics, Australian National University
- Principal, Deloitte
- Member, Advisory Council of the Broad Agenda 50/50 by 2030 Advisory Group, an Australian foundation focused on increasing women's representation in leadership positions
- Member, George Washington Global Women's Leadership Council

Professional activities

- Member of the FIFA 2023 Women's World Cup Steering Committee (2022-2023)
- Inaugural Chair of Our Watch, a leading Australian organisation in the primary prevention of violence against women and their children (2013-2021)
- Author, *On Violence* (2019)
- Member, United Nations High Level Working Group on the Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents (2017)
- International election monitor, Nigeria, Indonesia, Cambodia and Kenya (2017)
- Member, World Bank Gender Advisory Council (2015-2017)
- Australia's Global Ambassador for Women and Girls (2013-2016)
 - Represented Australia at gender-focused multilateral and regional meetings including the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; the Human Rights Council, APEC Women and the Economy Forum; Pacific Women Business Leaders Dialogue
- Leader, Australian Democrats (2001-2002)
- Senator for South Australia and the youngest woman to enter the Australian Federal Parliament (1995-2008)

Board positions

- Non-executive Director, Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer (current)
- Non-executive Director, Australian Ballet (current)
- Board member, Global Citizen (2018)
- Board member, Australian National University Council (2016-2021)
- Deputy Chair, beyondblue (2013)
- Board member, South Australian Museum (2009-2013)
- Board member, Advertising Standards Board (2008-2013)
- Board member, Burnet Institute (2008-2013)
- Board member, Museum of Australian Democracy (2010-2013)

Select appointments and fellowships

- Honorary Visiting Research Fellow, The University of Adelaide
- Fellow, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Member, Australian Prime Minister's Referendum Council, which recommended the Uluru Statement from the Heart
- Patron/Ambassador, The Orangutan Project; Victoria Health; Secondbite; Ovarian Cancer Australia; ENUF the HIV/AIDS anti-stigma campaign; Girls Takeover Parliament; Share the Dignity; the Fay Gale Centre at The University of Adelaide; and ActionAid
- Honorary doctorate, The University of Adelaide
- Honorary doctorate, The University of South Australia
- Distinguished Alumnus, The University of Adelaide
- Affiliate with the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network

Select awards

- Awarded the National Leadership Award by Women Leadership Australia (2021)
- Made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) (2019)
- Named one of the Top 100 Global Influencers on Gender Policy (2018)
- Made a Member of the Order of Australia (AO) (2011)
- Named a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum (2001)
- South Australia's "100 Most Inspiring Women of All Time"