



**Youth Empowerment for Agenda 2030 Climate Action through Science, Technology and Innovation**



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Organizers:

- [International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI](#)
- [WorldWeWant2030 Policy and Strategy Group](#)
- [NGO Committee on Sustainable Development - NY](#)

Event description:

The event is responding to the [guiding question 4\) of the STI Forum](#) "How can we deploy existing **knowledge** and new, **innovative solutions** and **technologies** and make them more readily **available to those who need them?**" with a particular focus on **young people** and their potentials and needs with regard to **implementation of the sustainable development #Agenda2030** and with regard to **transition to low-carbon societies** as agreed to in the **#ParisAgreement** at United Nations Climate Change Conference COP22 in December 2015 in Paris.

The "**Global Challenges Youth Centers**" concept will be presented as **globally coordinated local level entry points for youth engagement in Agenda 2030** and **Paris Agreement implementation** and "**Sustainable Energy Entrepreneurship**" as technology oriented large scale **resource mobilization mechanism for youth led climate action**.

The side event **builds on**

- Major Group NGO's **Rio+20 Issues Cluster on Innovation** <http://bit.ly/15yeZrZ>
- the **GloCha conference 2014** "Sustainable Development, Innovation and Youth - Building the Knowledge Base and Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure for Youth Led Civic Engagement in Local and Global Sustainable Development Action" <http://www.glocha.info/index.php/glochaconference2014> and
- the climate change session of **2016 ECOSOC Youth Forum** <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/youth-demand-stronger-voice-in-shaping-international-climate-action> and

aims to **present** and discuss **concrete examples of youth empowerment** for global challenges action through **science, technology and innovation**.

The **outcomes** of the side event shall help **formulate a conceptual framework** for youth focused **technology facilitation** and **entrepreneurship capacity building** in the context of Agenda 2030 based on **blended financing** from **local** and **global public, market based** and **philanthropic** sources and with a view towards identification of strategic **social impact investment opportunities** in the context of [Global Challenges Giving Pledge](#) initiative.



Speakers:

- **Miroslav Polzer** (IAAI and GloCha Foundation New York), *Welcome & Overview IAAI GloCha Youth Initiatives*
- **Rosa Lizarde** (World We Want 2030 PSG Co-Chair), *WorldWeWant2030 - Giving Young People a Voice in UN*
- **Margo LaZaro** (Co-Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, UN NGO Representative of International Council of Women & Global Family), *Empowering Youth Innovative Social Impact Projects with the SDGs*
- **Aashish Khullar** (Major Group Children and Youth Science-Policy Interface Task Force) *Potentials and Needs of Youth*
- **Cleopatra Mbali Masinga** (IAAI) - *presentation of "GloCha Sustainable Energy Entrepreneurs" project initiative*
- **Douglas Ragan** (Chief, Youth and Livelihoods at UN-HABITAT), *Agenda 2030, Cities & Opportunities for Young People*
- **Minna Aslama Horowitz**, St. John's University, GloCha Ftd New York & GESCI ICT Innovation & Education incubator Kenya (*video message*) - *Creating enabling ecosystems for young social entrepreneurs in the context of Agenda 2030*
- **Tony Abdel ghany**, social entrepreneur & **Andrea Chaves**, [TYWLSA](#), *Empowering Young Women through STI*

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