



# 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



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## Organizer:

International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee [www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info)

## Partners:

- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) – Vienna Liaison Office [www.acuns.org](http://www.acuns.org)
- Alpen Adria University of Klagenfurt [www.aau.at](http://www.aau.at)
- Wikimedia Austria [www.wikimedia.at](http://www.wikimedia.at)
- Conference of Non Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with United Nations (*to be confirmed*)

## Participants:

global youth leaders, scientists, civil society, United Nations, philanthropy and social entrepreneurship leaders, ICT experts

## Topics:

- Needs and potentials of a growing global youth population in the context of global challenges and global opportunities.
- New thinking regarding the contributions every human being can make to efforts of local and global communities towards sustainable development.
- Innovative Concepts and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools for youth led participation and civic engagement as a meaningful and productive experience in the generation of collective well-being with special consideration of United Nations programs and goals.

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GloCha Conference Klagenfurt 2014 is a **+socialgood event**  
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The power of technology and new media to make the world a better place: [www.plussocialgood.org](http://www.plussocialgood.org)

<sup>1</sup> GloCha (Global Challenges) stands for a vision of **shared global social responsibility** of all **global citizens** and promotion of a culture of **civic engagement** towards global (= United Nations) goals developed by **International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI)** [www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info). The first 3 GloCha conferences have been initiated and organized by IAAI secretary general Miroslav Polzer (with partner organizations such as Academic Council on the United Nations System [www.acuns.org](http://www.acuns.org)) in the context of **Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana**: 1st GloCha Conference: “**Global Philanthropists – Partners for a Knowledge Based Response to Climate Change**”, Portorož/Slovenia, 1-3 June 2008 <http://www.glocha.info/conferenceindex.html>; 2<sup>nd</sup>: “**Teaching Climate Change and the United Nations System**”, May 2010 in Belgrade/Serbia [http://videlectures.net/ccandun2010\\_belgrade/](http://videlectures.net/ccandun2010_belgrade/); 3<sup>rd</sup>: “**Knowledge, Youth and Global Commons - Orienting Knowledge Systems and Inter-Generational Relations towards Sustainable Development and Rio+20**”, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee/Austria, 15 & 16 September 2011 <http://www.glocha.info/index.php/latest-news/150-conference2011-3>

### Concrete Aims of the Conference:

- Building the **knowledge base** and identifying **ICT infrastructure** needs for engagement of **civil society** in general and **youth** in particular in **local and global sustainable development action** in **United Nations** context (UN context: Rio+20 Conference Outcome Implementation/Sustainable Development Goals, post2015 development agenda, Strengthening of ECOSOC, Climate Change mitigation and adaptation/input to UNFCCC conference 2015 in Paris, UN Habitat III Conference 2016)
- Facilitating **global standard setting and interoperability of ICT systems** in the fields of **global challenges related multistakeholder resource mobilization** - Breaking down silos! connecting information systems for global challenges related crowdfunding, grant making, social impact investing, global giving, payment for environmental services, education for sustainable development funding, etc. ..
- Developing tools and campaigns for **mass mobilization and large scale Resource Mobilization for Sustainable Development Goals** Implementation (**2015 Global Youth Music Contest**) and knowledge collaboration (Regio-wikis, Education for Sustainable Development innovations, etc.) combining micro and macro level philanthropy & civic engagement for global challenges action in a “[Global Challenges Giving Pledge](#)” (channeling knowledge, workforce, money of civil society into local and global SD efforts, see OWG6 Side Event of IAAI <http://bit.ly/1gNMVRV> for details)
- Launching “**Global Youth Innovation and Participation Center Klagenfurt**” (a cooperation of IAAI with several UN programs and knowledge and technology partners in Central Europe and from around the world) as **Research and Technology Development hub** for **youth focused e-governance innovation**.

### Thematic areas/Sessions:

<b>Sustainable Development and Innovation</b> Public Sector Innovation & Multistakeholder Action	<b>Civic Engagement in the Context of Social Impact Investing and Social Entrepreneurship</b>
<b>Youth Engagement &amp; the Role of (Informal) Education</b> Music, Education and Social Media	<b>Information and Communication Technologies</b> Standards, Interoperability and Infrastructure

Highlight at Social event on 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2014:

Signing of **Memorandum of Understanding** and **Launch “Global Center on Innovation and Participation, Klagenfurt”**

- Pre-conference event 1 (4 June whole day and morning of 5 June):

Youth Workshop in the Context of Austrian 2014 presidency of Central European Initiative [www.cei.int](http://www.cei.int) “**Engaging and Empowering Youth and Local Communities in CEI countries to connect with global sustainable development/sustainable energy efforts**” (thematic focus: promotion of Youth engagement in sustainable development through global literacy, media literacy, 2015 Global Youth Music Contest & Education for SD innovation (incl. funding innovations))



- Pre-conference event 2 (5 June morning):

Global Challenges ICT Workshop “**Building the Knowledge Base and Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure for Civic Engagement in Local and Global Sustainable Development Action**” (thematic focus: developing UN system wide ICT infrastructure and standards for documentation, evaluation and financing of locally provided resources for global challenges action (**focus**: global citizens/youth, social enterprises & local communities/cities); **context**: plan of IAAI and local and global partners to establish a “**Global Youth Innovation and Participation Center Klagenfurt**” to be presented at the conference)

Pre-conference event 3 (3 June late afternoon):  
IAAI General Assembly

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