



First Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovative (STI Forum), New York, 6-7 June 2016

Side Event

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



Date: 7 June 2016, 1:15-2:30 PM EDT; Venue: Conference Room 11, UN Conference Building, New York City

Organizers:

- International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI
- WorldWeWant2030 Policy and Strategy Group
- NGO Committee on Sustainable Development NY
- World Development Foundation

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 new 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.

A particular **thematic focus** lies on **globally coordinated local level social/institutional and technological infrastructure** for **youth focused multistakeholder engagement in Agenda 2030 and Paris Agreement implementation.**

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" 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 by means of **blended financing** from **local and global public, market based and philanthropic** sources and with a view towards formulation of strategic **social impact investment opportunities** in the context of [Global Challenges Giving Pledge](#) initiative.

Speakers:

Miroslav Polzer, IAAI (presentation of "[Global Challenges Youth and ICT Center](#)" concept and [INFORMATIK 2016 workshop](#) announcement "Youth Empowerment for Climate Action through ICT"); **Elizabeth Rasekoala**, president of African Gong- the Pan-African Network for the Popularisation of Science & Technology, and Science Communication (video message), N.N., **GESCI** ICT Innovation and Education incubator Kenya (videomessage), **Sara Trærup**, Climate Resilient Development Programme at UNEP DTU Partnership (*video message*), **Ravi Karkara**, senior adviser at UN Women, WorldWeWant2030 PSG co-chair, IAAI vice president and co-chair of [UN Interagency Network for Youth Development](#), **Aashish Khullar**, Major Group Children and Youth Science-Policy Interface Task Force, **Margo Lazaro**, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development NY

Moderator: **Minna Aslama Horowitz**, St. John's University

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