



**ECOSOC
YOUTH FORUM**

YOUTH2030

Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

**“Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions:
Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in
times of crises”**

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2024 ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

**“Informal Youth Summit of the Future
and Local Pacts for the Future –
Pathways towards youth led transformative change”**

Organized by:

- International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI <https://glocha.info/>
- International Youth Conference (IYC) <https://www.internationalyouthconference.org/>
- UN Habitat Youth Programme <https://www.unhabitatyouth.org/en/>
- AFS Intercultural Programs <https://afs.org/>

17th of April 2024, 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

1. Background

IAAI's youth led partner organization IYC <https://www.internationalyouthconference.org/> has developed at a side event to the UN Commission on Social Development CSocD62 (link to event report on the homepage of UN DESA: <https://social.desa.un.org/sdn/creating-the-future-with-youth>) the proposal to organize an **informal Youth Summit of the Future** ahead of the official **UN Summit of the Future** in September 2024 as a forum for effective and inclusive youth participation in the work of the UN system, in line with **SDG 16** – “.. build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”.

At the proposed side event the organizers aim to discuss the feasibility of this idea and organizational details with youth leaders from around the world which will participate in the **ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024**, with member states representatives and other stakeholders. The plan for the **informal Youth Summit of the Future** is, to have a set of non-state actors' led programs and events, clustered around the UN Summit of the Future, which shall lead to an action plan for transformative global governance innovation towards inclusive and action and impact oriented citizens' and youth engagement and empowerment in global goals implementation:

1. **Youth capacity building, strategy and action plan development sessions** in relation to the UN Summit of the Future and the UN Global Pact for the Future in the context of the 9th and 10th edition of the **International Youth Conference**
www.internationalyouthconference.org
2. Call for **visual art, music videos and documentary videos** about youth focused challenges, challenges communities and solutions, to be launched by IAAI GloCha early June 2024 (in the context of the World Environment Day 2024) and selection of winners at the **GloCha CoCreation Festival** at Lake Turnensee in Austria 3-9 September 2024
3. Presentation of the **IYC Youth Pact for the Future Action Plan**, the **GloCha CoCreation Festival Music and Art highlights** and the **Challenges Mapping and Local Pacts for the Future tool-set** at the annual Youth, SDGs Localization and Digital Innovation **conference of IAAI GloCha and UN Habitat at the UN HQ** (planned for 19th of September 2024, *to be confirmed*) (link to past events: [2022](#), [2023](#))
4. Ongoing collection and dissemination of **user generated edutainment content** and **citizen science knowledge collaboration** on local and global challenges and youth led challenges action through the **GloCha Streaming TV platform**

Info about "Local Pacts for the Future":

"Local Pacts for the Future" are a multilevel governance innovation for multistakeholder SDGs action mobilization, developed by IAAI GloCha, which has been communicated to the UN Member States in the context of the Pact for the Future consultation (<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sof-international-association-input-zero-draft-pact-for-future.pdf>). IPoFs build on UN Habitat's DeclarAction initiative. Link to the presentation on **Local Pacts for the Future & individual SDGs and climate action app**: <https://lnkd.in/d2kwtxMZ> (slides) - <https://lnkd.in/dmBVCZJw> (video)

2. Objectives

With our side event we aim to provide concrete solutions for an inclusive and successful summit of the future and youth focused multilevel governance innovation, in line with SDG 16

With the "informal Youth Summit of the Future" and "Local Pacts for the Future" we aim to open up innovative communication channels and develop innovative engagement platforms and tools for young people from difficult-to-reach backgrounds and places, so that their creativity, ingenuity and passion can be harnessed for global goals implementation.

The future proof UN needs to reach the people's hearts and minds, and IYC, GloCha and UN Habitat youth are here to help achieving this goal.

3. Programme

- Ali Sayed Mustafa, IYC – Welcome and Presentation of the Informal Youth SoF proposal
- Member States representatives
- Aishu Narasimhadevara, Member of DGC Youth Representatives Steering Committee – Global South Youth Participation in SoF Preparations – the role of the UN Civil Society Conference in May 2024 in Nairobi
- UN Habitat Youth programme – DeclarActions as a framework for action oriented youth engagement
- IAAI GloCha – Presentation of the GloCha CoCreation Call for Music and Art 2024, GloCha TV, the GloCha CoCreation festival and Local Pacts for the Future as a multilevel governance innovations for the SoF
- youth delegates

4. Guiding Questions for discussion

- What do young people care about?
- How can the creativity, ingenuity and knowledge of young people be harnessed for local and global action for the common good (= SDGs implementation)?
- How can we set up governance innovations that facilitate future, action and impact oriented engagement of citizens and especially youth in SDGs localization
- How can we use the momentum of the UN Summit of the Future for the deployment of innovative citizens/youth engagement mechanisms in the context of the UN?

5. Venue Address (if In-person) and/or Platform to be used for virtual side events including Registration link

Hybrid event:
UN DGC Civil Society Resource Center
801 First Avenue, UNITAR Building, 2nd Floor

Zoom Registration:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdeivrTgpHNwMC68ztFGEgOfEdvKjgNhb>