



Leveraging Science and Social Inclusion for Sustainable Development - Localization of the SDGs by youth

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2025 ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

Organized by

UN-Habitat Youth Programme
UN Environment Programme Early Warning and Data Analytics Branch

April 16th 2025, NY 1.15 – 2.45 PM EST

Background

The side event, **Youth at the Forefront: Leveraging Science and Social Inclusion for Sustainable Development** organized jointly by UNEP and UN-Habitat and civil society partners will highlight youth-led efforts in localizing the SDGs through initiatives such as the [Youth 2030 Cities program](#), and community level data collection opportunities in the context of the [UN One Map initiative](#), highlighting initiatives in areas such as Zero Waste. The session fosters youth engagement in sustainable development, emphasizing SDGs **3, 5, 8, 14, and 17**.

Programme and names of speakers/panelists

1.15 – 1.30

Welcome - Dr. Michal Mlynár - Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat *(virtual)*

Alexandre Caldas, Chief of Early Warning and Data Analytics Branch (UNEP)

1.30 – 2:30

Youth Leveraging Science for Social Inclusion Panel

- Yigang Li, Data Strategy Advisor, UNEP Programme Coordinator
- Joyati Das, Youth 2030 Cities
- Safrina Irungu (*virtual*), Mathare Roots (Kenya)
- Rehman Hassan, UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board

2.30 – 2.45

Concluding remarks and invitation to hands-on mapping workshop session with UN Geospatial Network/One Map and invitation to GloCha ECOSOC YF 2025 reception