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Advancing Education and Access to Emerging Technologies for Future Generations

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Time: 3:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Venue: Room 6, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Co-Hosts: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kiribati to the United Nations
and the Council of Global Change (CGC)

Background

In an era of accelerating technological change, driven by advances in artificial intelligence and digital innovation, inclusive access to technical education is increasingly recognized as a foundation for sustainable and equitable development. The global digital transition requires a collective, forward-looking response to ensure that every young person, regardless of context, has access to the tools, skills, and opportunities needed to thrive.

Against this backdrop, the Republic of Kiribati stands as a symbol of commitment to multilateralism and international cooperation. Through strategic engagement and forward-thinking leadership, Kiribati aims to promote a global vision in which youth and digital education play a central role in building resilient, future-ready societies.

In line with this commitment, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kiribati to the United Nations and the Council of Global Change (CGC) are convening this high-level session to launch a joint initiative focused on expanding access to AI-powered technical certification programs and strengthening capacity-building through innovative cooperation mechanisms. driven technical certification

programs and enhancing capacity development in key sectors through innovative cooperation frameworks.

Objectives

- To promote technical and digital education as a proactive tool of diplomacy to foster resilience, social cohesion, and international collaboration.
- To encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue among Member States, multilateral organizations, philanthropic actors, and the technology sector around sustainable models for digital inclusion.
- To contribute to positioning digital education as a strategic priority within multilateral agendas, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (particularly SDGs 4, 9, and 17), as well as the discussions surrounding the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future.
- Advance youth empowerment through practical, tech-driven programs that can be easily adapted and replicated across the Pacific and Commonwealth regions.
- Position Kiribati as a pilot country for scalable models of digital access, youth entrepreneurship, and innovation support.
- Create a streamlined mechanism for regional cooperation among small and island states via a new platform (Island Futures Council) to exchange knowledge, mentors, and funding pathways.

Proposed Themes for Discussion

- The Importance of Public–Private Collaboration: How strategic alliances between governments and private actors can accelerate development

without relying solely on state budgets — and how CGC can help broker those relationships.

- **AI-Driven Innovation for Underserved Communities:** Exploring how artificial intelligence can enable communities and entrepreneurs to design scalable solutions and offer digital services globally — using free or low-cost tools that reduce barriers to entry and promote inclusive innovation.
- **Youth as Engines of Innovation and Social Stability:** Understanding the role of youth not just as beneficiaries, but as architects of national progress through new technologies.
- **Island Nations as Innovation Pilots:** Discussing how small nations like Kiribati can serve as testbeds for cost-effective, scalable technologies — turning their size and agility into an advantage to lead regional innovation and set new global standards.

Expected Outcomes

- MoU signed between Kiribati and the Council of Global Change (CGC) to formalize cooperation on youth, education, and innovation.
- Inclusion of the CGC–Kiribati collaboration in a press release or statement shared with UN missions and partners.
- CGC Council Members to serve as international mentors, supporting Kiribati’s youth initiatives with guidance and visibility.
- Evaluation of youth-led projects by the CGC for seed capital allocation, focused on initiatives applicable to Kiribati, the Pacific region, and the wider Commonwealth.
- Formal invitation to other Commonwealth countries to join the “Island Futures Council” — a CGC-led community for small and island nations. Through this platform, we will offer guidance, seed resources, and direct access to our global network to accelerate youth-led, tech-enabled


development — with minimal bureaucracy and a focus on practical outcomes.

Confirmed High-Level Participants

- H.E. Mr. Tito Teburoro, Permanent Representative of Kiribati to the United Nations
- Mr. David Xavier Sánchez, Secretary-General, Council of Global Change
- Ms. Consuelo Vanderbilt, Global Council Member of CGC and Chair, Vanderbilt Daxsen Fund
- H.E. Mr. Carlos Hernández, President of the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN)
- Mr. Jonny Sierra, Executive, Google Pay

Target Audience

- Permanent Missions to the United Nations
- Ministries of Education, Youth, Science, and Technology
- UN system agencies and intergovernmental organizations
- Philanthropic foundations and development funds
- Technology companies and global education providers
- Academic institutions, youth organizations, and civil society


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