GloCha UN HQ NY Conference & Exhibit 2025

Local Action for Global Challenges

Harnessing the Power of Emerging Technologies, Innovation & Youth for Our Common Future

Date: Thursday 18th of September 2025, 10 AM - 8 PM EDT
Venue: UN HQ NY, Trusteeship Council Chamber *(Venue subject to final approval)*
With live and on-demand web-broadcast on UN WebTV

Organizers:

- International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI www.glocha.info
- GloCha Global Challenges Foundation New York Inc. https://www.glocha.org/
- Permanent Mission of The Bahamas to the UN in NY
- UN Habitat Youth Programme https://www.unhabitatyouth.org/en/
- International Organization of Youth IYC http://www.iycforyouth.org
- Climate Chain Coalition
- Evercity

Partners:

- CODES Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability *(tbc)*
- Rotary@COP30 Committee
- Bioregional Embassy
- International Academy for Art and Cultural Studies (IAA)
- COP30 Presidency – Permanent Mission of Brazil to the UN in NY *(tbc)*
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Republic of Uganda
- GIZ

- Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)
- Slovenian, Austrian and German Permanent Missions to the UN in NY *(tbc)*

Aim

This conference focuses on engaging citizens/youth, promoting digital innovation, and localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in times of increasing climate crisis and growing uncertainties. It brings together various stakeholders to explore creative solutions and governance innovations, connecting and empowering in a global ecosystem - with a particular focus on the systemic role of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) - local multi-stakeholder action for the global common good, which is essential for a sustainable future and a good life for all.

Draft Agenda *(Note: speakers are not confirmed yet and titles are tentative)*

10.00 – 10.40 **Opening session**

Moderator:

Welcome Messages

- HE Amb. Stan Smith, Mission of The Bahamas to the UN in NY
- Anna Lena Baerbock, President of the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly tbc
- Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Republic of Uganda *(virtual)*
- Miroslav Polzer, IAAI GloCha & Climate Chain Coalition
- Josephine Gore and Ali Syed Mustafa, International Organization of Youth / IYC, presenting outcomes of the GloCha Int. Youth Day 2025 Celebration Event and IYC12 Announcement
- Francesco Corvaro, Special Envoy for Climate Change of Italy
- Douglas Ragan, UN Habitat Youth Programme

10.40 – 11.30 **Localization of Global Goals, Governance Innovation/UN80, Cities & Data**

- Alexandre Caldas, President and Chairman of Kiplomacy (International Leader for Humanity, Peace and Development) - Building the enabling ecosystem for all of society engagement in global challenges action
- Tulio Andrade, COP30 Chief Strategy and Alignment Officer, Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub
- UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies
- Marcel Dorsch, Umweltbundesamt - German Env. Agency, CODES DPI

11.30 – 13.00 **Digital Public Infrastructure Enabling Locally Led Climate Action**

- Pedro Ivo Ferraz da Silva, Coordinator for scientific and technological affairs and bilateral relations, Department of Climate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Brazil COP30 Presidency - Digital Public Infrastructure for Climate: COP30 Presidency perspectives & DPI4PP Challenge

- Miroslav Polzer, Susanna Choe, Hossein Hassani, Lennon Medeiros, Michael Zargham – GloCha DPI: Empowering Local Action for Global Challenges through Digital Public Infrastructure
- Björn Sören Gigler, GIZ - Twin Transition Hubs et al.
- Rotary International – Unlocking the potentials of 1.2 Million members and 30 000 local hubs for the global common good with the help of DPI
- Talieh Wögerbauer, Austrian Ministry of Climate & Roberta Ianna, Italian ministry of Ecology & Domenico Vito, Hubzine Italy / Sara Roversi, Venice Climate Week – Announcing the Philanthropy for Digital Climate Innovation Conference initiative
- Alexey Shadrin, Unlocking climate finance for local climate action with emerging technologies – Evercity and Climate Chain Coalition
- Austin Wade Smith, Regen Foundation
- Gerelmaa Batchuluun, Orda
- Digital Innovation Pavilion Partners

13.00 – 15.00 **Lunch break**

15.00 – 16.30 **COP30 Global Mutirão and Global Climate Action Agenda Session -** (in cooperation with COP30 presidency, Visao Coop and High Level Champions)

- Fabrícia Sterce & *Lennon Medeiros, Visão Coop* - Unlocking People Power with Social and Digital Innovation in the context of the COP30 Global Mutirão
- UN Climate Change High-Level Champions - Unleashing Global Climate Action with AI, Digital Public Infrastructure and Climate Finance innovation
- Ilario Corna, Chief Information Technology Officer, IOC, Linking up Mass mobilization for climate action with Olympism 365 and LA2028 preparations with shared Data and Digital Innovation infrastructure
- IEEE Planet Positive initiative - Smart Standards for Smart Sustainable Communities
- Susanna Choe, Bioregional Embassy
- Sydney Griffith, Kinship Earth & Planetary Party Protocol

17.00 – 18.00 **Spaces, Resources, Knowledge, Edutainment & Tools**

- Mayan Metzler, Spatial Network

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Gamification / Virtual worlds
  - IAA speaker recommendation
- Giselle Alers - Knowledge Innovation Summit
- Long Beach City College - Using GloCha DPI for the LBCC Public Health Innovation Lab's Global Change (Students) Ambassadors programme
- COP30 Entertainment and Culture Pavilion

Exhibition event & Reception :

8 to 19 September 2025 , UN Conference Building, 1st floor, Curved Wall space

The title of the exhibit is *"Local Action for Global Challenges".*

The exhibit will highlight innovative, citizen-centered solutions that empower youth and local communities to take meaningful action on global challenges, especially climate change and sustainable development. It showcases the GloCha (Global Challenges) Partnership's pioneering work in building Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Global Challenges Action Empowerment.

Furthermore, there will be held a reception on **18 September 2025**, 6-8 PM

GloCha Youth Programmes:

Unlocking the Power of Youth for Local Action for Climate, SDGs and beyond

GloCha DPI for Local Climate Finance Innovation

Building Emerging Technology and AI Capacity for Climate Entrepreneurship and Locally Led Climate Action Programs within the Green Climate Fund and beyond

https://unfccc.int/event/climate-chain-coalition-empowering-local-climate-action-with-emerging-tech-and-innovative-finance

COP30 UN Climate Conference 2025

A Window of Oppportunity for Leveraging Digital Public Infrastructure for Climate Action Empowerment through Institutionalization

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GloCha Partnerships and DPI Use Cases

COP30 Global Mutirao use case
with a "Self-Determined Contributions"- variation of the Challenges Mapping tool

UN Habitat DeclarActions

Rotary Youth Empowerment

DPI for Ocean Action
(UNOOSA & Palau)

Global Change Ambassador Programme
(Long Beach City College)