

With Foresight, Games & Information and Communication Technologies Towards

# Sustainable Cities



*Side Event to*

**Seventh Session** of General Assembly's Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals  
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## **Organizing partners:**

1. **International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI)** [www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info)
2. **GFS Institute – Ljubljana Forum on the Future of Cities** <http://www.ljubljanaforum.org>
3. **Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich - Chair of Sociology, in particular of Modeling and Simulation – FuturICT initiative** [www.futurict.eu](http://www.futurict.eu)
4. **Millennium Project – Global Futures Studies**, Washington D.C. <http://millennium-project.org/>

## **Thematic Focus:**

Seventh session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals deals with:

- **Sustainable cities and human settlements, sustainable transport**
- **Sustainable consumption and production** (including chemicals and waste)
- **Climate change and disaster risk reduction**

All these issues **require strong engagement and participation of broader public**. The challenge for OWG process and SDGs implementation efforts is to find **innovative conceptual frameworks** and concrete **tools**, that **connect all relevant stakeholders** with universal global sustainability goals and **inspire and incentivize collaborative action** for the **local and global public good**.

The organizers of the **Side event “With Foresight, Games & Information and Communication Technologies Towards Sustainable Cities”** aim to contribute to this quest by

1. Presenting the **“Local Provision of Global Public Goods” Conceptual Framework** and **GloCha System** as global public sector innovation blueprint that connects local level sustainable development efforts with global sustainable development goals (and other UN Goals) governance;
2. Highlighting the potentials of **Foresight processes** and **Collaborative Intelligence tools** for identification of Sustainable development potentials on local/city level and formulation of individual city level SDGs Challenges;
3. Presenting **“Global Challenges World Cup – Urban Games” - Competitions and Games among cities** as **incentives** for resource mobilization for sustainable development;
4. Outlining a **Global Challenges ICT Knowledge and Technology Hub Klagenfurt (Austria, Central Europe)** which shall help to address the need for **Information and Communication Technologies Research and Technology Development** for Connecting Cities and Citizens with Global SDGs Governance

## Speakers

Miroslav Polzer, IAAI Klagenfurt/Austria [www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info)

**GloCha - With Systemic Innovation, Knowledge Collaboration and Fun towards Sustainable Cities** (10 min)

Dirk Helbing, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich, ETH-SOMS/FuturICT [www.futurict.eu](http://www.futurict.eu)

**FuturICT Global Participatory Platform & Citizen Engagement through Sustainability Competitions among Cities**  
(video/skype message)

Felix Dodds – Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities & Regions <http://communitascoalition.org>

**Identifying and Measuring the Urban Dimension of SDGs**

Jerome Glenn, Millennium Project – Global Futures Studies <http://www.millennium-project.org>, Washington D.C. & Blaž Golob, GoForeSight (GFS) Institute, Ljubljana <http://www.goforesight.eu/>

**Ljubljana Forum on the Future of Cities - Video “The Future of Cities” and skype chat**

Ravi Karkara, Global Expert Advisor Children & Youth, UN Habitat and UN Millennium Campaign - MyWorld2015 Child and Youth Focal Point +Partnerships/ Co-chair World We Want 2015 Platform <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/>

**Engaging Global Youth in UN System’s Sustainable Development Efforts**

Yanuar Nugroho, Director of the President’s Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight Republic of Indonesia  
**Using Foresight and ICT Innovation for Sustainable development Governance – Good practice Cases from Indonesia**

Christina Stevens, Award Winning Author and Film-maker. Recipient of the Gold Lion at the Venice Film Festival  
**How storytelling can impact social change**

As regards IAAI, this OWG7 Side Event aims to present [GloCha System’s](http://www.glocha.info) elements “**Global Challenges World Cup – Urban Games**”, “**GloCha ICT Knowledge and Technology Hub Klagenfurt**” and “**Global Challenges Centers**” and thus complements the IAAI-GloCha Side Event to OWG6 “**UN System Partnering with Civil Society on Resource Mobilization for Sustainable Development**” which took place 12 december 2013 in Trusteeship Council Chamber of UN Headquarters in New York (Video-on-demand available on UN Web TV: <http://bit.ly/19uM6Mn>) where GloCha System’s components “**15/15/15 UN Civil Society Resource Mobilization Partnership**”, “**Global Challenges Giving Pledge**” and “**Global Youth Music Contest**” have been presented.

## GloCha – Systemic Innovation for a Sustainable World

### Global Challenges Giving Pledge

„Everybody Can and Shall Contribute to Sustainable Development Goals”

### 15/15/15 United Nations - Civil Society Resource Mobilization Partnership

„It is all about Information Management”

### Global Challenges ICT Knowledge and Technology Hub Klagenfurt

„Sustainable Development Goals Need to be on Everybody’s Mobile Devices”

### Global Challenges Centers

GloCha is Hope  
[www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info)

### Global Challenges World Cup Urban Games

„SDGs will be Implemented if they Find their Way into the Hearts and Minds of Global Citizens”

### Global Youth Music Contest



**GloCha** (standing for Global Challenges) is a **transinstitutional Global Action Network** – a **Multistakeholder Partnership** in United Nations terms - based on the **conviction** and **ethics** that every **Global Citizen** can and shall **contribute to sustainable development on local and global level** and thus to **goals of United Nations system**.

GloCha is a brain child of **International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges** [www.glocha.info](http://www.glocha.info), an UN ECOSOC and UN DPI accredited Civil Society Organization based in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee (Austria).

GloCha System’s **functional logic** aims at steering/incentivizing **billions of decentral and selforganized decision making processes on resource use of global citizens and local communities/cities towards optimal provision of global public goods worldwide for present and future generations (= Sustainable Development Goals!)**.

Although **officially not part of United Nations system**, GloCha system’s ambition is to serve as a central **knowledge and transaction platform for civil society/youth engagement in UN system** and driver of **UN System Innovation** towards more **effectiveness and global citizen participation** and to become **one day an integral part of a global citizen focused renewed and invigorated UN system**.

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