



Youth Empowerment for Climate Action

The Global Challenges (GloCha) Action Network & Partners

Date: 3rd December 2015, 4.45 - 6.15 PM

Venue: COP21 Conference Center Le Bourget, Observer Room 02

The event aims to amplify **youth voices on climate change** and to elevate **young people into the center** of climate action planning and implementation. At the side event there shall be discussed concrete innovative **concepts, tools** and **campaigns** that provide young people with **opportunities** and **resources** for meaningful and rewarding participation in **globally coordinated local multistakeholder action for the public good**.

In the first panel **Global Challenges Action Network (GloCha)** key players and partners will present a set of **youth engagement initiatives** and **innovative resource mobilization efforts**:

- the 2015 **Global Challenges (GloCha) Youth Music Contest #GYMC15** (*Communication*)
- **#GiveYouthAChance #GloCha Crowdfunding Campaign** (*Resources*)
- **GloCha Global Challenges Youth & ICT Centers** (*Technology*)

With the second panel the organizers provide **global youth leaders** and representatives of **partner organizations** an opportunity to present their youth empowerment programs and thoughts.

Recommendations from the **Commonwealth Youth Expert Group Meeting on Climate Change** will be presented & discussed in second panel as well.

Speakers Panel 1:

- **Miroslav Polzer**, International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) & GloCha Global Challenges Foundation New York
- **Rolf Holub**, minister for sustainable development and energy of Austrian province of Carinthia and chair of ENCORE (Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe)
- **John Crowley** (video) & **Eve El Chehaly**, UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Programme
- **Adeline Tiffania Suwane** and **Xiuhtezcatl Martinez**, GYMC15 winners
- **Ahmet Soğuktaş**, UN HABITAT, Youth and Livelihood UNit, Urban Economy Branch
- **Joe Robertson**, Citizens Climate Lobby



Moderator:

Mr. **Jean Paul Brice Affana**, Coordinator, AVD & CYCN & Head of Youth Programmes, IAAI

Speakers Panel 2:

- **Leslie Tourneville**, Board Member, CliMates
- **Mei Lan**, Chief Operating Officer, China Youth Climate Action Network (CYCAN)
- **Siamak Sam Loni**, Global Coordinator of UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth initiative
- **Catherine Gauthier**, Présidente, Environnement Jeunesse (EnjEu) and CYCN
- **Michael Xu**, Vice-Secretary General, Youthink Center Beijing

Moderator:

Karuna Rana, Co-Founder and Executive Director, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH), Mauritius

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