

Third Intersessional Meeting of the Prepcom, New York, 26-27 March 2012

Side Event Request Form

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Title of the Side Event (Please attach a separate sheet with a detailed description, including all organizing partners, the thematic focus, speakers and potential contribution to UNCSD)

Rio+20 – A Global Innovation Summit?

Preferred dates and times (Please indicate more than one option)

Priority	Date	Time Slot	
		1:15-2:45 pm	6:15-7:45 pm
First	26 March	X	
Second	27 March	X	
Third	26 March		X

Room capacity (please choose one)

30-50 persons X 50-100 persons 100-500 persons

Equipment and services (please note – laptops are not provided)

Projector for PowerPoint presentation

Room screen

Projector for video playback (please provide format)

Sound (in room microphones)

The costs related to the use of the above equipment and services will be covered by:

International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges

(Name of the Organization)

Signed by: 

(Please print full name and title below the signature line)

Dr. Miroslav Polzer, member of ACUNS and sec. of IAAI

Please Indicate below the name and contact details in New York of the organizer in charge of the side event!

Mr. Miroslav Polzer, US mobile phone 646 831 1085

Please e-mail to side_events@uncsd2012.org before 5 February 2012.

Detailed Event Description

Side Event Organizing Partners:

- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) www.acuns.org
- International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI) www.glocha.info
- NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns <http://www.csvgc-ny.org/>
- Alas de Rio <http://alaserio.org/>
- Earth Charter Youth Network <http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/categories/Youth>

Thematic focus and potential contribution to UNCSD

“Innovation for Sustainable Development” has been introduced recently by Brazilian government as additional thematic priority of Rio +20, to be dealt with at one of the Four Days of Dialogue on Sustainable Development (so called “Thematic days”) before the official Rio+20 conference (see foot note on page 2 of [‘Rio+20 Participants info’](#)).

This newly introduced (horizontal) thematic priority “Innovation” (especially with the non-technological aspects of social innovation, governance innovation, values innovations, etc.) opens up new possibilities for creative thinking on how Rio+20 outcomes can be something new and something special, helping UN system and Rio+20 to set a milestone in global systemic change towards effective sustainable development governance, thus turning – potentially - Rio+20 into a Global Innovation Summit providing space for innovative action oriented concepts, initiatives and i.a. new partnerships of UN system with global civil society, academia, business sector etc..

As the topic “Innovation” has not been agreed upon by governments yet and as time is short, civil society can play a very constructive and positive role here by organizing an informal, open and swift collaborative effort which can enrich and inspire the official Rio+20 preparatory process on these important issues.

IAAI, ACUNS and CSVCG have taken the lead on this by organizing an Informal Strategy Development Workshop “Thematic Priority ‘Innovation and Youth’ – Key to Success at Rio+20?!” Monday 23rd of January 2012 at UN Church Center in NY (see <http://www.glocha.info/index.php/latest-news/182-innovandyouthstrategywsny> for details and <http://www.youtube.com/user/featherproject/videos> for videos of the event).

At the proposed side event to Rio+20 Third Intersessional, the relevance of the topic “Innovation” for Rio+20 preparatory process shall be presented and discussed including

- the outcomes of the above mentioned January event (highlighting also the link between ‘innovation’ and ‘youth’ issues)
- presentation of the work of a cross-Rio+20-major-groups thematic cluster on Innovation (which is currently being established under IAAI leadership)
- presentation of an (informal) “Innovation 4 Rio+20” Issues brief and
- presentation of proposals for innovative action oriented goals for Rio+20 (like e.g. the 15/15/15 UN-Civil Society Partnership formula (see [IAAI input to Rio+20 Consultation](#) for details))



Speakers

- representative of UNCSD/Rio+20 Executive Bureau/secretariat
- Miroslav Polzer and Jean Paul Brice Affana, IAAI
- Sharon Hamilton Getz, CSVCG
- Cristiano Hugo Cagnin, Center for Strategic Studies and Management in Science, Technology and Innovation (CGEE), Brazil <http://www.cgee.org.br/>
- Gisbert Glaser, ICSU, Major Group Science and Technology (*perhaps via skype from "Planet under pressure Conference", London*)
- Sofia Garcia, Alas de Rio
- Nora Mahmoud, Earth Charter Youth Network
- Ivana Savic, Major Group Children and Youth
- Robert Pollard, Information Habitat