

9TH

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

ON

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

27-31 October 2025

VICTORIA FALLS | ZIMBABWE

Linking Sustainable Development to Key Issues of Our Time



1. BACKGROUND OF THE 9TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE

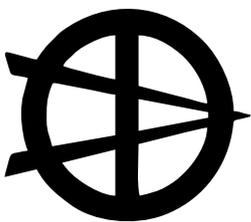
Since 1984, The Institute of Cultural Affairs International (ICAI) has hosted eight international conferences concerned with the human factor in development and re-emergence of civil society. These conferences were highly participatory and focused on practical sharing of approaches that work, interchange, dialogue and designing creative responses to particular areas of concern in society.

2. HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL CONFERENCES

1984	1st	International Exposition of Rural Development, New Dehli
1988	2nd	Our Common Future , Mexico
1992	3rd	Exploring the Great Transition, Prague
1996	4th	The Rise of Civil Society in 21st Century, Cairo, Egypt
2000	5th	Millennium Connection, Denver, USA
2004	6th	Weaving a New Society, Antigua, Guatemala
2008	7th	Unlocking the Potential to Create A New World Together, Takayama, Japan
2012	8th	Unleashing and Promoting Human Capacity for Sustainable Development, Kathmandu, Nepal
2025	9th	Linking Sustainable Development to Key Issues of Our Time, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

About ICAI

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICAI) is a global community of non-governmental organisations advancing human development worldwide. ICAI is about empowering an authentic and sustainable transformation of individuals, communities and organisations.



Our 'wedge blade'. Two halves of the circle symbolize history and the future, with the line at the center representing where we stand now - the present.

Processes of social change often create conflict between those who want to perpetuate the past and those who want to change the future. We stand in the centre in order to facilitate a transition both honoring the past and building consensus for future change. The wedge-blade integrates the wisdom of the past in order to move toward a new future.

3. CONFERENCE THEMES

I . Addressing the impact of climate change locally

This theme will explore what we can do locally to address climate change, adapting to the effects of climate change such as regular flooding, heat waves and droughts.



II . Innovative and Collaborative Tools

We will be using participatory methods through out the conference, using the wisdom in the room. Motivation that comes from involving everybody shapes decisions and plans. The Journey together and mindset shifts allow change to take place.



III. Innovations in Social Media for Education

This theme explores social media and social networks as new revolutions in social change.



IV. Health in a Globally Connected World

This theme will explore lessons learned after COVID, and new approaches to promote health for the future.



V. The Role of ICT in sustainable development

How is Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabling development and how is ICAI around the world using it?



VI. How to localise Sustainable Community Development

This theme will explore the role of local participation in sustainable development with examples.



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CONFERENCE COST

Conference Registration	US\$370
Early Registration	US\$320
(Before 30 June 2025)	

Exhibition

Exhibition Cost	US\$150
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Youth Conference

(26 October 2025)

Conference Registration	US\$175/participant
Early Registration	US\$150/participant
(Before 30 June 2025)	

Virtual Conference

Conference Registration	US\$150/participant
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Pre-Conference Training

(25-26 October 2025)

Facilitation Training (2days)	US\$450/participant
Early Registration	US\$350/participant
(Before 30 June 2025)	

VENUE

Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls



9th Global Conference on Human Development

- Every day is packed with activities, such as information sharing, group discussions, idea brainstorms and solution generation!
- On Monday 27 October 2025 there is an evening reception
- On Thursday 30 October 2025 there will be site visits related to the themes
- At the end of Conference on Friday 31 October 2025 , there will be Conference Community Performances

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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Registration Fees

Conference Registration 27—31 October, 2025	US\$350/Participant
Early Registration Before 30th June, 2025	US\$300/Participant
Youth Conference 26 October, 2025	US\$175/Participant
Accommodation Costs	US\$40—US\$135/Night



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WELCOME TO ZIMBABWE



Youth Conference on Human Development

“Building New Generation of Facilitative
Leaders and Exploring Sustainable Change”

26 October 2025,
Victoria Falls, Rainbow Hotel, Zimbabwe



Conference Venue:



Victoria Falls, Rainbow Hotel,
Zimbabwe

ICA : Institute of Cultural Affairs

Institute of Cultural Affairs is a global network of 30 national ICAs in developing and developed countries. The ICA has over 50 years of experience building human capacities and community development programs in the public, NGOs and private sectors. Since 1984, the Institute of Cultural Affairs has hosted eight international conferences concerned with the promotion of the human factor in the development. For the second time, it is offering an associated youth conference on human development as a pre-conference event. ICA Zimbabwe is the national host for Youth Conference on Human Development, 2025 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Youth Conference on Human Development Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 26, October 2025

Youth Conference on Human Development offer an opportunity for young people from around the world to meet and work to identify the role of youth in dimension of human development. Youths are the major change agent of our society and conference aim is to explore youth issues and solutions both in local and international context.

Themes:

1. Climate Change

The primary suffering the earth is facing today is changing of climate due to environmental degradations caused by human activities. Today's Youths are in crucial need of finding ways to tackle climate change. How can we can keep our earth sustained for generations is of the discussion the youth will tackle in this conference.

2. Entrepreneurship

The key components of youth entrepreneurship scheme model development are: entrepreneurship education, training and direct technical and financial assistance. The conference will provide a platform for the youth to come up with practical and creative ways of them becoming successful entrepreneurs. The conference will provide a roadmap on the role of youth entrepreneurship in economic development.

3. Promoting Youth Leadership for Change

The main vocation of this theme is to foster youths in decision making processes. To ensure sustainable change we must guarantee the involvement of our youths in every aspect of human development. We can bring the real sense of change by unleashing pivotal roles to youths as change agents.

4. Rising Influence of Social Networking Sites and its Impacts on Youths

The trend of globalization and technological development are creating the rapid changes in social lives via various social networking sites and digital technologies. Youth is the community which gets attracted by the glamour of these changes mainly. Due to rapid development of technologies and youths' attraction to these technologies the whole earth is appearing as a small village. The arguments both in for and against the effects of these technologies in youth mind is vibrant discussion

5. Encouraging Youth Volunteerism for Local Development

The Communities in earth no longer remain uncultured; the multicultural world is growing in rapid. So, to ensure the harmonious earth we should give our effort for the local development by promoting volunteerism amongst the youths. Youth volunteers can contribute for the cultural exchanges and mutual understanding. Moreover, the volunteer youths can play a crucial role for the local change by applying their grooming expertise.

GLOBAL YOUTH NETWORK

One of the prime objectives of this conference is to build a global network of youth leaders, develop global database for youth and interchange activities.

We aim to form a forum for discussion by establishing global network of youths. Through this forum member youths all over the world will be able to share and get information and have dialogue virtually. ICA believes that this forum will foster a ground for learning and development.



**YOUTH
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