

Concerned With Human Factor In World Development

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

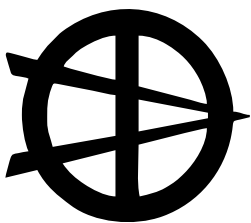
Since 1984, The Institute of Cultural Affairs International (ICAI) has hosted eight international conferences concerned with the human factor in development and re-emergence of civil society. These conferences were highly participatory and focused on practical sharing of approaches that work, interchange, 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 . Innovations in Application of Participatory Process

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 including human development issues, employment and labor.



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CONFERENCE COST

Conference Registration US\$370

Youth Summit

(26 October 2025)

Conference Registration US\$175/participant

Virtual Conference

Conference Registration US\$150/participant

Exhibition

Exhibition Cost US\$150

Pre-Conference Training

(25-26 October 2025)

Facilitation Training (2days) US\$450/participant

TOP Training for Africa & Associates

(22 - 26 October 2025)

General Assembly

1 November, 2025

VENUE

Rainbow Hotel, Victoria Falls,
Zimbabwe



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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