



United Nations Climate Change
Global Innovation Hub

FIRST GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM

Uniting global solutions for a sustainable future

November 5th and 6th, 2025 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Supported by:



Secretaria de
Ambiente e
Sustentabilidade



GOVERNO DO ESTADO
RIO DE JANEIRO



Background

United Nations Climate Change Global Innovation Hub

Hosted by the Mitigation Division, the United Nations Climate Change Global Innovation Hub (UGIH) was launched at COP 26 to contribute to enabling the use of innovation to serve people and the planet. It does this by accelerating and upscaling the development and deployment of new and existing transformative climate and sustainability solutions. UGIH works through four spaces: Systemic Innovation Workshops (SIW); Ad Hoc Working Groups; a Digital platform (currently under development); and a Physical Pavilion at COP.

Global Innovation Forum

On the road to COP30, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, provides a strategic setting for the **First Global Innovation Forum**. This event is designed to connect the global innovation ecosystem with the UN Climate Change process, leveraging Rio's dynamic business environment and its history as a center for sustainability and technology. The Forum will feature a physical exhibition space with booths of various sizes, enabling solution providers, including tech companies, startups, and accelerators, to showcase their latest climate solutions. Additionally, dialogue spaces will feature thematic side events and **UGIH's 17th Systemic Innovation Workshop (SIW)**.

 November 5th and 6th, 2025

 Colegio Brasileiro de Altos Estudos (CBAE)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Target Audience

Key participants and partners include local and subnational governments (including States, Cities and Counties), futurists, UN organizations, incubators and accelerators, industrial parks, tech companies, financiers including development banks and VC firms, international development agencies, foundations, universities and research centers, publishers, faith communities, companies from the culture and creative industry, and startups.

Scope

Organized by UGIH in collaboration with the State Government of Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian College of Advanced Studies (Host) and the Institute of Regenerative and Resilient Economy, the Global Innovation Forum will provide a comprehensive platform for a diverse range of stakeholders to exhibit innovative climate and sustainability solutions, connect over shared challenges and opportunities, and collaboratively identify and address priority gaps in the deployment of scalable innovations.

Strategic objectives



To provide solution seekers and providers with an exhibition space to showcase their solutions and impact.



To explore whether clusters of climate and sustainability solutions are available and suitable for upscaling by providing a platform for access to finance and partnerships.



To foster radical collaboration, systemic awareness, and reflexive learning among diverse stakeholders to enable transformative change and holistic system innovation.



To serve as a platform to promote, discuss, and share innovative products, services, and strategies, raising awareness of the need for systemic and integrated approaches to climate action that combine technology, policy, finance, and business model innovation.

Event format

The Global Innovation Forum will have two segments: the ***Solutions Space***, a space to present innovative solutions related to climate and sustainability, and the ***Interactive Space***, a space for discussions and networking, which will host side events on the first day and a Systemic Innovation Workshop (SIW) on the second day.

Solutions Space

The Solutions Space will be at the heart of the Forum, an experiential space that blends innovation, imagination, and inclusivity to reimagine transformative actions for climate change. This space will feature diverse booths/rooms where solution providers can showcase their latest interventions across the two days of the Forum.

- *Exhibition of technological and non-technological solutions.*
- *Prototyping in Living Labs.*
- *A democratic space that includes startups, creative industries, finance, and public policy.*

Interactive Space

Interactive Space will be a dynamic, high-energy space designed to spotlight promising innovations, ideas, startups, and communities and connect them directly with key decision-makers and investors.

- *Thematic panels with global leaders.*
- *Networking between governments, companies, investment funds and accelerators.*
- *Debates between state and regional governments and consortia.*
- ***17th Systemic Innovation Workshop – to transform visions into concrete projects.***



17th Systemic Innovation Workshop

Occurring on the second day of the forum, UGIH's Systemic Innovation Workshops (SIW) are part of a wider Systemic Innovation Framework that aims to accelerate the identification, development, and effective deployment of innovative technologies, policies, financial instruments, business models, cooperative approaches, and products from culture and creative industries. This framework supports transformative climate and sustainability innovations to address the needs of many people and the planet.

Objectives:

- To provide subnational governments (including cities, counties and states) with a collaborative space alongside solution providers to backcast and translate their long-term vision for meeting citizens' core human needs into actionable goals.
- To explore the availability, scalability and implementation of clustered solutions at the intersection of climate action, alongside themes such as health, energy, biodiversity and finance. The workshop will identify opportunities for cross-sector collaboration that can drive impactful and resilient outcomes for urban and rural communities.
- To discuss the potential challenges that solution providers may encounter in identifying and developing bankable and transformative climate and sustainability innovations.
- To identify priority gaps, whether missing solutions or existing ones in need of accelerated deployment and formulate Global Innovation Projects that specifically address these gaps.

Provisional Agenda

Solutions Space

Day One

10:00 - 16:00

Ongoing Exhibitions from Solution Providers

Day Two

10:00 - 16:00

Ongoing Exhibitions from Solution Providers

Interactive Space

Day One

09:00 - 11:00

Session 1: High-level Session on Advancing Climate–Health Nexus Solutions for Resilient Futures

11:00 - 13:00

Session 2: Roundtable Discussion: Accelerating Innovation for Climate Transition

14:00 - 15:30

Session 3: High-level session on the role and challenges faced by regional governments in the transition to low carbon economies and climate innovation

15:30 - 17:00

Session 4: From Local Action to Global Impact: Subnational Climate Action and Financing

17:00 - 17:10

Closing

Day Two

09:30 - 17:00

UGIH’s 17th Systemic Innovation Workshop

Track:

- Health and Climate Resilience
- Energy, Biodiversity & Circularity
- Implementation (Innovation Financing & Technology)



United Nations Climate Change
Global Innovation Hub

THANKS!

Supported by:



COLÉGIO BRASILEIRO DE
ALTOS ESTUDOS

Secretaria de
Ambiente e
Sustentabilidade



GOVERNO DO ESTADO
RIO DE JANEIRO

