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ICGD4
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Governance for Impact: Championing Global Citizenship & Empowering Communities



Main Conference Proper:
July 31- Aug 2, 2025
Pre-Conference Workshops:
July 30, 2025



Bangkheng Campus
Kasetsart University, Thailand

About the Conference

The International Conference on Governance and Development (ICGD), since its first run in 2018, has served as a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and fostering partnerships aimed at sustainable development through transdisciplinary actions.

This 2025, for the fourth run of ICGD, the critical role of governance in promoting global citizenship and empowering communities will be underscored. Prominent leaders and experts in the field of development will share insights on the nexus between governance, global citizenship, and community empowerment. Organized and hosted by the College of Public and Development, University of the Philippines Los Baños, in partnership with Kasetsart University (KU), ICGD 4 will be held at KU-Bangkheng Campus in Bangkok, Thailand on July 31 to August 2, 2025, with preconference workshops on July 30.

About the Main Theme

Global citizenship entails recognizing our interconnectedness and responsibilities beyond national borders. Governance structures that promote global citizenship encourage individuals to take active roles in addressing complex issues facing humanity, such as poverty, climate change, food insecurity, and learning gaps, thereby contributing to a more equitable and sustainable world.



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Meanwhile, empowering communities involves providing access to resources, education, and opportunities that enable individuals to realize their potential and contribute meaningfully to society. Governance systems that prioritize community empowerment ensure that marginalized and vulnerable groups are included in development efforts, fostering resilience and social cohesion.

The Sub-themes

ICGD4 has three conference sub-themes:

Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development

Lifelong learning is a foundational element for sustainable development, as it empowers individuals and communities to adapt to the evolving demands of our world. It can act as a catalyst for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), enhancing knowledge and skills to address global challenges such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. By embracing lifelong learning, societies can cultivate innovative solutions and resilient mindsets essential for progress.

This sub-theme will underscore the crucial role that lifelong learning plays in securing a sustainable future. It will also explore the significant role of education in promoting sustainable development across various sectors. Moreover, it will highlight how lifelong learning can drive sustainable practices and encourage responsible global citizenship. The possible topics for this sub-theme are the following:

- Innovative Education Strategies for Sustainable Development
This emphasizes developing and implementing creative education strategies that equip learners with the skills, knowledge, and values needed to be incorporated into the existing curricula to promote sustainability and address global challenges effectively.
- Building Resilient Communities through Lifelong Learning
This highlights how lifelong learning equips individuals and communities with the knowledge and skills to adapt, innovate, and cope amidst challenges, fostering resilience and sustainable development.
- Integrating Lifelong Learning into Climate Action and Social Equity
This examines how lifelong learning fosters climate action and social equity by empowering individuals with the skills and knowledge to address environmental issues while ensuring fairness and inclusivity in community development.



Specific Subtheme Strands under Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development (Guide for Submissions)

- Lifelong Learning and the SDGs
- Education for Social Change and Sustainable Development
- Innovations for Lifelong Learning
- Community-based Lifelong Learning
- Global Citizenship Education
- Interdisciplinary Approaches to Lifelong Learning
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainability
- Education Management and Governance
- Higher Education Initiatives for Lifelong Learning
- Innovative Pedagogies for Transformational Learning
- Building Skills for Sustainable Livelihoods Through Lifelong Learning
- Integrating Sustainable Development in Education Curricula
- Community-based Lifelong Learning Centers for Inclusive Education
- Digital Platforms and e-Learning for Lifelong Learning
- Lifelong Learning Policies for Sustainable Governance

Innovative Institutions for Community Development

Exploring innovative approaches that empower communities economically, socially, and environmentally is a central theme in ICGD4. Discussions in this sub-theme revolve around reshaping governance structures, leveraging technology for inclusive development, and fostering partnerships across sectors. The goal is not just to preserve existing systems but to catalyze transformative change that promotes resilience and equity. Participants can share case studies and best practices from different regions, illustrating successful models of community-driven development and the role of responsive institutions in facilitating these initiatives.

This sub-theme will facilitate dialogues on policies that can eliminate barriers to social mobility, promote gender equality, and protect the environment. A key aspect of navigating complexities and promoting inclusive growth is adaptive leadership and institutional capacity-building. The possible topics for this sub-theme are as follows:

- Institutional Innovation for Inclusive and Equitable Community Development
This explores how organizations adapt to social challenges by reshaping policies and practices to ensure inclusivity and equity, addressing the needs of all community sectors effectively.



- Digital Innovation and Community Empowerment

This highlights how digital technologies empower communities by providing better access to information and resources. These tools enable active participation in decision-making, helping solve problems and improve service quality for a more inclusive and responsive community.

- Traditional Knowledge and Modern Practices for Sustainability

This examines how traditional knowledge systems, still vital in many communities, can be complemented by modern technologies. By integrating Indigenous wisdom with scientific advancements, we can strengthen community resilience and create sustainable solutions for modern challenges

Specific Subtheme Strands (Guide for Submissions)

- Institutional Innovations for Inclusive and Equitable Community Development
- Transforming Local Institutions for Resilience and Sustainability
- Role of Digital Innovation in Enhancing Service Delivery and Citizen Engagement
- Integrating Technology in Community-based Institutional Innovation
- Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture
- Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Intergenerational Approaches to Development
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Community Development
- Enhancing Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Community Development
- Innovative Financial Institutions for Community Development Financing
- Community-Driven Approaches to Sustainable Development
- Circular Economy Initiatives
- Governance and Leadership Innovations
- Building Community Resilience
- Local Tourism and Development

Communities of Practice for Glocal Development

Development issues are ever complex and evolving, at various levels of governance, and against the backdrop of changing socioeconomic and political contexts. Thus, consensus on a shared development agenda across countries and local communities such as the SDGs have helped heighten consciousness on key areas of action; enabled opportunities as well as challenges; and mobilized various stakeholder groups from government and non-state institutions, business and industry, academic and R&D bodies, advocacy groups, among others.



Communities of Practice (CoPs) are an important movement that showcases how development work involving different individuals or actor groups become a viable mechanism in carrying out interventions towards solving development problems. CoPs facilitate exchange of ideas, best practices, and innovations that can strengthen local capacities. Accordingly, CoPs play a vital role in glocal development as they bridge the gap between local actions and global goals, fostering a collaborative environment where innovations are co-created and sustainable development is achieved.

This sub-theme will initiate conversation and deepen conceptual and practical understanding of CoPs and their theoretical underpinnings as they provide the anchor to solving development challenges of global and local relevance. Papers in this sub-theme may unpack the nature of CoPs, the underlying motivation on why and how they form, the development outcomes they often address, the facilitating and hindering factors that affect their sustainability, and the policy and institutional reforms associated with good practice. For this sub-theme, the following are the possible topics:

- Stakeholder Collaboration in CoPs for Sustainable Development
This emphasizes the importance of stakeholder collaboration within CoPs to share knowledge, drive innovation, and collectively address challenges for sustainable development.
- Role of CoPs in Bridging Local and Global Development Goals
This explores how CoPs promote the exchange of innovative ideas adaptable to local needs while supporting global development goals. Real-world case studies will illustrate how CoPs drive solutions for complex, glocal challenges.
- Challenges and Opportunities in CoPs for Glocal Development
This emphasizes the main focus of CoPs in addressing challenges and maximizing benefits in achieving global development goals while at the same time tailoring localized solutions.

Specific Subtheme Strands (Guide for Submissions)

- Knowledge Sharing for Local and Glocal Impact
- Cultural Adaptation and Knowledge Transfer
- Sustainable Development Through Glocal Communities
- CoPs for Inclusive Governance and Development
- CoPs for Resilience
- Policy and Governance in Glocal Communities
- Innovations and Best Practices in Glocalized Development
- Governance Structures for Empowering Local Communities in a Globalized Context
- Strengthening Community-led Governance for Sustainable Development



- Digital Transformation and e-Governance for Community Development
- Social Innovation and Governance for Inclusive Development
- Building Resilience through Community-based Governance
- Educational Governance and Knowledge Sharing in Glocal Development
- Integrating Traditional Knowledge in Modern Governance for Glocal Sustainability
- Youth Engagement and Governance in CoPs

KEY DATES

Paper and Poster Submissions

Call for Extended Abstracts/Posters	March 15 to April 21, 2025
Review Phase for Submissions	April 22 to April 30, 2025
Release of Review/Results	starting April 31, 2025
Submission of Full Paper (For those competing for Best Paper Award, and for those who wants to be included in the Conference Proceedings)	May 1 to June 30, 2025

Participant Registration

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Conference Fees

Registration fee covers conference kits, morning and afternoon snacks, lunch, and all-day free flow of coffee and tea during the main conference proper (July 31 to August 2, 2025)

Early Bird Rates (only applies to students who will register until April 15, 2025)

	USD	PHP	BAHT
FOR STUDENTS*	90	5300	3200



Regular Rates (Registration ends June 2025)

	USD	PHP	BAHT
FOR PROFESSIONALS/NON-STUDENTS	150	8800	5200
FOR STUDENTS*	100	5800	3500
FOR INVITED PANELISTS**	-	-	-
FOR OFFICIAL PARTNERS***	135	8000	4700

**For students, proof of enrollment is required.*

*** For Invited Panelists, a special code will be provided.*

****For Official Partners, a special code will be provided*

Pre-Conference Workshops

ICGD 4 will be offering optional pre-conference workshops on **July 30, 2025**. Each workshop offers an exclusive opportunity to dive deeper into key topics, with only **30 - 40 slots available per session**. Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register early when **sign-ups open in April 2025**. A small fee applies for participation. Stay tuned for more details!

USD	PHP	BAHT
50	2900	1750

