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YABT Activities Summary

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In 2025, the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) reaffirmed its commitment to empowering youth across the Americas through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and impactful initiatives.

This document outlines the work with and for young people to create innovative and strong business that are engines of sustainable growth, while contributing to promote youth participation in the decision-making process in the OAS Member States.

For 2026, we invite to private sector, governments and development community become a partner of the YABT and invest in youth entrepreneurship and leadership program and activities in the Americas.



Business Opportunity Online Training Camp

BOOTcamp



BootCamp sessions

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) conducted **16 virtual training** sessions focused on business plan, sustainability, entrepreneurial pitch, artificial intelligence and digital transformation, benefiting over **400 young entrepreneurs**. and business professional.

BootCamp also is a business resource center with relevant content and materials for their training.

Recordings: www.yabt.net/bootcamp

Business Opportunity Online Training Camp
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BootCamp hybrid session in Panama



YABT and the Instituto Técnico Superior Especializado (ITSE) of Panama, held the hybrid session of YABT BootCamp "*Elevate the digital presence of your project with Artificial Intelligence*", with speaker Claudia Magdaleno (Women Entrepreneurs and startups founder), with students from the business and digital innovation schools.

Recording and presentation file:
<https://bit.ly/bootcamp-yabt-itse>



TIC AMERICAS

Talent and Innovation **Competitions** of the Americas

We received 853 registrations from 31 countries, involving a total of 1,291 young people.

startUp challenge

In partnership with **Banco de Reservas de
República Dominicana**

Accelerating innovative solutions and scalable that further positive impact through innovation, sustainable development, and the digital economy.

Info: www.ticamericas.net/startup

BioPlastics Challenge

YABt and OAS promote the Bio Plastics Challenge to support the transition toward sustainable materials by promoting the development, commercialization, and adoption of bioplastics in the Americas.

Info: www.ticamericas.net/bioplastics



Startup Challenge Finals

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More Information:
www.ticamericas.net/finales

The Finals of the Start-Up Challenge/TIC Americas brought together 10 finalist teams from 7 countries, selected from a total of **767 registrations** across **28 countries**, involving **1,108 young people**.

The event, held in the context of International Youth Day, concluded with an emotional ceremony where the top 2 projects were announced. The finals had highlight level speakers from the OAS, Banreservas, OECD, IICA, the Government of the Dominican Republic, Pitch Jams, finalists, startup founders and YABT Alumni.



WINNERS

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mi-BiomarK (Mexico)

Cancer diagnostic tool based on biomarkers and nanomedicine.



SiembraAI (Colombia)

AI-powered digital agricultural assistance for smallholder farmers.

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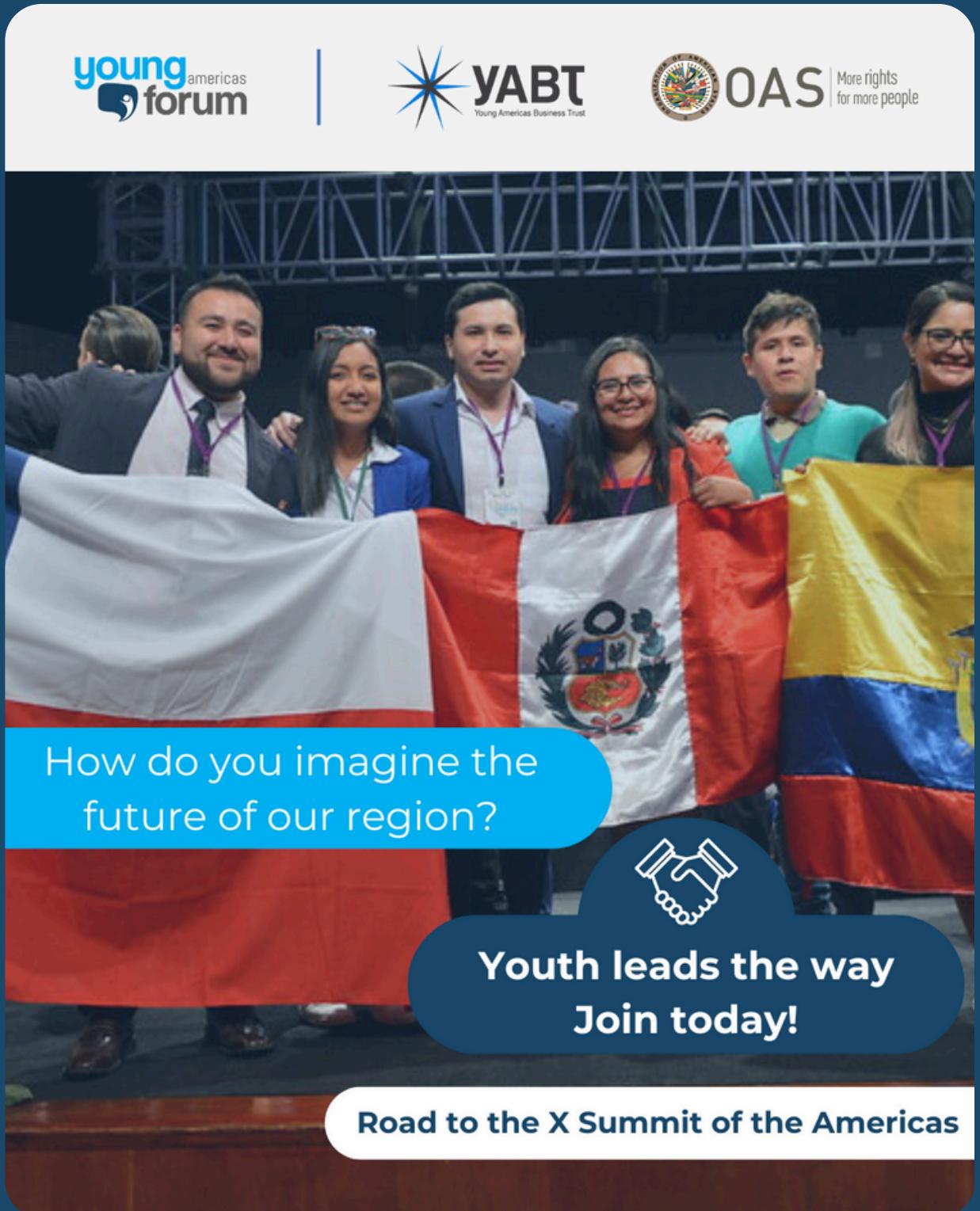
Bliss - Circular Economy Center

Dr. Rubén Farje, OAS Representative in Panama, and our Program Director, Edgar Maestre, conducted a guided tour of the newly inaugurated **Circular Economy Center of Bliss Circular Economy** in the City of Knowledge in Panama, winner of the Startup Award in the InnovAction 2.0 Challenge / TICAméricas 2024.

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Youth leads the way
Join today!

Road to the X Summit of the Americas

Hemispheric Virtual Consultation

As part of the Young Americas Forum permanent process, YABT continued this year a Hemispheric Virtual Consultation to collect recommendations and proposals from youth on the OAS agenda. The process received over 200 contributions by December, 2025. The outcomes were compiled into a progressive reports presented to the OAS Member States.

Youth Virtual Consultation:
www.yabt.net/foro/consulta-virtual



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Youth Dialogues

15 Youth Dialogues with representatives from indigenous, afro-descendants, rural communities groups, among others, addressing critical themes such as urban E-Mobility solutions, food security, water security, citizen security, technology and youth policy.



This recommendations, priorities, and actions were collected in the progressive reports on the way to the Young Americas Forum.

Youth Dialogues List:
<https://bit.ly/listado-dialogos>

Dialogue between YABT and Young Leaders of the “Program in Diplomacy, International Management and Urban Resilience 2025”



In alliance con Sember, this dialogue in Washington, DC, the participants addressed crucial issues such as digitalization, climate resilience, migration, and youth leadership, proposing innovative solutions for the consultation process of the Youth Americas Forum.

Report available in: www.yabt.net/foro/documentos

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LAC Region Youth Dialogues



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Presentation in the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) road X Summit of the Americas

YABT presented in the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) in Washington, DC, the progress and outcomes of the VII Young Americas Forum, one of the three official forums of the X Summit of the Americas.

YABT highlighted the participation of more than 6,200 young people from 35 countries, and around 5,000 innovative solutions led by young entrepreneurs.

YABT presentation file:
<https://bit.ly/gric-presentation>

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Policy Dialogue towards to the X Summit of the Americas
July 11, 2025 | Washington, DC

During the Policy Dialogue leading up to the X Summit of the Americas, Valentina Giordano of FAO, representing youth, participated in the "Panel on Food, Water and Energy Security: Linkages and Interdependencies", holding a rich exchange of experiences and actions on the role of youth in the Summit process with prominent representatives from the Government of the Dominican Republic, OAS, IDB, IICA and PepsiCo.

Recording:

<https://bit.ly/Policy-Dialogue-Summit>

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ParlAmericas Meeting on Multidimensional Security and
Regional Cooperation
March 25, 2025 | Washington, DC

YABT participated in the ParlAmericas Meeting on Multidimensional Security and Regional Cooperation, a dialogue towards the X Summit of the Americas in the Dominican Republic.

During his remarks, the CEO of YABT, Luis Viguria, called for investment in youth, support for innovation in entrepreneurship, and improve communication and collaboration among stakeholders, strengthening youth participation and their role in addressing multidimensional security challenges.



55th General Assembly of the OAS: Youth Spokesperson - Social Actors and Civil Society Dialogue

The voice of youth was present at the Dialogue with the Heads of Delegation and Authorities of the 55th General Assembly of the OAS in Antigua and Barbuda.

Danilsa Pena (Dominican Republic), a Youth Spokesperson, presented the actions and contributions of the Hemispheric Consultation and youth dialogues within the Young Americas Forum process.



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Associated Events

YABT supported **12 associated events** within the consultation process of the Young Americas Forum, organized from international and local organizations partners. These spaces contribute to provide additional input and recommendations for reports to governments and partners.

Photo: Mrs. Georgina Nunez, YABT Board
Keynote Speaker at Youth and Energy Conference of the
X Energy Week, Chile. OLADE

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Photo: Ms. Katherin Mendez, Hemispheric Meeting Rural Voices: Youth in Action (IICA, San Jose, Costa Rica)

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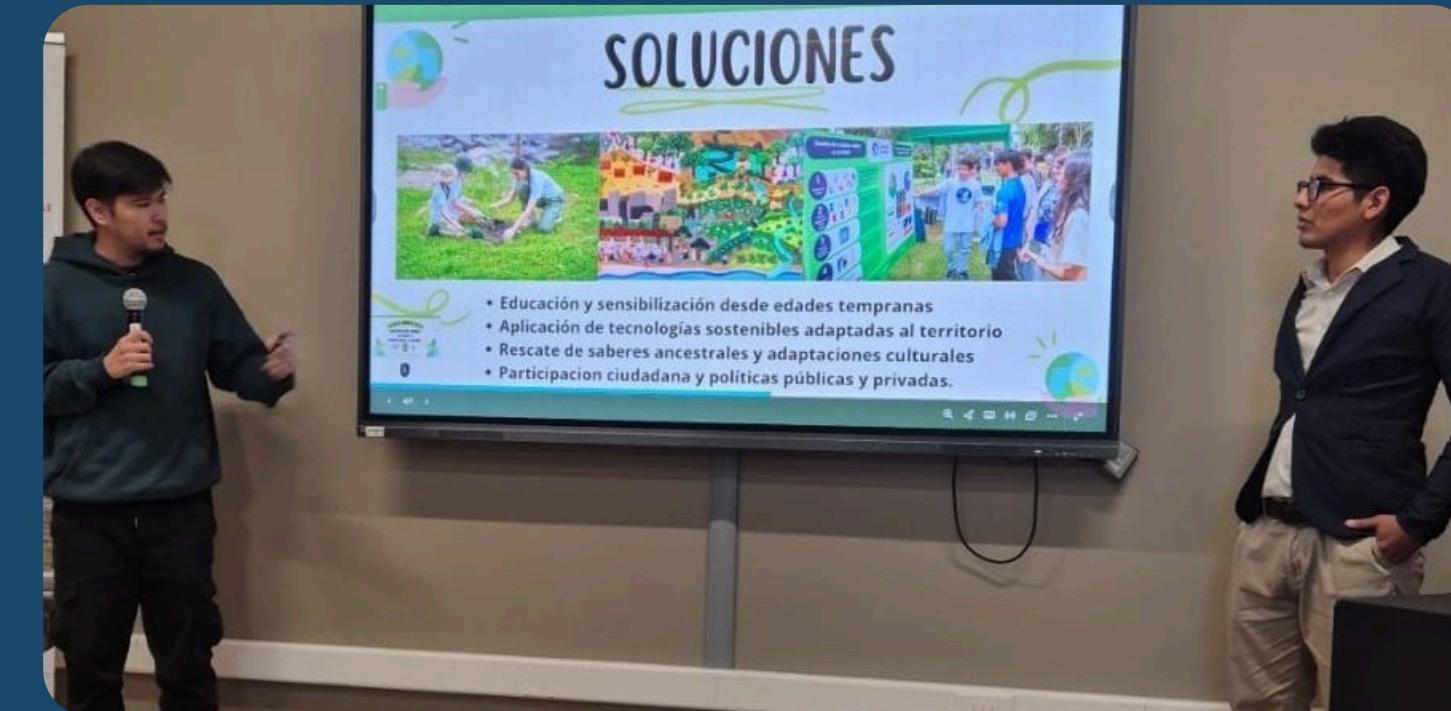
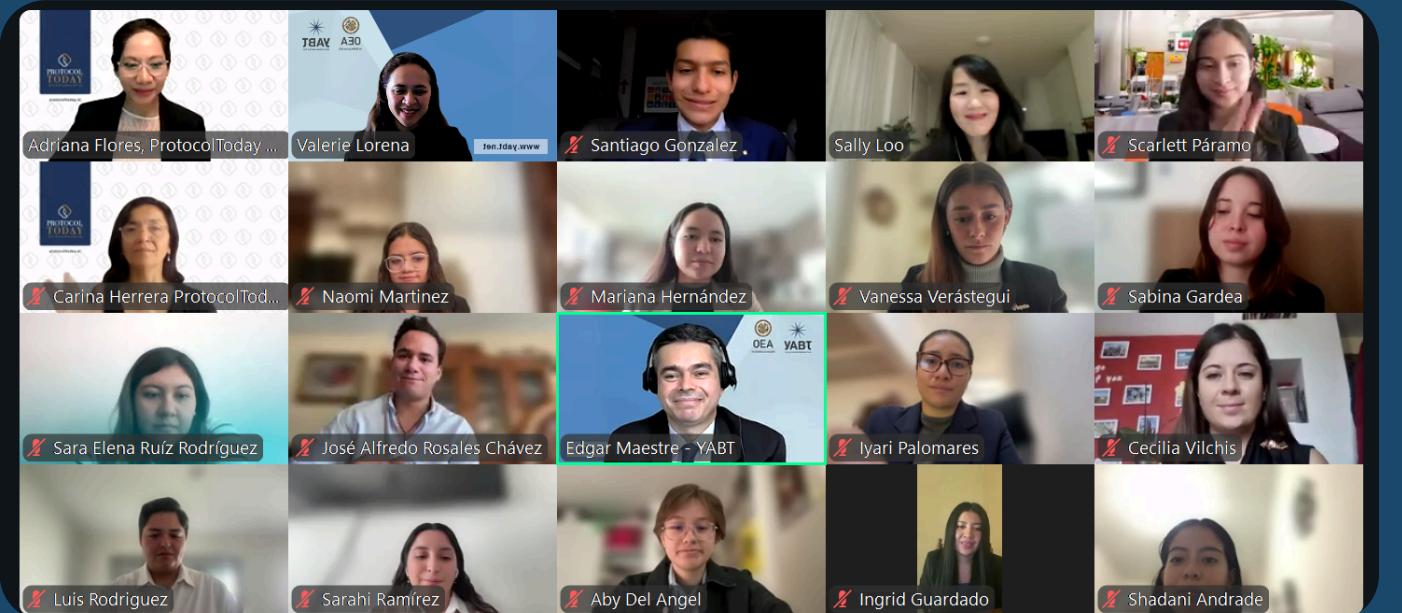


Photo: Young Meeting from the Northern Macrozone of Chile and the Southern Macroregion of Peru on Environmental Issues (Universidad de Tarapacá)



Leadership Labs



The **Leadership Labs** Program of YABT, provides young leaders of the Americas with a unique opportunity to strengthen their skills in diplomacy, the inter-American system, and international cooperation through a tailored theoretical-practical program.

20 participants in the first edition trained in the Global Mindset Skills Program in alliance with ProtocolToday of Netherlands. In the next year, the participants will have the practical component from events in Washington, DC, and the LAC Region.

More information and registration - 2026 edition:

www.yabt.net/leaderships



UN ECOSOC Youth Forum 2025



As part of the YABT **Leadership Labs** Program, young people participated in the UN ECOSOC Youth Forum in New York, where they put theory into practice, proposing innovative ideas in response to global challenges.

Youth Entrepreneurship



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NexLinks is designed to provide startups in the Americas with resources, connections, strategic guidance and visibility opportunities to expand successfully into global markets and attract investment.



In 2025, the Mexican startup **Masha** visited Washington, D.C., to participate in activities at the Arlington Tech Launchpad and a business forum on AI. Also met with the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS and members of the Arlington business community.

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YABT connected in Global Initiatives

YABT providing its expertise, best practices and
mobilizing global allies

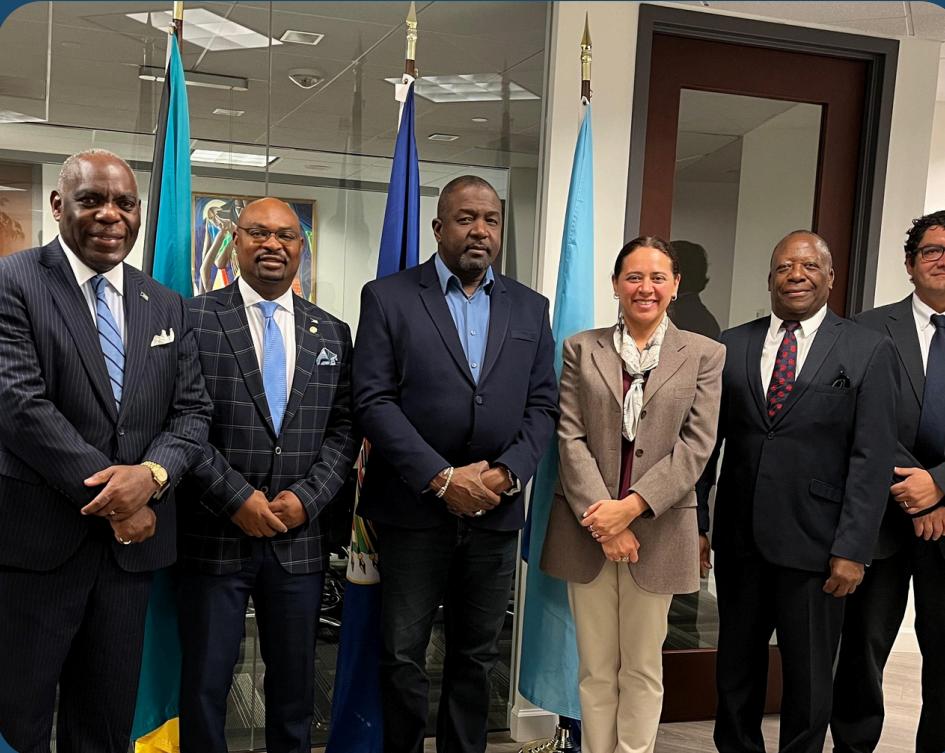


Permanent Missions to the OAS

Bilateral meetings with OAS Member States to present the impact of programs, mobilize support and resources for youth, and insert the youth perspective into the hemispheric agenda.



Paraguay



The Bahamas



Panama



Building Alliances

Working with partners at all levels to continue creating deep and scalable relationships to invest in programs and initiatives that support talent and the capacity of young people.



Banreservas



**Arlington Economic
Development**



**Government of Dominican
Republic**



Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE-OAS) - Belém (Brazil) Edition

YABT was selected to participate in the ACE Belém (Brazil) Edition as a leading organization in youth entrepreneurship and innovation within this pioneering program, which facilitates the exchange of experiences and competitiveness in collaboration with the Organization of American States and the government of the United States. The event brought together more than 40 delegates from the ACE mission.

CIRCULARIS - Circular Economy National Congress



YABT participated as allied of the National Congress of Circular Economy in Panama, presenting the **Conference “The Role of Entrepreneurship in Sustainability: Promoting youth participation and action”**, by Edgar Maestre, Program Director for Latin America.

The congress was organized by **Bliss Circular Economy**, winner of the Startup Award at the InnovAction Challenge 2.0 / TIC Americas 2024.

The congress was supported by the Government of Panama, the City of Knowledge, and other local and international organizations.



Hackathon Municipal “Conecta SJL 2025”



The **Municipal Hackathon “Conecta SJL 2025”** was organized by the District Municipality of San Juan de Lurigancho of Peru, as a space for open innovation, citizen participation and collective creativity, with an emphasis on citizen security, social inclusion and educational transformation.

Edgar Maestre of YABT participated as a speaker with his presentation on **Entrepreneurship and Youth Action for Local Development**, highlighting the role of innovation as an drivers of local development, and youth participation in decision-making processes.



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