Climate Action Hackathon Terms and Conditions

Overview

Innovation, out-of-the-box-thinking, big ideas, and smart applications of technology have the potential to significantly impact the way weather information is shared across Africa. And in a world where information is power – and climate change is producing more severe storms and temperature fluctuations that affect vulnerable African communities – access to accurate and timely weather forecasts can work toward reducing poverty, empowering rural communities and saving lives.

With the goal of creating an innovation-driven crowd-sourced space for big thinkers and techno-visionaries to come together, the UNDP's Programme on Climate Information for Resilient Development in Africa (CIRDA) is inviting developers, mobile application gurus, students and developers to this three-day hackathon and innovations incubator.

The Climate Action Hack will run in parallel with a multinational UNDP workshop addressing "The Last Mile: Saving lives, improving livelihoods and increasing resiliency with tailored weather information services for a changing climate."

Participants will have access to leaders in meteorology, technology, sustainable development and communications. They will work individually or in teams to create mobile applications, technology solutions or data-crunching systems that address Africa's persistent challenges in adapting to climate change, and sharing early warnings and accurate climate information across the continent.

The Climate Action Hackathon Challenge

•   Create prototype mobile and information-system-based applications and technological solutions to share actionable weather and climate information with a variety of stakeholders, sectors and end-users.
•   Connect technology with people to bridge the last mile.
•   Build scalable systems that react to more frequent storms, increase in lightning, erratic weather patterns and long-term climate change.
•   Create technological solutions that are built for Africa and solve local challenges.
•   Design and develop next-generation applications to improve on existing systems and methodologies to use climate information and reach end users.
•   Leverage existing information, networks and human capacity to seed innovation.
•   Communicate existing climate information in an innovative and easy-to-understand manner to catalyze action, improve productivity, save lives and empower end-users.

Supporting Documents

•   Project Brief

Summary of Climate Action Hackathon Rules

1. The Climate Action Hackathon ('Hackathon') and Scholarship ('Scholarship') applications are open to individuals and organizations from member states of the UNDP.
2. Each Software Application must make use of one or more of the datasets shared during the Hackathon.
3. Submissions may be any kind of software application, be it for the web, a personal computer, a mobile handheld device, console, SMS, or any software platform broadly available to the public.
4. Participation is Free. Scholarship applicants must register at http://www.undp-alm.org/climate-action-hackathon and complete the submission form.
5. Winners of scholarships will be announced by March 5, 2016

Protection of Intellectual Property
All submissions to the Climate Action Hackathon remain the intellectual property of the individuals or organizations that developed them. By registering, consenting to the terms of the Hackathon, and entering a Submission or Scholarship Application, however, the Participant agrees that the organizers, sponsors and technology partners reserve an irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, distribute to the public, and publicly display and perform the Submission on an educational, promotional and not-for-profit basis starting on the date of the commencement of the Climate Action Hackathon (March 15, 2016) as an example of work. Climate data streams shared during the Climate Action Hackathon remain the property of the data stream creators and are granted non-exclusive license for the period of the Hackathon and subsequent business development phase. We encourage participants to open source their projects to both share their work with the greater community and

promote innovation in this space.

Copyright

Participant represents and warrants that he or she is the sole author and copyright owner of the Submission, and that the Submission is an original work of the Participant, or if the Submission is a work based on an existing application, that the Participant has acquired sufficient rights to use and to authorize others, including the Climate Action Hackathon, to use the Submission, as specified in the "Intellectual Property Rights" section of the Rules; and that the Submission does not infringe upon any copyright or upon any other third party rights of which the Participant is aware, and that the Submission is free of malware.

By submitting a Climate Action Hackathon Scholarship Proposal, Climate Action Hackathon product or accepting any monetary or non-monetary prize, you represent and warrant the following: (a) you will not submit content that is copyrighted, protected by trade secret or otherwise subject to third party intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights, unless you are the owner of such rights or have permission from their rightful owner to post the content and to grant Event Organizers all of the rights granted herein; (b) you will not publish falsehoods or misrepresentations that could damage UNDP, Climate Action Hackathon, Sponsors, or any third party; (c) you will not submit content that is unlawful, obscene, defamatory, libelous, threatening, pornographic, harassing, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive, or encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, violate any law, or is otherwise inappropriate or destructive to Climate Action Hackathon or UNDPs brand image or goodwill; (d) you will not post advertisements or solicitations of business; (e) Climate Action Hackathon will not be obligated to pay any compensation to, or permit any participation by, any third party in connection with the use, reproduction, modification, publication, display or other exploitation of any of the content that you submit; (f) the content submitted by you does not contain any viruses, Trojan horses, worms or other disabling devices or harmful code, and (g) you must not claim or imply that UNDP endorses your product or submission or use UNDPs logo(s) or trademark(s) in conjunction with such use.

Organizers
The Climate Action Hackathon is sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme. Other sponsoring agencies may support the final Hackathon or subsequent business development opportunities. Hackathon participants will be subject to the specific terms and conditions, intellectual property protections of sponsoring agencies as related to the use of data and sharing or attribution of products. The views expressed in these applications, technologies and platforms are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent those of the United Nations, including UNDP, or the UN Member States, sponsoring agencies or host governments.

Eligibility

Climate Action Hackathon organizers will have the right at their sole discretion to determine whether an entrant is eligible for a scholarship and invitation to the Climate Action Hackathon. Climate Action Hackathon may disqualify, at organizers' sole discretion, Hackathon entries (including, without limitation, content submitted in connection therewith) that (a) are in violation of third party rights or law or regulation, (b) use inappropriate or explicit language or images, or display content that Hackathon or Sponsors otherwise finds objectionable or inconsistent with Hackathon's or UNDP's brand image or goodwill.

Climate Action Hackathon can accept only those Climate Action Hackathon Scholarship applications that conform to any technical requirements specified as part of the entry process. Climate Action Hackathon Scholarship entries that do not comply with the provisions of these Official Contest Rules will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered.

Eligibility

The Climate Action Hackathon is open to Participants ('Participants") from member countries of the UNDP. Contestants may be individuals, legally established entities (profit or non-profit, academic) and public sector agencies/organizations, though not all are eligible for scholarships. Participants competing for Scholarships may be individuals or organizations (profit, non-profit organizations, academic) with fewer than 50 employees. Public sector agencies/organizations may not compete for Scholarships. Contestants are responsible for compliance with legal requirements of their country.

A) Individuals must be of age of majority in their country at the time of entry. Individuals may form teams and submit entries on behalf of teams. Individuals who join teams must meet the eligibility requirements for Individual Participants.

B) Organizations must be legally established entities (profit, non-profit, academic) or public sector agencies/organizations in their respective countries. Public sector agencies/organizations of any size, and legally established entities with 50 or more employees will not be eligible for Scholarships.

Employees, contractors and vendors of the United Nations Development Programme, the members of the Judging Panel, or any company, organization or individual involved with the design, production, execution or distribution of the Climate Action Hackathon and their immediate family members (spouse, parents and step-parents, siblings and step-siblings, and children and step-children, aunt, uncle, niece and nephew) are not eligible to join the Climate Action Hackathon.

Winner Selection/Judging Criteria

The Scholarship winners will be selected by a panel of judges ("Judges").
By submitting any Climate Action Hackathon Entry, entrants release Climate Action Hackathon, UNDP, Sponsors, their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and advisors from any and all liability for any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the decisions of the Judges.

Awards and Scholarships

Up to 25 Scholarships will be awarded to winning applications. Scholarships include round-trip travel in economy class to the venue, lodging for the duration of the Climate Action Hackathon, and a minimal per diem to cover incidental costs. Contest prizes are non-transferable by the winner. If you accept a prize, you will be solely responsible for all applicable taxes related to accepting such prize.

Conduct
By participating in the Climate Action Hackathon or submitting a scholarship application, you agree to abide by the UN Supplier Code of Conduct
(http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/documents/procurement/documents/UNDP_supplier_code_of_conduct.pdf). To the maximum extent permitted by law, Organizers reserves the right to change these Official Contest Rules at any time. You further agree to be bound by the decisions of Organizers and the judges which shall be final and binding in all respects. Organizers reserve the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual that tampers or attempts to tamper with the Climate Action Hackathon Entry process or the operation of the Contest or web site; violates the Official Contest Rules; or acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

Publicity

Except where prohibited, participation in the Climate Action Hackathon constitutes participants consent to the UNDP use of winner's name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions and/or hometown and state for promotional purposes in any media, worldwide, without payment or consideration.

Limitations of Liability

The UNDP is not responsible for: (1) any false, incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by Participants, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Climate Action Hackathon; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Climate Action Hackathon; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Climate Action Hackathon or the processing of entries; or (5) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from Particpant's participation in the Climate Action Hackathon or receipt or use or misuse of any prize. If for any reason an entrant's Submission is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, entrant's sole remedy is another provide another Submission. No more than the stated number of scholarships will be awarded.

No Recourse to Judicial Procedures

In the event that an entrant should disagree with any of these Climate Action Hackathon Rules or any decision made by the UNDP or the Judging Panels, Participant will have the right to withdraw its Submission. To the extent permitted by law, the rights to litigate, to seek injunctive relief or to any other recourse to judicial procedure in case of disputes or claims resulting from or in connection with this Climate Action Hackathon are hereby excluded, and Participant and Voters expressly waive any and all such rights.

Preservation of Immunities

Nothing herein shall constitute or be considered to be a limitation upon or a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the UNDP, or any other member of the UNDP, which are specifically reserved.