Global Digital Health Hackathon

Accelerating SDG Implementation

Type: Hackathon
Location: Geneva, Switzerland
Date: 26 Nov 2021
Duration of event: 1 Days
Programme Area: Special event
Specific Target Audience: No
Website: https://gdhub.org/29095-2/
Price: No Fee
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Partnership: Open Geneva, Geneva Hub for Digital Health

BACKGROUND

The GDHacks are a series of hackathons organized by the GDHub, in collaboration with Open Geneva and UNITAR, to address issues related to the implementation of digital health solutions, such as lack of governance, coordination, interoperability, large-scale deployment, sustainability, and others. Hackathons represent a unique opportunity to co-design innovative solutions to complex challenges with an interdisciplinary team in a fun, relaxed and friendly atmosphere. From this first edition of the GDHack, we are expecting 8 co-designed innovative solutions intending to address parts of the global digital health issues.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This hackathon aims to engage participants in the process of open innovation for addressing relevant identified challenges.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The hackathon used a blended format of content and structure, including expert presentations on different topics, methodologies of innovation development challenges and self-organised group work for the final event deliverables. In particular, the hackathon run in one day, leading to the participants' final presentations. An Digital Health Innovation Bootcamp helped prepare the participants' participation in the hackathon.
METHODOLOGY

Hackathon is a method of open innovation practice, implying an intense, uninterrupted, period of collective problem solving. Methodologies of SDG Innovation, such as developing an idea to a concrete plan, team building and communicating effectively a meaningful solution by learning how to pitch were integrated as training to foster the participants' innovation outcomes and deliverables through the production of a few-minute demonstration of the innovation concept and its value.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The event's target audience included people from the greater Geneva area, of all ages and backgrounds.