Al for SDGs Hackathon: Structure and Judging

Hackathon Structure

Theme: "Al for a Sustainable Future"

Duration: 24 Hours (6:00 PM Day 1 to 6:00 PM Day 2)

Participants: 100 Teams (3-5 members each)

Elimination: Top 20 Teams advance to the final round.

Day 1 (6:00 PM - Midnight):

- 6:00 PM: Kickoff and Problem Statement Reveal

- 6:30 PM - Midnight: Ideation and Development Phase

Day 2 (Midnight - 8:00 AM):

- Midnight - 8:00 AM: Prototyping and Implementation

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Round 1 Evaluation (Top 20 Teams selected)

Day 2 (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM):

- 9:00 AM - Noon: Focused Development for Top 20 Teams

- Noon - 3:00 PM: Final Refinements and Submission

- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Final Presentations and Judging

- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Winners Announcement and Wrap-Up

Judging Details

Round 1: Initial Evaluation (100 Teams to 20 Teams)

- Time: 8:00 AM 9:00 AM (Day 2)
- Focus: Relevance to SDGs, innovation, and early-stage feasibility.
- Judges: 10 judges in 5 panels (2 judges per panel)
 - 1 Al Expert: Assess technical feasibility and Al implementation.
 - 1 SDG Specialist: Evaluate alignment with SDGs and societal impact.

Round 2: Final Evaluation (Top 20 Teams)

- Time: 3:00 PM 5:30 PM (Day 2)
- Focus: Technical depth, scalability, SDG alignment, and presentation quality.
- Judges: 5 judges (single panel)
 - 2 Al Experts: Evaluate technical implementation and scalability.
 - 1 SDG Expert: Assess SDG impact and integration.
 - 1 Product Designer/UX Expert: Evaluate usability and practicality.
 - 1 Industry Expert: Assess market readiness and real-world feasibility.

Judging Criteria:

- Impact on SDGs: 30%

- Technical Feasibility: 30%

- Innovation: 20%

- Presentation: 10%

- Scalability: 10%