HACKCORRUPTION ORIENTATION PACK

NEPAL, August 2023

WELCOME!

Dear HackCorruption Participant,

We are delighted to welcome you to this project, and to this community. A few weeks ago we received an unexpected amount of applications from coders, activists, and civil society practitioners who are motivated to use their skills and expertise to tackle a challenge this is all too common in our countries: corruption. More than 600 individuals submitted applications! As we kick start this process, we are excited about the 52 individuals who were selected to participate, because we know that you are driven to grapple with and find solutions to critical challenges.

We hope you see this as more than just an event but rather the start of a new community of change-makers who can collaborate, support each other, and inspire others to push for change.

As you prepare to participate, this document should give you the most important information to navigate the hackathon.

We look forward to welcoming you to the in-person hackathon will take place from 27 to 30 April at Park Village Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal.

WHO ARE WE?

HackCorruption is implemented by Accountability Lab, in partnership with the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and Development Gateway.

Through the orientation, hackathon, and BootCamp for teams with the most promising ideas, you'll be supported by a team of people combining their expertise to support you. For now, please take note of the following team members whom you should reach out to with challenges around your logistics or participation:

The best way to get a response is to reach out to us at hackcorruption2023@accountabilitylab.org

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WHERE AND WHEN

The hackathon will take place from 28 to 30 April, from 9:00am daily.
Additionally, we will host a welcome gathering to get to know each other on Thursday, 27 April at 7:00pm the Park Village Hotel.

Although the program will formally end at 6:00pm daily, we will ensure that there is a safe space available for teams to work together after hours should you wish to continue working on your solution, or prepare for your pitch.

WHAT TO EXPECT

HackCorruption is an informal, fun, collaborative event. Please come prepared to meet new people, bring your best ideas, and share your skills and experiences to work together to combat corruption using innovative, uncommon tools.

During the hackathon, team members from the Accountability Lab, CIPE, Development Gateway, and our partners will be around to support you. You will also have access to virtual mentors - subject matter experts who can guide you and provide feedback as you build out your ideas. The project team also includes a tech professional who has spent more than a decade building applications to strengthen governance and transparency worldwide. We hope that this support will help you thrive!
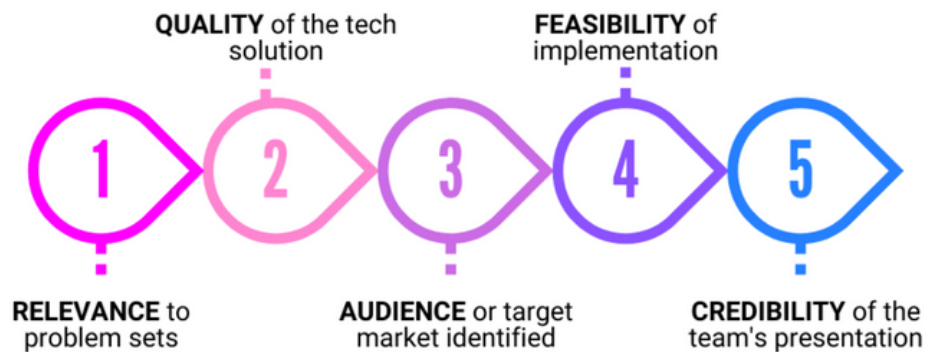
MENTORSHIP & ONGOING SUPPORT

Throughout the hackathon, you and your team will have access to a variety of mentors with tech and anti-corruption expertise. This support will continue for the teams with the most promising ideas after the hackathon.

In the spirit of collaboration and peer learning, we also invite participants to support each other. We are working on shared challenges after all.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Your presentations and submissions will be judged based on the following criteria:

QUALITY of the tech solution

FEASIBILITY of implementation

1 **2** **3** **4** **5**

RELEVANCE to problem sets

AUDIENCE or target market identified

CREDIBILITY of the team's presentation

You will be given access to sample pitch decks and a variety of other templates and resources to help you prepare your final submissions. Be sure to familiarize yourself with HackCorruption's rules and ensure that your team adhere to the event guidelines.

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TIMELINE

April

HackCorruption Orientation
Participants gather virtually for an orientation program designed to sharpen anti-corruption and technical skills. We will share the dates with you via calendar invitations.

27-30 April

Hackathon
Teams meet in person and have 48 hours to work on their solutions.

30 April

Ideas Submitted to Judges
Teams pitch and submit their ideas and artifacts to the panel of judges.

8 May

Winners Announced
Judging concludes and the Top 5 ideas are announced.

Ongoing

Creating Solutions
Ongoing technical support, mentorship and seed funding to build the most promising ideas.

FIND YOUR TEAM

Based on shared interests and diverse skills, HackCorruption organizers divided participants into groups of 4 to 5. This is a regional initiative, so we tried to make teams as diverse as possible. Additionally, we built teams that reflect the tech and governance experience needed to create tools to counter corruption. Please connect with your team and get to know each other. If you earnestly desire to switch teams, please send us a note at hackcorruption2023@accountabilitylab.org.

You can find your team here.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We'd love to invite you to publish a social media announcement about your participation. We have created a template on Canva for you to use.

1. Open the Canva template **here**.
2. Duplicate the template by clicking on the double page icon, top right.
3. Drag and drop a head and shoulder image of yourself (PNG or JPG files only) into the sidebar on the left that says Templates.
4. Drag your image from the sidebar into the round blue and green frame on the template.
5. Click on the text box that starts with "I hope to". Replace the text words with your own hopes and the ways you would like to contribute to HackCorruption!
6. Download the design by clicking on the Share button on the top right, and then clicking Download.
7. Choose your file type (PNG or JPG is advised).
8. Post your image to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram and please Accountability Lab!

SEE YOU SOON!

Know that you were selected because we deeply believe in your potential and are excited about your participation. We look forward to meeting you soon! In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to make your participation easier.