Dear friends and colleagues:

We'd like to invite you to an exciting workshop exploring the potential for blockchain technology to aid in the management of climate change. The event, at MIT Media Lab in Cambridge, MA, on September 11, 2017 is part of a global series of workshops in preparation for the Hack4Climate hackathon, which will be held on the sidelines of the UN's COP23 conference in Bonn, Germany, November 12-16. Associated workshops will be occurring around the same time in Buenos Aires, San Francisco, London, Berlin, Prague, Moscow, Zurich, Vienna and Johannesburg. Details of the Cambridge/Boston event are included below

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The workshop will include an introduction to the Hack4Climate event in Bonn from the organizers at the Zurich-based CleanTech21 foundation and an invitation to submit applications to join that hackathon. There will also be a broad discussion of the role that blockchain technology might play in addressing climate-change challenges. Attendees will then break into five working groups to explore different uses cases designated as Hack4Climate priorities: Identification and tracking of emissions, carbon pricing, distributed energy, sustainable land use and sustainable transportation. We will close with a drinks/snacks reception in the Winter Garden on the sixth floor of the Media Lab.

You have been chosen because of your expertise either in blockchain technology or in one or more of the five identified Hack4Climate domains. We are aiming for a group of no more than 70 people with a particular balance of specific expertise. Technical capabilities in blockchain development and/or climate change issues will be prioritized. So if you're interested in attending, we ask that you include a one-sentence description of your expertise/area of interest and cite some aspect of your work and/or academic experience. Links to GitHub repositories are welcome.

Event details:

#Hack4Climate Cambridge/Boston Workshop
September 11, 2017. 3pm-7pm.
MIT Media Lab, Silverman Skyline Room, 6th Floor,
75 Amherst St., Cambridge, MA

We realize this is short notice. So, your early consideration is much appreciated. Please respond as soon as possible to caseymj@media.mit.edu, also copying in arviso@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

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