Open Call & Overview

For Hackathon Team Leaders

Co-organised by:
Do you have what it takes to design our Cities for a Sustainable Future?
Take on the challenge as a Hackathon Team Leader to lead, collaborate and create societal impact. We invite young professionals and students from Bangladesh, India & Pakistan to join us.

WHAT IS #ASEFSU23?

The 23rd ASEF Summer University (#ASEFSU23) is a 3-month long interdisciplinary Hackathon journey for young Asians & Europeans on “Liveable Cities for a Sustainable Future”.

Taking place between September and November 2021 (3 programme blocks a 2-3 weeks each), the Summer University connects young hackers, designers, innovators, urban planners and SDG experts from 51 countries to collaborate & develop urban solutions in three of the most populated countries in ASEM: Bangladesh, India & Pakistan.

#ASEFSU23 HACKATHON CHALLENGES

ASEFSU23 Hackathon Teams will tackle one of three interdisciplinary urban challenges, linking SDG11 with other socio-economic issues that are part of the UN Agenda2030:

- **Bangladesh (SDG11, SDG12 & SDG13):** Creating Clean Cities: Tackling Urban Waste Management
- **India (SDG3 & SDG11):** Creating Healthy Cities: Tackling Obesity among Children
- **Pakistan (SDG4, SDG8 and SDG11):** Creating Accessible Cities: Enhancing Urban Mobility

More info here: [Hackathon Challenges](#)
The most innovative solution for each country challenge will receive an award.

Take a look at previous ASEFU editions: [ASEFSU20], [ASEFSU21], and [ASEFSU22], and watch the [ASEFSU trailer here](#)!

#ASEFSU23 HACKATHON TEAM LEADERS

ASEFSU23 Hackathon Team Leaders take on a crucial role throughout ASEFSU23. Following a joint capacity building training on facilitation, virtual collaboration & design-thinking, each Team Leader will guide a team of 6 other ASEFSU23 participants from Asian & European countries through their learning journey and drive the development of a digital solution for one of the interdisciplinary Hackathon challenges.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY!

DEADLINE: MONDAY, 6 September 2021 UTC 23.59

#FASTFACTS

WHEN & WHERE?
3 Programme elements (2-3 weeks each) between 20 September – 15 November 2021, virtual

FOR WHOM?
Young Professionals & Students between 18-30 years
Citizens of Bangladesh, India or Pakistan

Excellent command of English (verbal and written)

Further details on eligibility criteria can be found in the [FAQ](#)

SELECTION
12 Hackathon Team Leaders (4 from each country) selected through an Open Call based on a non-discriminative, inclusive and fair selection process.
WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- **Leadership!** Show & train your Team Leadership skills in this intercultural, virtual context.
- **Sustainable Impact!** Play your role towards Sustainable Urbanisation by transforming ideas into concrete impactful solutions in your country.
- **Network!** Build up your network of innovators & experts for future partnerships & collaborations.
- **Certification!** Receive certification of participation by all partners, as well as microcredits from [University College Cork (UCC)](#).

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

You are...

- A creator, designer, innovator, developer or entrepreneur versatile in digital solutions
- Experienced in Hackathons, Innovathons or other human-centred design-related events, either as participant, resource person or organiser
- Confident in guiding intercultural teams virtually

PROGRAMME PHASES

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<td>September 2021  &lt;br&gt;Skills based sessions on Online facilitation, team collaboration technique &amp; human-centred design thinking.</td>
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<td><strong>Phase 2: Knowledge Building Phase</strong></td>
<td>October 2021  &lt;br&gt;Web-Sessions on SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities &amp; sustainable urbanisation in Bangladesh, India &amp; Pakistan.</td>
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<td><strong>Phase 3: Hackathon</strong></td>
<td>November 2021  &lt;br&gt;Development of Challenge Solutions &amp; final presentations.</td>
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HONORARIUM

Hackathon Team Leaders will receive a fixed, equal honorarium for their time and commitment throughout the programme.

KNOW MORE!

For further information check the [FAQ](#)  
For other questions, drop us an email: [asefsu@asef.org](mailto:asefsu@asef.org)
PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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HACKATHON TEAM LEADERS TRAINING
- Welcome & Introduction
- Team Leadership
- Facilitation
- Facilitation
- Empathise
- Define & Ideate
- Prototype & Test
- Wrap-up & Next steps

TIMING: 11:00-13:00 SGT

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING PHASE
- 11 - 15 OCT
- 18 - 22 OCT
- 25 - 29 OCT

- Welcome & Introduction
- SDG 11
- SDG 11
- Optional: Social Session
- SDG 11
- Team Building
- Bangladesh
- Optional: Social Session
- India
- Pakistan
- Closing & Wrap-up
- Optional: Social Session

TIMING: 17:00 - 19:00 SGT

HACKATHON
- Hackathon Kick-off
- Hackathon
- Hackathon Presentations & Awards
**PROGRAMME DATES & TIMINGS**

**HACKATHON TEAM LEADER TRAINING SESSIONS**

**Dates:** 20-31 September 2021  
**Times:**

- **11am - 1pm**  
  Singapore time (UTC+8)  
  - Pakistan 8am-10am  
  - India 8.30am-10.30am  
  - Bangladesh 9am-11am

**KNOWLEDGE BUILDING PHASE SESSIONS**

**Dates:** 11-29 October 2021  
**Times:**

- **5pm - 7pm**  
  Singapore time (UTC+8)  
  - Pakistan 2pm-4pm  
  - India 2.30pm-4.30pm  
  - Bangladesh 3pm-5pm

**HACKATHON**

**Dates:** 5-14 November 2021  
**Times:**  
- As arranged by Hackathon Team Leaders with their teams

**HACKATHON OPENING + CLOSING SESSIONS**

**Dates:** 4 & 15 November 2021  
**Times:**

- **5pm - 7pm**  
  Singapore time (UTC+8)  
  - Pakistan 2pm-4pm  
  - India 2.30pm-4.30pm  
  - Bangladesh 3pm-5pm
Visual Explainer

Yarns are a symbol of the cotton production and textile industry in South Asia which greatly contributed to its economy and opening up to the rest of the world. Along with this evolution, the region’s growing urbanisation has been a driving force, reshaping modern cities and societies.

Like a fabric with its distinct pattern, a city is a network of interdependencies and intertwined social interactions: a complex eco-system where every element is closely connected to each other. This intricate crisscross is a fragile equilibrium contingent on every thread which needs to be carefully sewn and integrated within the broader structure. To shape urban frameworks and images, urban policy makers and planners need intentionality and a comprehensive understanding of all its constituting elements. To weave and build liveable cities for a sustainable future, holistic and transformative visions are needed. Our ASEFSU23 participants will develop these for Bangladesh, India and Pakistan during the project.