

Registration information

UMC Data Hackathon: Bridging the digital divide by uncovering digital deserts

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Training details

Modality: Blended

Dates: 05 Jan 2026 - 26 Sep 2026

Training fees: \$0.00 Language: English

Application deadline: 31 Dec 2025 **Training code:** 26BL500365MUL-E-D

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Training description

This innovation challenge focuses on mobilising the creativity of young people to apply data science and visualization techniques to uncover "digital deserts" and identify population groups left behind in achieving universal and meaningful connectivity. Through data analysis, storytelling, and teamwork, participants will explore the social, economic, and infrastructural factors shaping digital inclusion and propose data-driven solutions to bridge the digital divide.

With the support of the European Union and under the "Promoting and Measuring Universal and Meaningful Connectivity" project, the hackathon combines an online learning phase with a face-to-face event at the ITU Innovation Centre in New Delhi. Participants will benefit from mentorship,

collaboration, and the opportunity to present their results at the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland.

For more information about the training objectives, target population, entry requirements, methodology, evaluation and content, consult the page here.

How to apply

In order to register for the training, applicants should:

- 1. Create an ITU Academy account here
- 2. Apply for the course here
- 3. The selection of participants for the course will be made by the course coordinators, based on the course's entry requirements, selection criteria and available number of seats. If selected, you will receive a notification by email.



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