



UMC Data Hackathon: *Bridging the Digital Divide by Uncovering Digital Deserts*

Launching

Announced at WTIS-25, registration open until 31 December 2025 through the **ITU Academy**

- 104 teams, 413 participants, 35 countries
- 35% women

Webinars

Volunteering mentors from BDT and NCA-F

On 14 January and 11 February 2026

- Innovative data sources – combining geospatial, big data, administrative and statistical sources
- Statistical methods

Teams' work

Intermediate deliverables:

- Problem description
- Data sources and processing
- Preliminary results

Preselection

Teams of mentors assessed 21 preselected projects:

- Diversity and documentation of data sources
- Analytical methods
- Visual presentation
- Relevance of policy recommendations

Winners

3 winning teams (India, Palestine, Cambodia)

7 outstanding projects (Korea, Mozambique, Bangladesh, Jordan, Malawi, India, Ghana/Kenya/Niger)

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