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HACKATHON in your town!

Water Hackathon **App Fest Bangladesh 2014** by **WORLD BANK** has started registration process! Join in <http://www.hackathonbd.com/participate/> to participate in the event in 14-15th February, 2014 in EMK Center, Dhaka Bangladesh.

The World Bank (World Bank Institute, Water & Sanitation Program, ICT Unit & Water Anchor) together with organizing partners from central & local governments (A2i of Prime Minister's office), the ICT sector and academia have supported several successful hackathons on water & sanitation. The previous Sanitation Hackathon was a global event that took place concurrently on December 1st- 2nd, 2012 in 16 countries around the world with the Dhaka recording the greatest number of participants of any site.

This time we are back with App Fest 2014 in Dhaka. To bring innovation in the area of water, sanitation, health and education (behavior change), we are partnering with the IT sector (ICT companies, mobile app developers, coders, software engineers etc.), business initiatives (incubation and start up world, business angels, venture and angel investor etc.), development professionals (experts in water, health, education, governance etc.) and students (coders from fields of computer sciences, engineering, animation, business analyst etc.). The goal is to build a chain between actors so that ideas lead to products that make a difference in eradicating poverty. By working together we think that it is possible to solve the myriad of governance challenges that have an impact on the safety, availability & affordability of basic public services. We believe that through information technology and mobile technology it is possible to solve many of the challenges related to poverty.

The App Fest 2014 concentrates on Water, Sanitation, Health and Education through 20 problem statements, identified and owned by development organizations, government offices and NGOs. We are inviting all innovative minds to bring mobile based (i.e. apps, sms etc.) solutions. To guarantee a high quality of the apps, the participating teams are getting support from experts of each thematic area as well as from startup incubators, when needed.

We are welcoming everyone to explore the website to know more about Water Hackathon App Fest, promote the event in your network and join the event by registering in the category as a Problem Solvers/Apps Makers, Financier, Tech-Mentor or Problem statement Owner.

Problem Solvers/Apps makers

Any university student or tech professional doing job/business can team up with up to 5 multi-disciplinary members (i.e. coders from fields of computer sciences, engineering, animation, business analyst etc.) and register for the event to solve given problem statements. Registered and selected teams will stay in the event place for continuously 36 hours and make game-changing solutions. After the event even the problem solver/App Maker teams can take the solutions to work further and organizer and partners will be mentoring them in forming startup company if needed.



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Tech-Mentors

Experts who can positively contribute in making the apps can register as mentors. Mentors can be individual or they can represent a company. Your responsibility will be helping the participating problem solving/App Maker team in your area of expertise in both days of the Hackathon. You also can choose to work with the team after Hackathon to develop the apps further.

Financiers

The Hackathon offers a good platform to know the new apps and startups. As a financier you can help the teams to get access to finance (i.e. seed funding etc.) to develop their app prototype further. A financier can be an organization or an individual.

Problem statement Owners

All the problem statements are born from real problems in the development sector and are related to water, sanitation, health, education or disaster risk management. We welcome GO/NGO/INGO/NFP/Donor/Private sector to register in this category. You should also have interest in implementing the possible solution to your project.

It is a REGISTERED ONLY event for Problem Solvers/Apps Maker, Financiers, Tech-Mentors and Problem statement Owners. So, we would like to request you to spread the word in your network so that everybody can join the event arranged by the World Bank with its partners.

More Info

<http://www.hackathonbd.com/>

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