Workshops & Innovation Challenge

Overview

The Africa Urban Tech Digital Summit aims to brings together; Tech Entrepreneurs, Corporates, Investors, NGO's, Government Agencies and other organizations working towards livable, inclusive and environmentally sustainable cities across Africa to have vibrant and engaging conversations including cutting edge technologies in Urban Tech. In order to build engagement, conversation and actionable outcomes; UN Habitat and Pangea are organizing two follow-up workshops linked to two of the panel sessions from the livestream on the themes of **"Urban Mobility"** and "**Emergency Response for Covid-19"**. These workshops will be hosted via Facebook Live on the UN Habitat Facebook Page lasting for 1hr.

Innovation Challenge

These follow-up workshops are also linked to the concurrent innovation challenge which seeks to identify and award young innovators building solutions on the themes of **"Urban Mobility"** and "**Emergency Response for Covid-19".** Submissions will be pre-selected and the final two chosen where they will be awarded up to USD500 each as seed investment to get started on their idea. Additionally, the final two winners will also receive a business support package from Pangea Accelerator, which includes mentoring, business advisory and investor matching services valued at USD 5,000 to aid them in scaling their idea.

Why have an innovation challenge?

The need for innovations and solutions addressing cities' growing demand for affordable and efficient public transport has never been greater, especially on the backdrop of the impact of Covid-19. Additionally, both local and national governments are grappling with the current Covid-19 pandemic, which is already putting pressure on urban systems particularly for rapidly urbanizing cities. However, smart city planners have been creating end-to-end urban solutions including emergency response measures for crises. Can innovation for emergency response prepare governments and city planners to manage and anticipate future pandemics? These workshops therefore, seek to ask this pertinent questions and have innovators participate, learn and engage with leading experts in the industry thus, spurring innovative ideas to address these challenges. To support this, we have invited interested innovators and applicants to join these interactive design thinking workshops.

Workshop One: Urban Mobility Solutions for African cities

Time and Date: 27th May 2020 at 12pm – 1pm

Host: Judith Owigar

Guest: Dorothy Ooko

Supported by; UN Habitat Comms and Pangea Team

This workshop will be an extended conversation from the panel discussion on *"Responsive Technology and Data for cities in Africa".* The workshop will also be another deep dive drawing insights from the speakers' point of views and perspectives. Questions will be collated from the Application form, social media, the livestream, comment section of the chat and responded to during the Facebook Live together with the guest.

Workshop Two: Emergency Response for Covid-19

Time and Date: 28th May 2020 at 12pm – 1pm

Host: Steffanie Holzwarth

Guest: Dr. Shikoh Gitau

Supported by; UN Habitat Comms and Pangea Team

This workshop will be an extended conversation from the panel discussion on *"Emergency response during Covid-19 for urban service delivery".* The workshop will be a deep dive drawing insights from the speakers' point of views and perspectives. Questions will be collated from the Application form, social media, the livestream, comment section of the chat and responded to during the Facebook Live together with the guest.

Outreach

Our outreach campaign will have us reach out to experts and invite them to participate in the conversation. We will also have the workshops as part of our digital campaign with artwork going out on various platforms to build the conversation. Additionally, we will be curating questions from our audience which will form the basis for discussions during the Live Chat as well as inviting guests to join the broadcast and engage.

Sample Facebook Live Session:

- The Big Story: The Day the Live Concert Returns Hosted by The Atlantic
- US Embassy of Nairobi LIVE episode: Conversation with a Diplomat, featuring Political Officer Kristi Law.