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The rise in population growth, coupled with the strenuous demands we place on our environment, is not sustainable, and it calls for a social, economic, and cultural transformation.

We can start by looking at where we live and the livelihoods of those around us. How can we design, create, and implement systems that are inclusive, integrative, and sustainable?

Cities, the most densely populated areas on the planet, are directly tied to rural areas, yet not all systems and policies treat them as such. While the former consumes and expands at a rapid pace, the latter, in many cases, is left out and depleted of resources.

This hackathon, in particular, focuses on how to rethink and improve food as a linkage for development in rural and urban areas in developing regions.

With this challenge, we hope to foster creative, integrative, and circular solutions/policies for strengthening rural and urban relationships while achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This hackathon is organized by Franklin University of Switzerland, in collaboration with UNITAR, as part of the Open Geneva festival. From March 24-26th. [Register now](#).

Program:

Day 1 - Wednesday 24th March

08:30 - 08:45:	Last minutes inscription to the hackathon
08:45 - 09:00:	Welcome to the hackathon
09:00 - 10:00:	Experts speech - description of the challenges
10:00 - 10:15:	Break
10:30 - 11:00:	Team building
11:00	KICK-OFF
11:00 - 14:00:	1st session of work for the participants
14:00 - 15:00:	1st workshop for the participants: <u>Brainstorming</u>
15:00 - 15:15:	Coffee break (<i>english & french</i>)
15:15 - 17:45:	2nd session of work for the participants
17:45 - 18:00:	Conclusion of the 1 st day: recap and program for the second day

Day 2 - Thursday 25th March

08:00 - 08:30:	Yoga session for the participants
08:45 - 09:00:	Café au lait and croissant (<i>english & french</i>)
09:00 - 09:15:	Welcome back to the 2 nd day
09:15 - 14:00:	3rd session of work for the participants
14:00 - 15:00:	2nd workshop for the participants: <u>How to pitch your idea</u> <u>Policy</u> (with UN experts)
15:00 - 15:15:	Coffee break (<i>english & french</i>)
15:15 - 17:45:	4th session of work for the participants
17:45 - 18:00:	Conclusion of the 2 nd day: recap and program for the last day

Day 3 - Friday 26th March

08:00 - 08:30:	Guided meditation
08:45 - 09:00:	Café au lait and croissant (<i>english & french</i>)
09:00 - 09:15:	Welcome back to the final day
09:15 - 12:00:	5th session of work for the participants
12:00	Final submission
12:00 - 14:00:	Lunch break
14:00 - 16:00:	Final presentations (4 min for each group) and feedback from UN experts
16:00 - 16:30:	CLOSING OF THE HACKATHON