What is it?

Unite Ideas is an online platform through which the UN system can draw upon the skills, creativity and intellectual property of a standing community of +19,000 engaged global citizens and organizations to solve the world's most pressing problems: https://ideas.unite.un.org

Adopted by the UN High-Level Committee on Management as a standard crowdsourcing platform available to all UN Agencies, Funds, and Programmes, it can be used for online calls for innovations, competitions, virtual hackathons and crowdsourcing with the general public.

Unite Ideas in Numbers

1/3M site visits
+600 ideas received
+125 open source solutions received
+25 innovation challenges launched
+19K registered users
+40 entities have used it
+10K votes from the public
+170 countries

13 UN Entities Using it


4 UN Member States & International Organizations Used it

The European Commission, Brazil, Finland, United States.

13 Universities Involved

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, New York University, Aalto University, Universiteit Leiden, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ecole de Mines Saint-Etienne, Rutgers University, University of Northampton, University of Southampton, George Washington University, Northeastern University, Fordham University, Carnegie Mellon University.
Example Uses

**Reboot Health & Wellbeing**: The World Health Organization led a virtual innovation challenge for adolescent health solutions.

**DigiEduHack finals**: The European Commission carried out a public selection of Digital Education solutions.

**Reboot the Earth**: The UN Youth Envoy & UNTIL mobilized young tech entrepreneurs to showcase their tools at the UN Climate Summit 2019.

The [UN Office of Counter-Terrorism](https://www.un.org) ran a virtual hackathon for cybersecurity solutions.

[UNDP](https://www.undp.org) ran a competition for localized climate and market information tools.

[UN DESA](https://www.un.org) ran a computer programing challenge to improve energy modelling tools.

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Open Source Solutions Highlights

- Human displacement monitor, a big-data mining tool to estimate in real-time the number of internally displaced people worldwide.
- Sankofa & Gate, web applications and natural language processing tools for extracting information from UN resolutions.
- Distribute Aid, a platform for grassroots aid distribution coordination for not-for-profit organizations.
- Hula mobile app for peer-to-peer trade to maximize the reuse of consumable goods.
- A USB plug-and-play forensics system for cybersecurity and counterterrorism.
- Wikilimo, an online-offline platform and mobile app with weather alerts and pest information for farmers.
- A computer model to identify the lowest cost mix of electrification technologies for universal access.

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Technologies

- blockchain
- robotics
- games
- virtual reality
- machine learning
- geographical info systems
- image recognition
- data analytics
- mobile & web apps

Challenge Topics

- access to data
- adolescent health
- armed conflict
- automatic information extraction
- child trafficking & identity
- circular economy
- climate change
- cybersecurity
- energy modelling
- ethical fashion
- humanitarian data surveys
- internal displacement of people
- open data
- science, technology & innovation knowledge
- status & progress of the SDGs
Get Started

Does your organization have a compelling challenge, untapped data, or wish to find tools and solutions from a diverse crowd to address a complex social issue?

Launch your challenge in 3 easy steps:

1. Write to uniteideas@un.org

2. Prepare & launch your challenge

3. Receive hundreds of solutions covered under open source or creative commons licenses.