



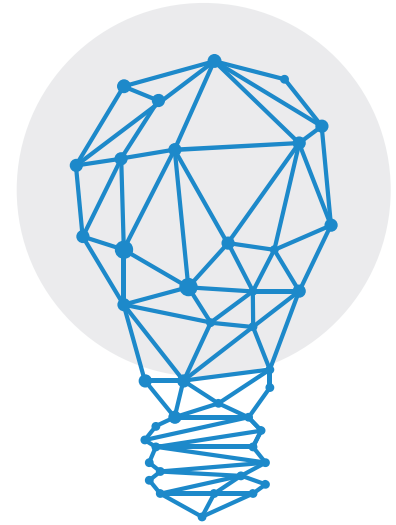
TECHNOLOGY & IDEAS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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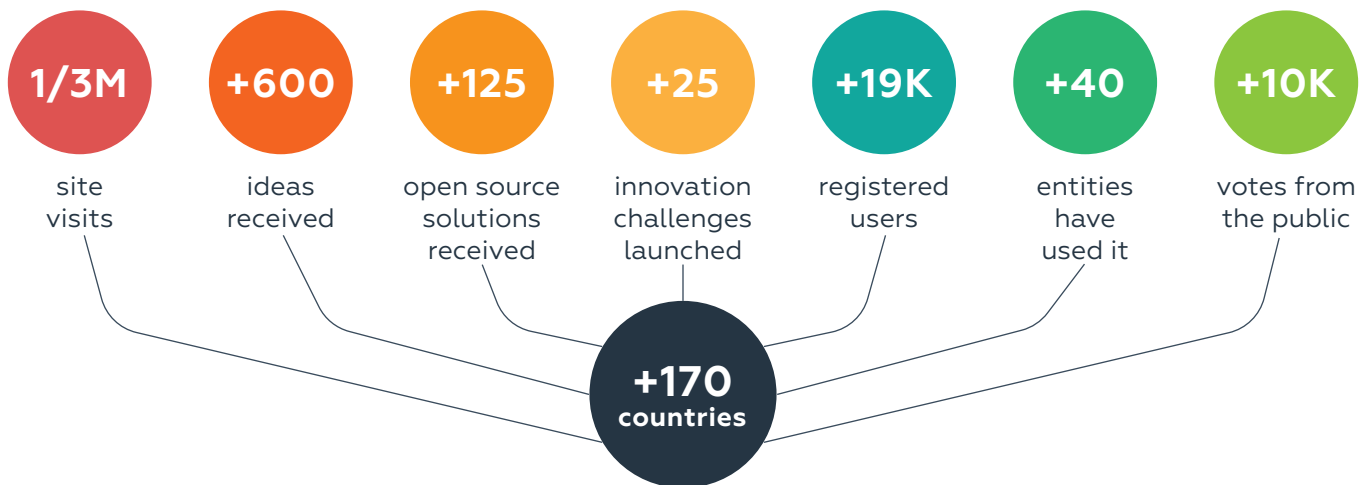
## What is it?

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



### 13 UN Entities Using it

UN DESA, UNCCT, WHO, UNDP, UNAIDS, WFP, UNICEF, UN CEB, OCHA, UNCTAD, UNOPS, ILO, UN Global Compact, World Humanitarian Summit.

### 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** ran a virtual hackathon for cybersecurity solutions.

**UNDP** ran a competition for localized climate and market information tools.

**UN DESA** ran a computer programming challenge to improve energy modelling tools.

## 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.

## Technologies



blockchain



robotics



games



virtual reality



machine learning



geographical info systems



image recognition

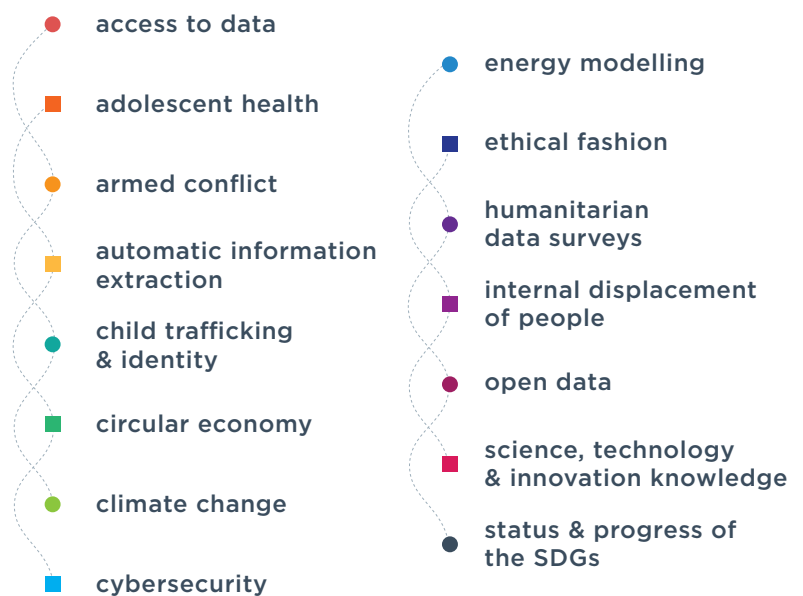


data analytics



mobile & web apps

## Challenge Topics



## 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](mailto:uniteideas@un.org)

2

Prepare & launch your challenge

3

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



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