

Open Call & Overview

For Participants

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THE SUPERIOR UNIVERSITY



Are you keen on designing our Cities for a Sustainable Future?

Join the interdisciplinary ASEFSU23 Hackathon and be part of a team of Asians & Europeans to create societal impact. We invite young professionals and students to apply.

WHAT IS #ASEFSU23?

The [23rd ASEF Summer University \(ASEFSU23\)](#) is an interdisciplinary Hackathon journey for young Asians & Europeans on “Liveable Cities for a Sustainable Future”.

Taking place between October and November 2021 (2 programme blocks a 2-3 weeks each), the Summer University connects young hackers, designers, innovators, urban planners and SDG experts from 51 countries to collaborate & develop urban solutions in three of the most populated countries in [ASEM](#): Bangladesh, India & Pakistan.



#ASEFSU23 HACKATHON CHALLENGES

In teams of 6, ASEFSU23 Participants will work together with a Hackathon Team Leader to tackle one of three interdisciplinary urban challenges, linking SDG11 with other socio-economic issues that are part of the UN Agenda2030:

- **Bangladesh (SDG11, SDG12 & SDG13):** Creating Clean Cities: Tackling Urban Waste Management
- **India (SDG3 & SDG11):** Creating Healthy Cities: Tackling Obesity among Children
- **Pakistan (SDG4, SDG8 and SDG11):** Creating Accessible Cities: Enhancing Urban Mobility

More info here: [Hackathon Challenges](#)

The most innovative solution for each country challenge will receive an award.

Take a look at previous ASEFSU editions: [ASEFSU20](#), [ASEFSU21](#), and [ASEFSU22](#), and watch the [ASEFSU trailer here!](#)

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- **Certification!** Receive certification of participation by all partners, as well as up to 10 university credits from [University College Cork \(UCC\)](#).
- **Sustainable Impact!** Play your role towards Sustainable Urbanisation by transforming ideas into concrete impactful solutions in Bangladesh, India & Pakistan.
- **Network!** Build up your network of innovators & experts for future partnerships & collaborations.

**CLICK HERE
TO APPLY!**

DEADLINE:

**Wednesday, 29
September 2021
UTC 23.59**

#FASTFACTS

WHEN & WHERE?

2 Programme elements
(2-3 weeks each)
between 11 October –
15 November 2021,
virtual

FOR WHOM?

Citizens of any of the [51
Asia-Europe Meeting
\(ASEM\) partner
countries](#)

Young Professionals &
Students between 18-
30 years

Excellent command of
English (verbal and
written)

Further details on
eligibility criteria can be
found in the [FAQ](#)

SELECTION

~70 participants from
51 countries, selected
through an Open Call
based on a non-
discriminative, inclusive
and fair selection
process.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

You...

- Are a creator, designer, innovator, developer, entrepreneur, communicator or more, and feel that your skillset can be used to solve the challenges
- Are enthusiastic to work with an interdisciplinary, intercultural team from Asia & Europe
- Are keen to learn more about Sustainable Urbanisation in Bangladesh, India & Pakistan

COSTS

No registration or participation fee. ASEFSU23 is fully funded including the issuance of certificates.

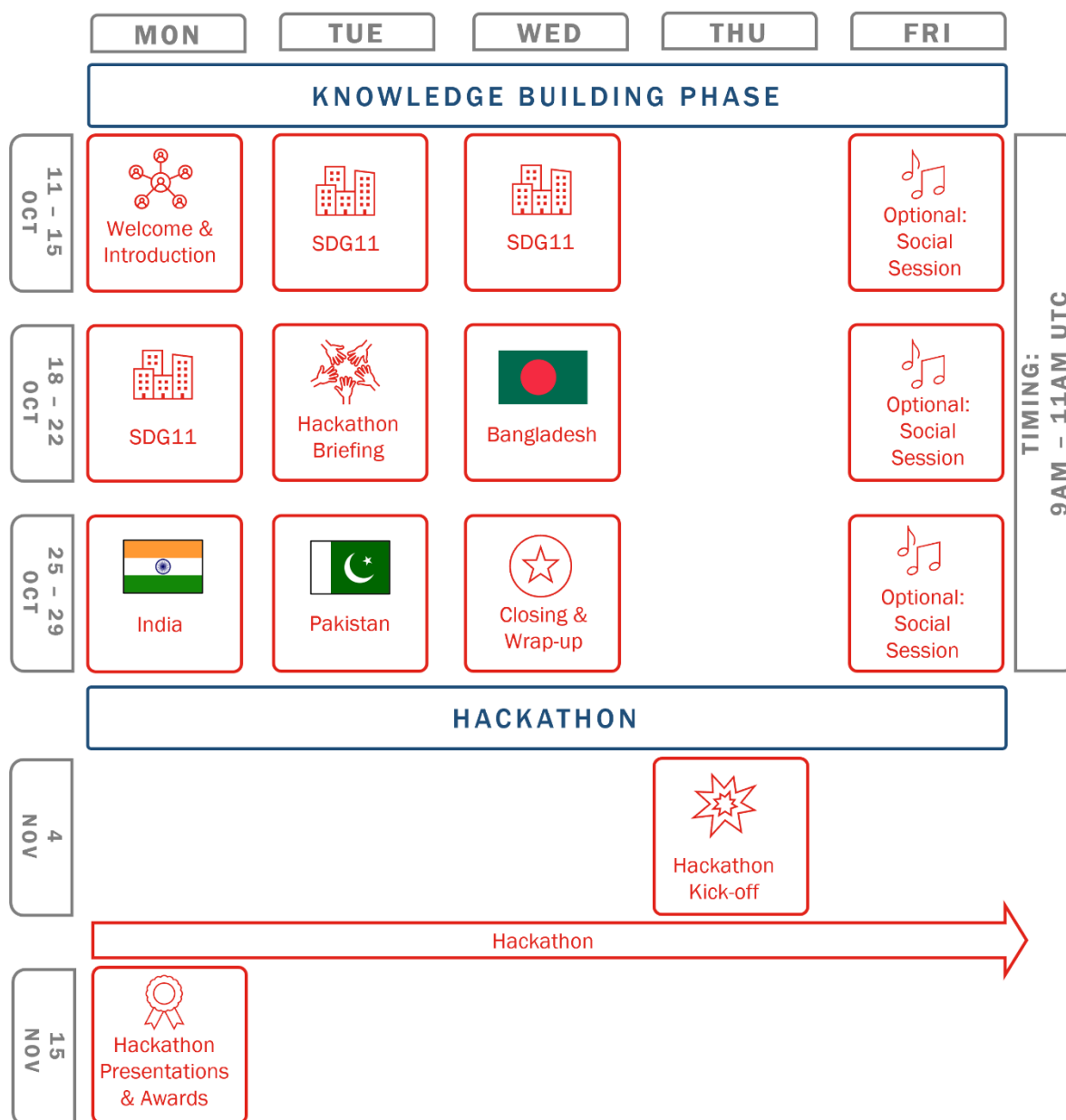
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For further information check the [FAQ](#)

For other questions, drop us an email:

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



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Visual Explainer

Yarns are a symbol of the cotton production and textile industry in South Asia which greatly contributed to its economy and opening up to the rest of the world. Along with this evolution, the region's growing urbanisation has been a driving force, reshaping modern cities and societies.

Like a fabric with its distinct pattern, a city is a network of interdependencies and intertwined social interactions: a complex eco-system where every element is closely connected to each other. This intricate crisscross is a fragile equilibrium contingent on every thread which needs to be carefully sewn and integrated within the broader structure. To shape urban frameworks and images, urban policy makers and planners need intentionality and a comprehensive understanding of all its constituting elements. To weave and build liveable cities for a sustainable future, holistic and transformative visions are needed. Our ASEFSU23 participants will develop these for Bangladesh, India and Pakistan during the project.