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Climate Action Hackathon in Zambia: 15-17 March 2016

WHAT: UNDP's Programme on Climate Information for Resilient Development in Africa (CIRDA) is inviting software developers, mobile application gurus and innovation specialists to *Livingstone, Zambia during 15-17 March* to participate in the Climate Action Hackathon. This exciting event will generate ideas and early prototypes for mobile and online applications to provide climate and weather information to protect the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable African communities adapting to climate change.

WHO: Over 115 software developers, mobile application experts, students and computer engineers and ICT specialists applied for travel scholarships to participate in the Zambia workshop. 25 travel scholarships were awarded to the winning proposals. The 25 winners will spend three days in Zambia developing innovative weather and climate applications, with the remaining applicants being invited to a virtual hackathon that will run until 1 June 2016. Participation in the [virtual hackathon](#) is still open. Participants will have access to technology incubation support from Columbia University, New York, USA and Stanford University, California, USA, as well as UNDP. The Lusaka event will run in parallel with the UNDP workshop: "The Last Mile: Saving lives, improving livelihoods and increasing resiliency through tailored weather information services for a changing climate."

"The main goal of the hackathon is to find ways the application development community can help African weather services bridge the last mile with practical solutions to help people prepare and protect themselves from more frequent and severe storms, erratic weather patterns and long-term climate change," said CIRDA Programme Manager Bonizella Biagini.

WHEN: 15-17 March, 2016

WHERE: Livingstone, Zambia

Twitter hashtag: #climateactionhackathon

For more information, visit: [Climate Action Hackathon](#) and [CIRDA](#) websites.

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