

## Frequently Asked Questions

### GEO Indigenous COVID-19 Hackathon 2020

#### LOGISTICS

##### Where:

GEO Indigenous COVID-19 Hackathon will be hosted online. Please register [here](#).

##### When:

The event will take place **June 5-7 2020**

##### Contact:

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#### FAQs

##### What's a virtual hackathon?

A virtual hackathon is a hardware and software marathon that takes place online. You will have 72 hours to work towards solving a pressing challenge co-designed by Indigenous communities around the world.

##### What tools can I use?

Any programming language and any solution, as long as it is open source. You will be asked to share your final output code in Github. The quality of the code will not be judged in order to allow participants to focus on creating innovative and culturally relevant applications.

##### What is the format of the product participants will deliver?

At the end of the challenge, all participants will be asked to upload their solutions on the Gaaana platform. They will be asked to present a 2-minute video, uploaded to YouTube, explaining their application, write a short description and to share their code via GitHub. Further information and instructions will be sent to you after you register.

##### How will the judging work?

Each entry will be evaluated by a jury of Indigenous leaders on the following criteria:

Societal Value: Does it offer a real solution with potential impact on the societal challenge being tackled?

Originality / Novelty: Has it been tried or done before?

Feasibility / Sustainability: Does the idea have a realistic chance of being implemented?

Usability and user interface: Is the proposed application user-friendly?

##### Who can participate?

Everybody is welcome from artists and designers to remote sensing specialists. You don't need to have a background in programming, GIS or remote sensing to participate.

##### Is this event free?

Yes! Just remember to register in advance.

##### How will remote participants join in?

Further information and instructions to join the SLACK workspace will be sent to you after you register.

##### What's the event schedule?

The event will start **June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am EST** time and end **June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm EST**