#Hack4Climate

**Application Period Opens**

Bonn/Zurich, 01/09/2017. Hack4Climate, the world’s first blockchain hackathon to fight climate change, opens its one month application period. Interested participants from across the world can apply. 100 will be invited to attend the 4-day hack held in parallel to COP23, the UN Climate Change Conference, this November in Bonn, Germany. Starting with Boston (at MIT’s Media Lab) on 11. September, 15 pre-workshops are held in global centres.

Hack4Climate’s objective is to mobilise the ‘blockchain’/DLT (Distributed Ledger Technology) community for #ClimateAction, ensuring that global warming is capped in line with the Paris Agreement. Hack4Climate is held with the support of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. It is financed by public and private sponsors, and organised as part of the Climate Ledger Initiative (CLI), an international, multi-stakeholder initiative at the intersection of climate and DLT. CLI was initiated by the Zurich-based Cleantech21 foundation.

**Why a climate/blockchain hackathon?**

Climate is the world’s most significant challenge. DLT represents one of the world’s most high-potential technologies. Specifically, a dedicated innovation focus is needed because:

1. The innovation potential at the climate/DLT intersection is substantial;
2. There have been few connections between the climate and blockchain communities so far;
3. #ClimateAction is very urgent – a dedicated initiative can accelerate the convening of stakeholders and facilitate the development of practicable solutions in the light of regulatory frameworks and international conventions.

**When and where?**

Hack4Climate will take place from **November 12th – 16th 2017 in Bonn, Germany**. It will be held parallel to the UN Climate Change Conference / COP23, which will bring together some 20,000 high-level government, NGO and business representatives with the aim to address climate change.

Starting this September, there will be 15 pre-workshops held all over the world to convene and mobilise the right audience for Hack4Climate. Attendance is free and more information is available on www.hack4climate.org.

**What participants can expect?**

Hack4Climate represents a unique opportunity for all participants to learn, connect and make a much-needed contribution in the fight against climate change. Based on six challenge areas, two hack sessions are held - one 6-hour hack-up and one full 24-hour session. Before, in between and after these two sessions, Hack4Climate will feature presentations by climate and DLT experts, as well as receptions, dinners and excursions. Program- and other details are available on www.hack4climate.org.