

Tanzania International Women's Day Hackathon 2022

Hackathon Report March 2022





Our Vision



We believe in harnessing technology to create a fair world where everyone has equal opportunity to maximise their potential.



Aim of the Tanzania hackathon

The Teens In A I hackathons exist to inspire the next generation of ethical AI researchers, entrepreneurs and leaders who will shape the world of tomorrow.

It aims to give young people early exposure to AI being developed and deployed for social good.

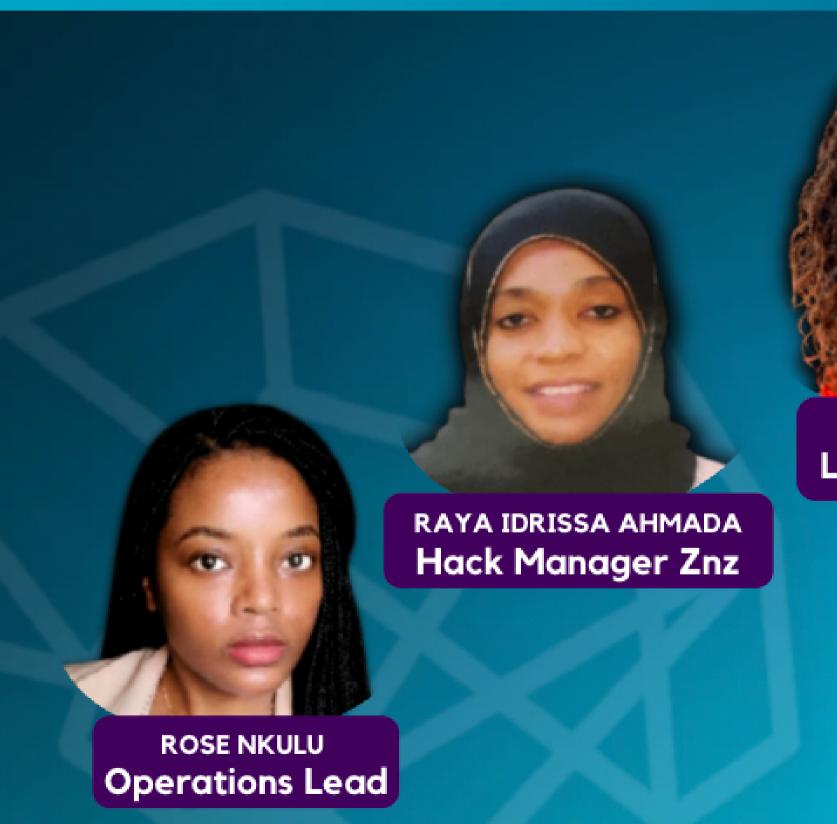
The hackathons are a networking opportunities that create the platform for young people aged 12-18 to explore AI, machine learning, and data science.

Objectives of the Tanzania hackathon

- Strengthen Tanzania's young people's understanding of AI, critical thinking, ethics and team collaboration
- Use AI as a tool for social impact and encourage Tanzania's youths to use AI for social good all challenges are aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals
- NextGen upskilling and potential development of talent pipeline
- Incubate new AI products, business, and project ideas (all ideas can be used as inspiration to understand the new arising passions and concerns of Tanzania's younger generations)
- Diversity & inclusion focus at scale, especially in preparation for Al

MEET THE TEAM







KAI MAEMBE Lead Organiser



ANNA MBUNDA
Hack Manager Dar



Tech Lead



Summary Note

International Women's Day this year focused on the #BreakTheBias campaign, striving towards a world without stereotypes or discrimination.

As with every campaign, we wish to encourage greater involvement in STEM by young people, particularly girls, and underrepresented communities from around the globe.

Currently, less than a third of female students across the world choose to study higher education courses in STEM subjects & only 15% of the tech workforce are from an ethnic minority background.

This lack of diversity leads to technology being developed that doesn't fairly benefit everyone.

To address this, our hackathons provide teenagers across the world a platform to learn the skills to drive innovation, as well as a supportive community that believes in their potential.

This campaign saw almost 100 teenagers joining us from Dar Es Salaam and Zanzibar, learning about Al.

Despite challenges along the way, including lack of access to good quality wifi, persistent electricity cuts and lack of sufficient resources, the passion and spirit of both participants, mentors and speakers helped us create a successful campaign.

I would like to thank all participants, sponsors, partners, keynote speakers, speakers & judges as well as my team for making this event a success.

UN Sustainable Development Goals teensinai tackled in this campaign teensinai





11 Judges

201 Teens Registered to participate

15 Mentors Speakers

19 **Projects** Created

Regions in Tanzania

94 **Finalists**

10 Workshops Delivered

19 **US Embassy** Alumni participated

18

Team Name: World Changer Project Name: Chill Safety Solution: An App to address domestic violence in children through tracking of kids activities online and information to parents Team Name: Main Camp
Project Name: Heal Care
Education
Solution: A game showing
young children and youth
proper habits to engage in for
better school performance
and health

Zanzibar

Dar Es Salaam

2nd prize Winners

Team Name: Scientists
Bravo
Project Name: Learn
Environment App
Solution: An App that
brings awareness about
the environment and
allows users to interact
with it.

Team Name: Victory
Group
Project Name: Victory
Project
Solution: An app that
helps someone to
modern best educational
application ways in daily
life.

Zanzibar

Dar Es Salaam

3rd prize Winners

Team Name: Team
Unique
Project Name: Covid
Micro Detector
Solution: An app that
detects people
infected with covid 19

Team Name: World
Changer
Project Name: Immunity
Ops
Solution: A game that
teaches young people
the importance of
safeguarding the
immunity system

Zanzibar

Dar Es Salaam

Teen Statistics



Coding Level





Average age: 14



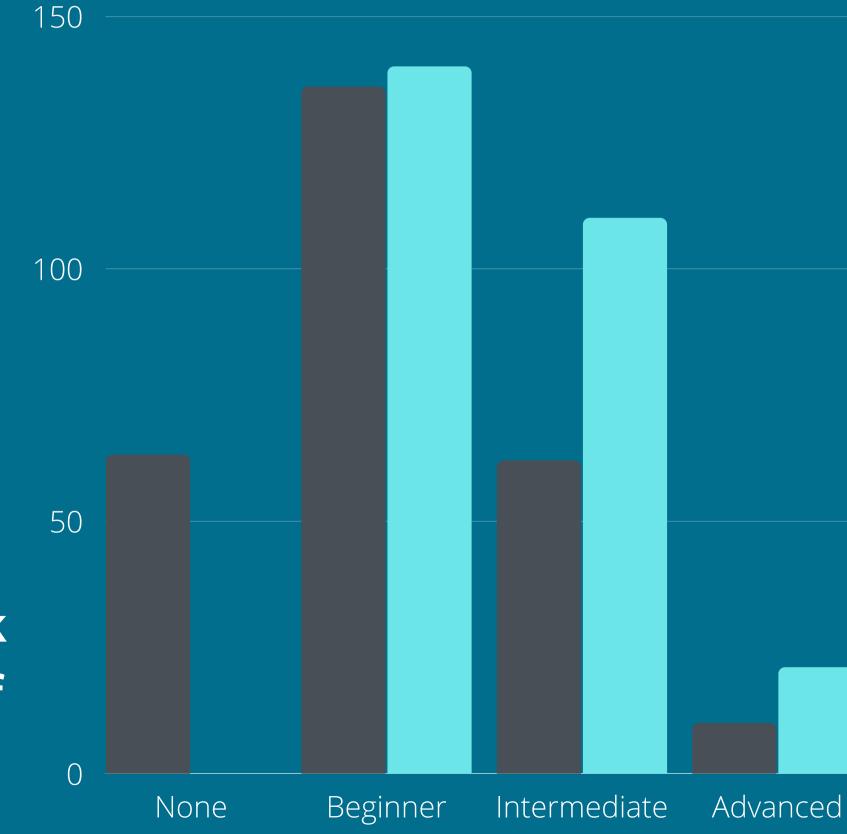


the hackathon

50% would like to develop coding skills further









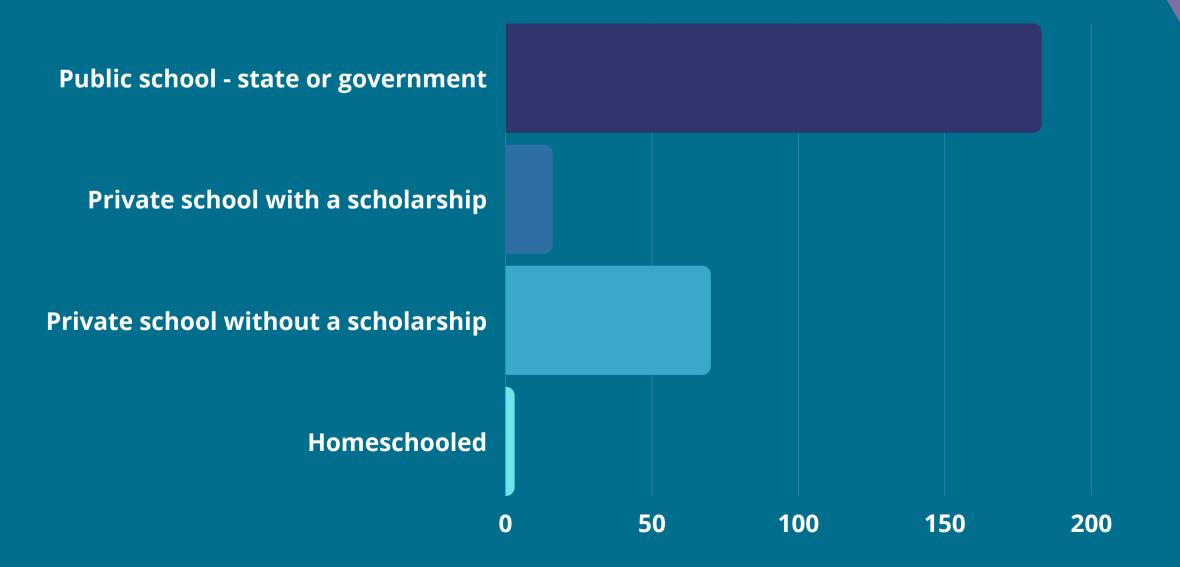
Teen Statistics

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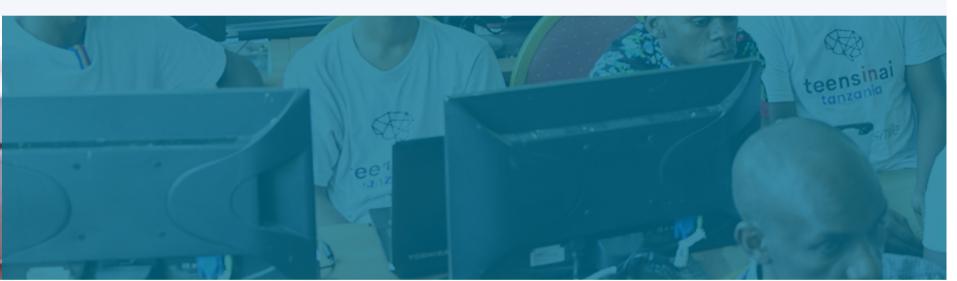
Teens scored the hack
83.6 out of 100
in terms of how helpful it was
for their career guidance

























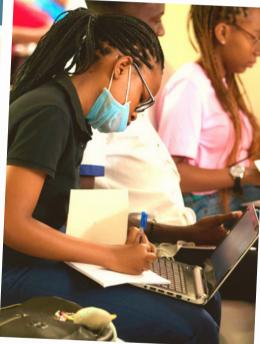


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Media Coverage and Highlights



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GUEST OF HONOR 5th March 2022



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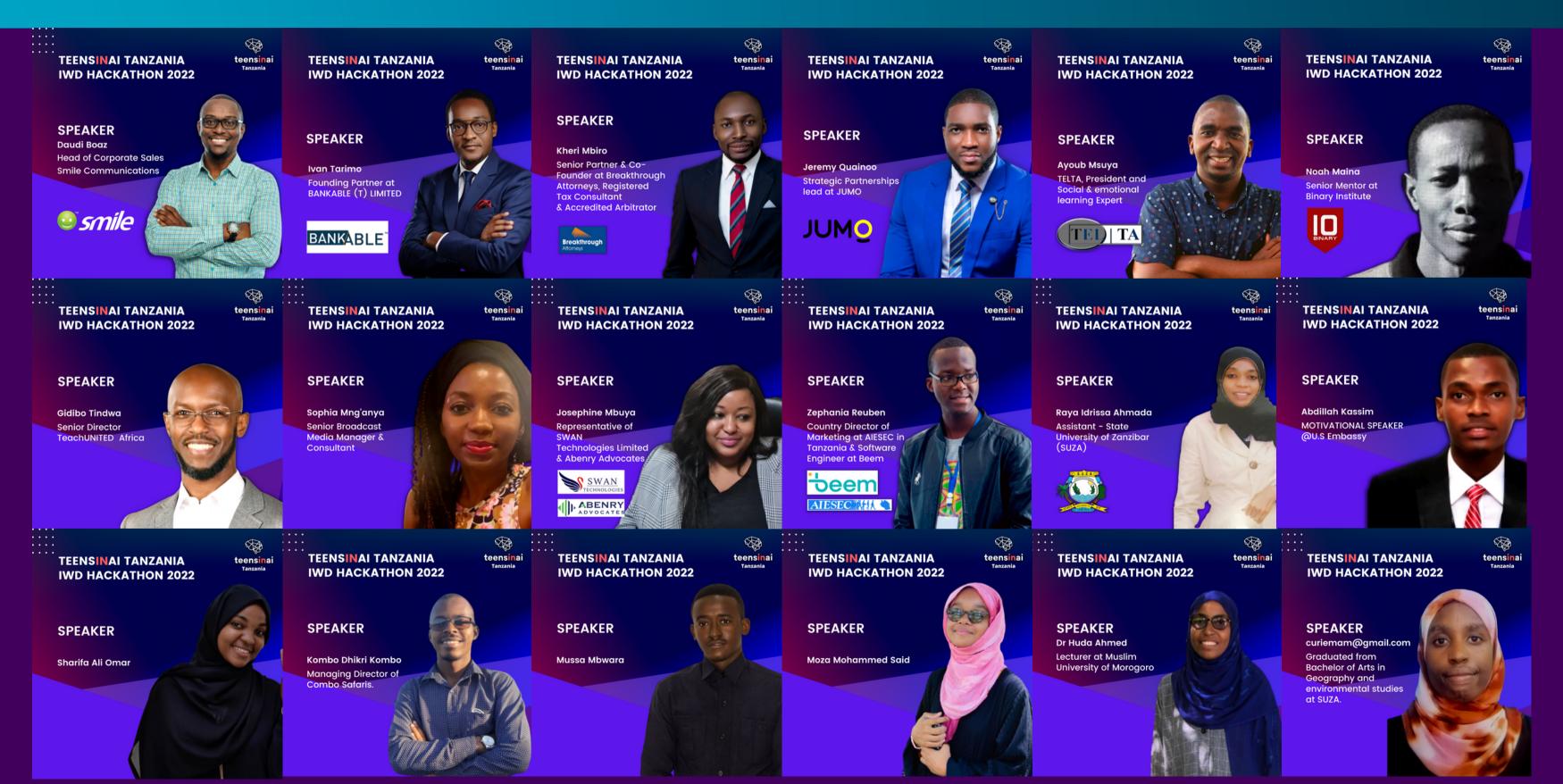
the Ambassador of the United States of America in Tanzania



Tanzania IWD 2022 Hackathon Speakers



5-8 March 2022



Tanzania IWD 2022 Hackathon International Speakers















TEENS IN AI IWD TANZANIA HACKATHON 2022

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Demo Day 20th March 2022



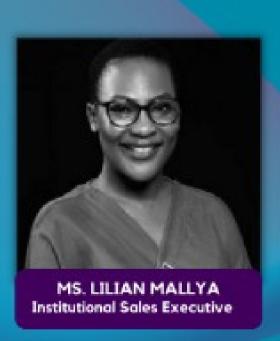


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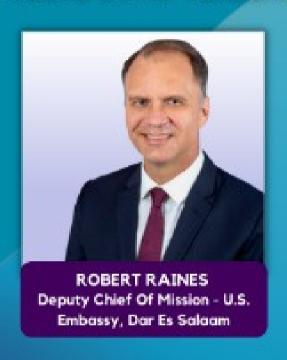


Panel Of Judges

Demo Day Teens In AI Tanzania * 20th March 2022

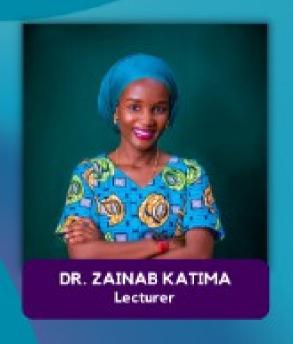


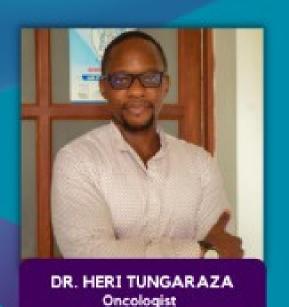


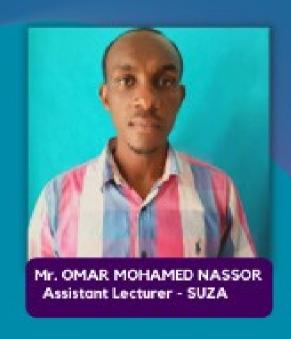






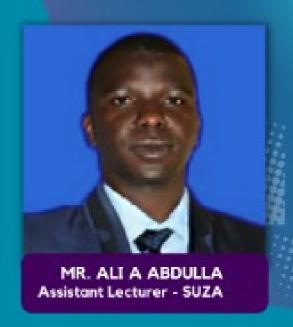
















"I just have to say that i am so impressed by what we saw today. There was so much creativity, they were so confident!!"

"I am so excited about this program because it's about empowering girls and women and because it is International Women's Day and Women history month. And when you see it on their faces... you see all the excitement and all the creativity that its brought...you can see that the project has hit its mark.!!"

Robert Raines, Deputy Chief of Mission U.S. Embassy in Tanzania

"Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science is the future. This is an opportunity to tap into talent that understands Al and ML. Turn out is great, we connected with young, excited and enthusiastic innovators today!!!"

Zuweina Farah, CEO Smile Communications Tanzania

"To be honest, I came here to inspire, but i ended up being inspired by how bright these kids are!!"

Webiro Wasira, Teens In Al Advisor "At Teens In Al Tanzania I learnt how to be a productive teen and help my country and the whole world to solve different problems through the use of Artificial Intelligence other something I never thought as a normal teen I could be able to. This makes me feel that I can be of use for the present and the future world in an easier way so I encourage more teens to join the activities and become the next changemakers"

Sheila Aron, 18 years old, Dar Es Salaam

"It was wonderful and amazing opportunity I never had, it was my first time to hear but is my first time I learned more thing that are included in my dreams. I appreciate hackathon for the knowledge they provide I feel I'm so lucky to get this golden chance in my life "

Huda Hamis Mohamed, 16 years. Zanzibar

"I didn't know anything about Al. After the hack, i now know what is Al, how to use electronics responsibly! I also got to meet other teens and share ideas."

Ramlat Abdalla, 16 years. Zanzibar

.....words
from the
participants

"It was a fun and great experience As we were to get new friends We were able to see the other world of tech that is AI "

Elke Elgin 16 years old, Dar Es Salaam

"I learnt during the hackathon, how to interact with other teens who are different than me. I also learnt about AI and tech. I am happy because i made new friends"

Mufida 18 years old, Zanzibar



"My experience during this hackathon was to develop my knowledge based in reality Like John Dewey once said, "If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow." So Students in early age they have been taught things that they can go with until to reach their carreers based or improve their interest. Such a great initiative and I'm grateful to be part of the movement to empower the next generation of change makers. I wish this program would happen every year or several times a year so that it reaches mo student who are in different states in order to increase number of people or students who are wise in Artificially Intelligent and other Technology for helping their communities."

Zamzam Juma Hamad, Mentor

"Such a great initiative and I'm grateful to be part of the movement to empower the next generation of change makers."

Joan, Mentor



"This initiative delivers a spark. A spark that ignites the nascent hidden potential of bright eyed ambitious kids.

There are many things kids can achieve in their promising future if only they can get a spark and a nudge in the right direction in creating, nurturing and realising their dreams.

My personal experience was feeling like a spark there to impress on and nudge the young talents to a brighter future where they use their skills in Al and their understanding of aspects of communication, confidence; learning from victory as well as defeat."

Ivan Tarimo, Partner BANKABLE

"I prepared a Zoom presentation on "Entrepreneurship, AI and Business Ideas". Therefor I took the region and the age of the participants as a link for creating business ideas. I do hope that at least one team of youngsters is going on with their or our idea. Thinking about the UN conference in Nairobi on waste management in the same week as the hackathon makes this subject very actual."

Ludo Kockelkorn, PUM Senior Advisor, Netherlands

Lessons Learned



- Many participants who reach the end of the program would like to continue to learn about AI and ML. We have established MoU with 3 different tech organisations to link teens for more trainings.
- The awareness program with the media has created a large response from other regions where the hackathon are yet to start. In the upcoming October hackathon, Teens In AI hackathon will expand and include Mwanza and Arusha regions.
- The drop out rate between teens registered and teens that finish the program is 50%, which is quite high. This is contributed by a number of reasons as stated in the challenges.

I participated at the Teens

• To reduce the number of drop outs, in the upcoming hackathon, youth will be pre selected through a selection process to make sure that we end up with committed and determined teens that will participate fully until the end of the program.

Challenges Encountered



- Participants especially from public schools do not have access to personal computers and reliable and stable internet connection. This has contributed to the high drop out rate of teens.
- Some participants have trouble getting authorisation from parents when they need extra time to work on the project and meet up with fellow group members.
- In Zanzibar, parents have hard time letting their girl child leave home to attend trainings and meet up with fellow group members to work on their project. However, it is in Zanzibar where the participation of girls was more than 80%.
- Due to unstable connectivity and unreliable internet, having a hybrid hackathon has proven to be impossible forcing organisers to opt for a 100% onsite hackathon which is costly and requires time investment in coordination of activities. More funding and partnerships will be needed for upcoming hackathons.

What's Next...



Teens In AI Tanzania/UJUZI Forum

SAVE THE DATES!

June-July
Holidays Digital
Literacy
Bootcamp
June 2022

Pycon Conference in Zanzibar December 2022 Teens in Al Adalove Lace Day Hackathon October 2022

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