

2025 HACKATHON ON BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH GEO.CA

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), through the Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation (CCMEO) and GoGeomatics Canada (GoGeomatics), are pleased to welcome you to the *Hackathon on Building Resilience with GEO.ca* (the “Hackathon”).

This Hackathon is governed by this Participation Agreement (the “Agreement”). By entering the Hackathon, you (the “Participant”), agree to abide by this Agreement. This is a legal and binding Agreement between the Participant and His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources Canada and acting through the Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation that has been endorsed by the sponsor of Geolgnite 2025, GoGeomatics Canada.

The Hackathon concept is generally understood as a community-oriented exercise, whereby Individuals or Teams of two Individuals offer their technical skill, competence and professional experience in the spirit of learning, to build and to share in the solution of a problem and the creation of a useful outcome.

Please note that the following rules and stipulations apply to the Participant.

Rules

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and a legal resident of Canada to be eligible to participate.

Registrations will be accepted by NRCan on a first come, first served basis. The maximum number of registrants for the Hackathon is 30. In the event that registration reaches 30, NRCan will manage a waiting list and inform waitlisted registrants as spots become available.

Participants must be currently enrolled as a student in a recognized post-secondary institution within Canada.

The Hackathon will be conducted in a virtual environment and will not take place in a physical location. Registration to participate will open on March 13, 2025, at 12:00am, and will close on March 24, 2025, at 11:59pm. Registration will be completed through a link available on Geolgnite’s website (<https://geolgnite.ca/>), which will direct Participants to the Participant Agreement form and registration form on [Microsoft Forms](#). Only registered Participants who have completed this agreement will be eligible to take part in the Hackathon.

Once registration closes, an email will be sent on March 26, 2025, to all registered Participants with the Hackathon challenge scenario (the “challenge scenario”).

Participants will have one month from the date of the challenge scenario release to develop their solution. The submission deadline for projects will be April 23, 2025, at 11:59pm. Participants may work alone as an Individual (the “Individual”) or in Teams of up to two (2) people (the “Teams”). NRCan will not assign teams. Teams may be chosen or form organically.

Participants are responsible for their own computers or laptops, internet connection, and any additional software or tools they may require for their challenge scenario solution.

Participants are required to develop and submit methodologies, applications, or products relevant to the challenge scenario. Participants will be required to submit their final solution through a 3–5-minute screen recorded video presentation with an accompanied voiceover or written description in the official language of their choice. The video may be a presentation, a demonstration, or both, to effectively show and describe the solution. Participants are expected to include any source code and applications developed. Participants may include any relevant links to their solution as part of their submission. Submissions must be delivered in video (MP4, MOV) and PDF formats and uploaded on [Google Drive], with a confirmation of the upload sent to CCMEQ's email inbox (geoinfo@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca).

To develop their solution, Participants will connect to GEO.ca and will be required to use the open-source data available on GEO.ca. They may also use any tools available on GEO.ca. The dataset(s) used in the solution must be mentioned in the video presentation.

Participants are free to use other tools/software for mapping or for data visualization in addition to GEO.ca. These tools must be open license and open software (no Copyleft).

By providing a submission in the Hackathon, each Participant represents and warrants that the submission does not violate any applicable law or third-party Intellectual Property (IP) rights.

All IP developed through the Hackathon will reside with the Participants (Arising IP). Each Participant hereby agrees to make all Arising IP publicly available and grants to NRCan the right to copy, modify, publish, translate, adapt, distribute or otherwise use the Information in any medium, mode or format for any lawful purpose. This includes the right to make any arising IP publicly available and to make any derived outputs available in an open manner, subject to any relevant input data licencing agreements. Participant(s)'s presentations and submissions should acknowledge Team member(s) and the developed innovations. NRCan is evaluating ways of "publishing" or communicating these final presentations such that Team Participant(s) are acknowledged as the visionaries of the innovations developed.

All federal data on GEO.ca is governed by the Open Government Licence-Canada, while provincial and territorial datasets are provided under their respective Open Government Licenses or Creative Commons licenses. The open data available through GEO.ca for this Hackathon is subject to the licensing terms set by the data providers, which may include conditions such as proper attribution. As such, Participants agree to comply with all applicable licenses governing the open data accessible during the Hackathon and use it solely for the purposes of the Hackathon to generate Arising IP.

Submissions will be evaluated by a judging committee from CCMEQ. The top three winning Individuals and/or Teams will be informed prior to May 12, 2025. The results of the Hackathon will be presented in a 45–60-minute presentation, virtually or in-person, at the Geolignite Conference (the "Conference") on Monday, May 12, 2025. The presentation will be open to the public and will include:

- A 15-minute introduction reviewing the Hackathon concept and purpose.
- 10-minute presentations by each of the top three Individuals and/or Teams to showcase their solutions.
- The announcement of the winning Individual or Team at the conclusion of the session.

The conference venue is at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Rd, Ottawa, ON K1K 4S3. The Participants who have been invited to present (the top three winning Individuals and/or Teams) are responsible for attending online or in-person and are responsible for their own

transportation to and from the conference, and any transportation that they may require during the Hackathon period to develop their solution. Participation in the results presentation is free.

Participation in the Hackathon is free.

There will be prizes related to this Hackathon as selected by Canada's Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation. The top three winning Individuals and/or Teams will each receive conference tickets for Geolgnite 2025, which will allow access to the full program. They will also each receive a specially selected Atlas of Canada wall map, and additional maps.

The Participant understands that the presentation of results at the Geolgnite 2025 Conference may be photographed, videotaped, recorded, etc. The Participant hereby grants NRCan and GoGeomatics the right to use, or refrain from using, the Participant's name and/or likeness in any and all footage and publications related to the Hackathon submitted in any manner or media that NRCan or GoGeomatics sees fit without the Participants' review or approval and without compensation. By participating in the Hackathon, Participants agree that their personal data collected on this form may be used for the purposes of the Hackathon and reporting news of the Hackathon.

Under no circumstances will NRCan or GoGeomatics be liable for any direct, incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages in connection with, arising out of or relating in any way to the Hackathon and/or this Agreement. Participants will indemnify and hold harmless NRCan and GoGeomatics and their officers, employees, and agents from and against any claims, losses, damages, liabilities, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and other professionals' fees) that they or any of them incurs or sustains in connection with, arising out of or relating in any way to the Hackathon and/or this Agreement.

NRCan has the right to cancel or suspend the Hackathon with or without notice and for any or no reason. NRCan is not responsible for any damage or inconvenience caused by cancellation or suspension of the Hackathon.

All disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the Hackathon or this Agreement shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws in force in the Province of Ontario. If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is adjudicated to be unenforceable, that provision of the Agreement will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

All Participants agree to comply with the following code of conduct:

- We expect cooperation from all Participants to ensure a safe environment for everybody.
- The Hackathon is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, previous Hackathon attendance, or computing experience.
- Harassment of Hackathon Participants will not be tolerated.
- The use of alcohol, cannabis, and/or illegal substances at the Geolgnite presentation results will not be tolerated.
- Offensive language and imagery are not acceptable.
- Participants agree that by violating these rules, NRCan may sanction them or expel them from the Hackathon without the Participant having any right to compensation or damages.

By signing below, the Participant agrees to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

For the Participant:

Full Legal Name: _____

Affiliations (e.g. School, Program of Study): _____

Title: _____

Signature

Date

For NRCan:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature

Date