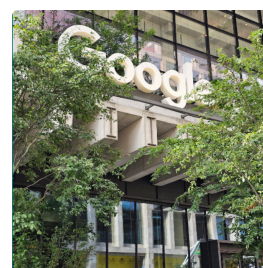


Building on UN Data Commons

Show up with something you built. Pair up on what's next.

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Tue Sep 22, 2026	Google NY · HUD315	10:00 – 18:00



On **September 17, 2026**, UN Data Commons goes fully public — an open-source queryable knowledge graph of authoritative statistics from ~17 UN agencies, with API and MCP endpoints. Five days later, we're getting a room of builders together at Google NY to show what's possible when this data is easy to reach.

We're looking for **teams of colleagues from the tech-for-good sector** — data scientists, engineers, analysts, and product people who build on public data — alongside cross-organization teams and individual builders. If your team builds data tools, agents, dashboards, or public-evidence products, we want you there. Bring something you built on the platform. Show what surprised you. Pair up with the others in the room on what's next.

UN Data Commons is your foundation, not your ceiling. Mix in any publicly available dataset that sharpens your solution — that's half the fun. And bring your **QA story** with you: how do you hold the line on truth in a world flooded with synthetic data?

Past participants from our UN Hackathons have come from **Columbia, Cornell, NYU, Rutgers, Saint Louis University, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, and EOI Madrid**, alongside UN staff and independent builders. In prior years, mentors from **Harvard and MIT** joined the program, and **Two Sigma** sent participants from their New York office. We'd like your organization in the same room.

What you get

- **Early access to the staging environment** — the same surface as the public launch, but live from **Sep 11**, giving you a head start on the public and ~10 days to build before the day.
- **A slot to present** what you built — 5 to 15 minutes, single track, everyone sees everything.
- **A room of ~40 builders** working on the same problems: Google Data Commons engineers, UN innovation staff, and other builders from NY tech-for-good and academic communities.
- **A builders' channel** that stays live after the day — so it isn't a one-off.
- **An evening showcase** to senior UN managers and other organization representatives who are in NYC for UNGA week. What you built gets seen by decision-makers.

The day — three phases

10:00 – 12:30

Morning · Builders

Everyone shows what they built. Demos and lightning presentations.

14:00 – 16:00

**Afternoon · Networking
& collaboration**

Facilitated groups on cross-cutting themes — evidence provenance, agent tooling on SDMX, trust & QA gates. You leave with pairs, plans, prototypes — commitments people carry forward.

16:00 – 18:00

Showcase · Public

Doors open to a broader audience of senior UN + org representatives. A curated version of what happened all day.

How to apply 9 open slots

15 presenting slots total — 6 are reserved for prior contributors and program partners.

Apply by Thu Sep 10 via forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mKuCdKh3Wk.

Include:

1. **Who you are** — a team of colleagues from one organization, a cross-organization team, or a solo builder are all welcome. Please designate **one focal point** — the person we'll communicate with through the process.
2. **Full names and email addresses of everyone on your team**, so we can whitelist them for staging access.
3. **One paragraph** on what you'd build on staging — the problem, the shape of the solution, why it's interesting.
4. **Where you're based** — attending is on you, so NYC-local is easier.

We'll respond the next day Fri Sep 11 with staging access and next steps.

Who's organizing.

Google Data Commons — Prem Ramaswami · David Hotchkiss · Randeep Toor.

UN — Yves Jaques (UNICEF) · Luis Morales (UN DESA) · Talea Von Lupin (EOSG).

About UN Data Commons. Open-source public data infrastructure that makes authoritative statistics from across the UN system queryable in one place. Launches publicly Sep 17, 2026.