Welcome to the opening ceremony of Solve the SDGs 2022!

It's incredible to see this many people in real life. So happy to see this many participants here in Startup Sauna in Finland and also from all over the world, on Brella! It's awesome to have a live audience for the first time in Solve the SDGs history.

As most of you know, Solve the SDGs is a hackathon where we focus on solving challenges, based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. So, this is a hackathon for people like you who want to get their hands dirty to make the world a better place.

It may seem like an insurmountable task. No one can change the world alone, let alone in one weekend. But together with bright minds from all over the world, world-class mentors, and sufficient data, we can take a step or two in the right direction — and that's how every important journey starts.

Are you excited to get started?!

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There are a couple of deadlines that you should pay attention to. When you have started working on your project, the next milestone comes this evening with the Draft Submission that's due at midnight today. For this, all you need to do is to submit your idea in one sentence: This is so that the organisers and partners know what challenges you are taking part in.

And Saturday is all about working on your project. We encourage you to ask for mentoring from our partners - Saturday is the perfect time to have longer discussions with the mentors!

The final submission deadline is at 12pm on Sunday. We would like to remind you that the final project will need a 2 minute long video and that everyone in your team should join the peer review! Instructions can be found in the participant guide.

And now to the good part, after 2pm on Sunday we will get in touch with the TOP 5 teams based on peer reviewing and give instructions on how to join the Closing ceremony, where teams will have the chance to pitch their projects on the live stream.

If you're in a different time zone, please remember that you will be contacted at 2pm Finnish time. So stay tuned!

You can share your hackathon moments with #SolvetheSDGs and tag us @Hackjunction and @AaltoVenturesProgram so we can also showcase your experience!

But enough of the practicalities, I am sure we all want to get to the hacking part! So if we're all ready…. let the hacking begin! Good luck everyone and remember to have fun!
AND TOGETHER , LET US SOLVE THE S.D.G.S. !!!