

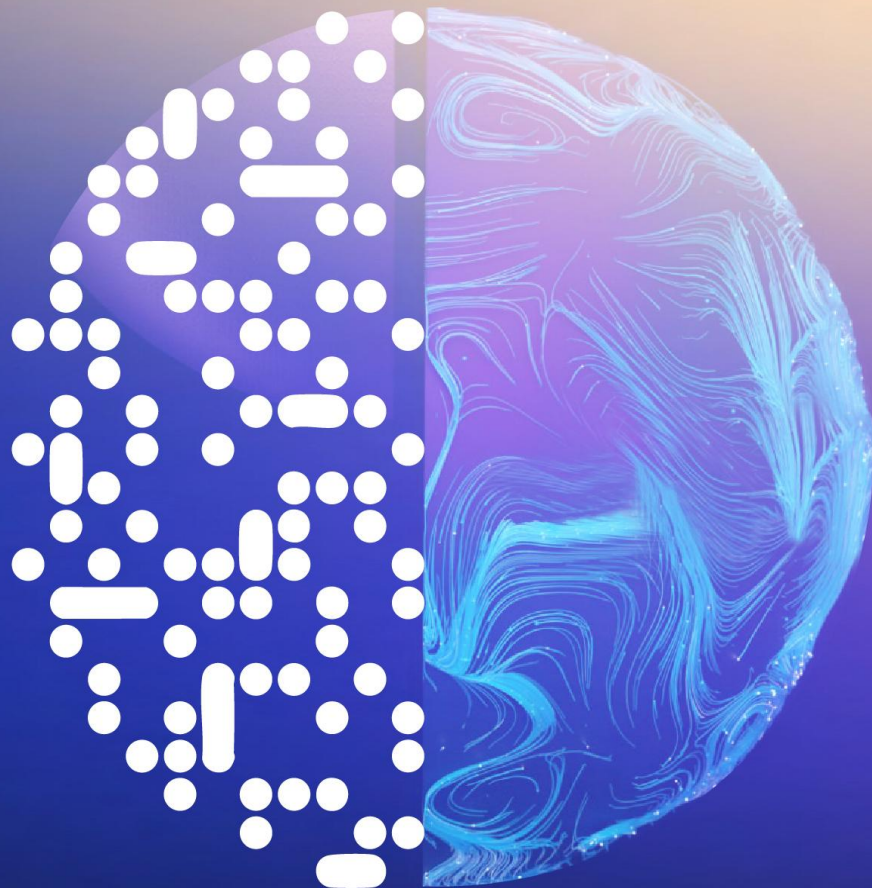
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هاكاثون HACKATHON الإمارات UAE

BEYOND IDEAS .. INTO IMPACT

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About the UAE Hackathon



UNDERSTANDING HACKATHONS

HACKATHON = “Hack” (programming) + “Marathon” (race)

Hackathons are **time-bounded, intensive events** focused on rapid prototyping

Optimized for:

- Idea generation
- Collaboration
- Rapid experimentation

Not designed for:

- Market validation
- Long-term development
- Scaling ventures

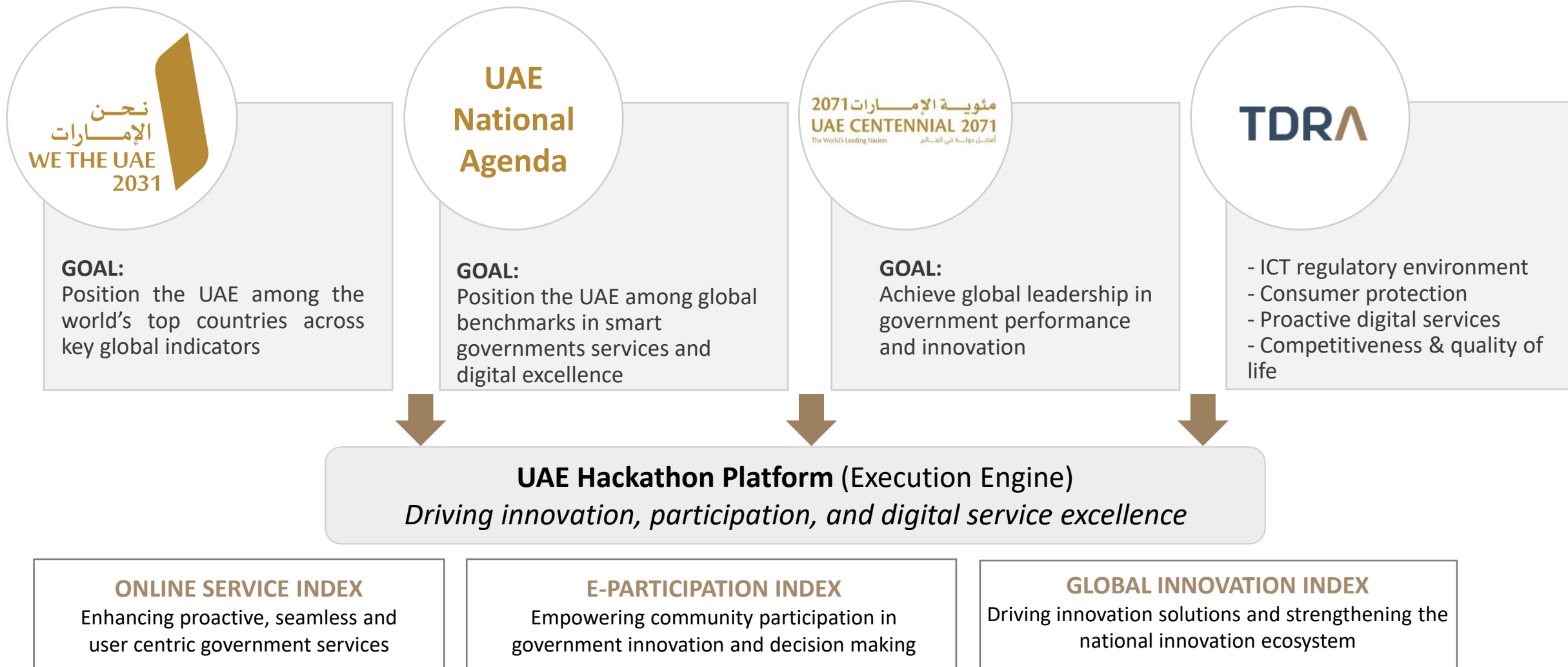
Strategic Insight

The hackathon is the "**Spark**," but it is not the "**Engine**"
“Hackathons spark ideas, but without post-event structure, they rarely convert prototypes into sustainable ventures”

Source: Hackathon Paradox Report (2025)



UAE NATIONAL PRIORITIES





UAE RANK IN GLOBAL INDICATORS

Support the UAE Ranking in Online Service Index (OSI)

Encouraging government entities to be open and innovative which enrich Open Data as a sub-index

Support the UAE Ranking in E-Participation Index (E-Part)

Engaging community members to find solutions for the government challenges by the use of open data sets

Support the UAE Ranking in Global Innovation Index (GII)

Enabling community members to come-up with innovative solutions that can be implemented and increase number of start-ups

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EGDI *	21	-	21	-	13	-	11	-
OSI *	6	-	8	-	1	-	1	-
E- Participation *	17	-	16	-	13	-	37 *	-
GII	38	36	34	33	31	32	32	30

* The rank s are published biennially by the UN.

** The 2024 E-Participation ranking reflects revised UN evaluation criteria and expanded assessment dimensions

**"IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE
OUTLOOK, YOU WILL SEE
OPPORTUNITIES IN
CHALLENGES, SUCCESS IN
THE FUTURE, & IN PEOPLE
ENERGIES & TALENTS"**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

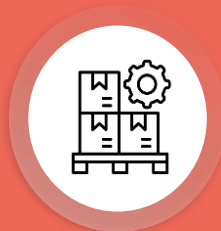


UAE HACKATHON

The UAE Hackathon is the largest competitive program to promote innovation in the UAE



UAE Hackathon represents a dynamic national platform that fosters digital community engagement by involving diverse segments of society in designing innovative solutions to national challenges, thus reinforcing the concept of participatory and collaborative innovation.

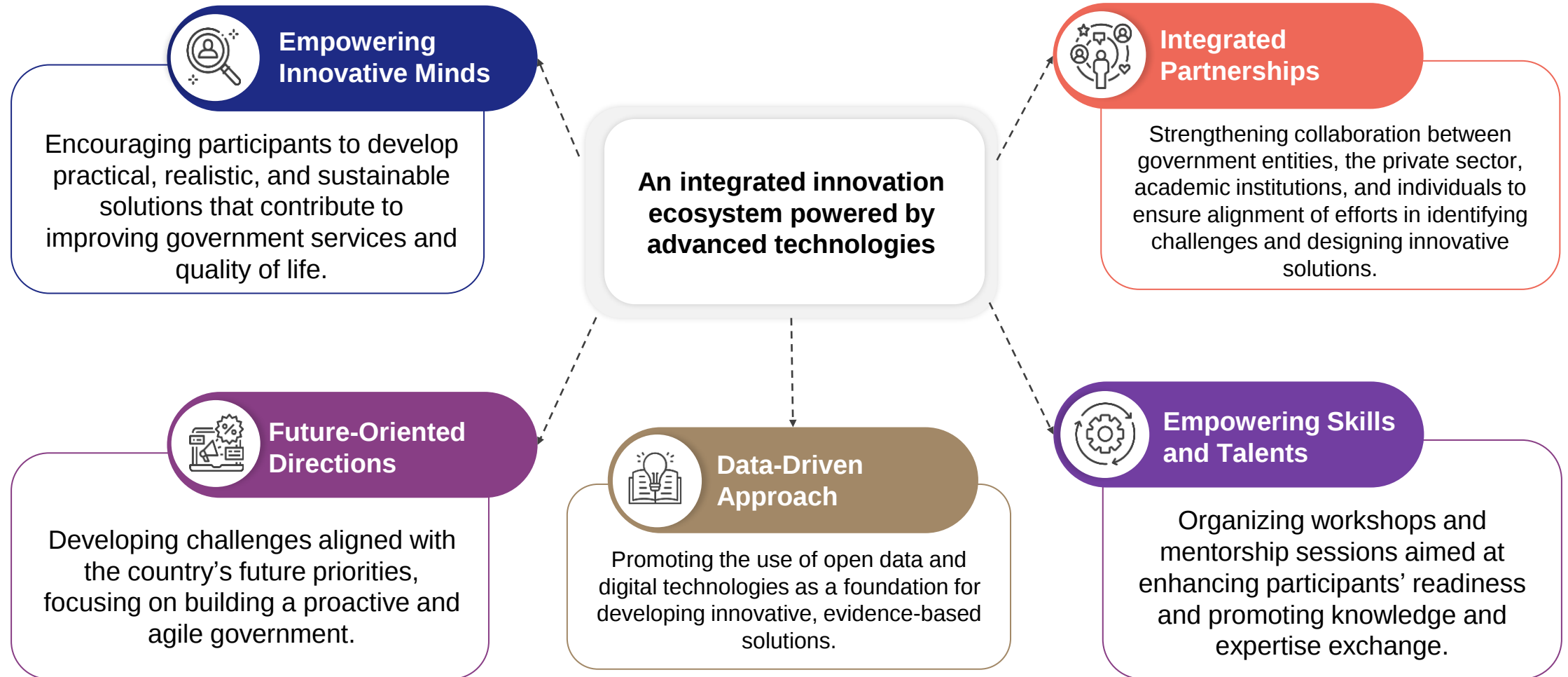


UAE Hackathon attracts students, government employees, entrepreneurs, researchers, and innovators to contribute to developing innovative solutions for challenges facing government entities in the UAE, thereby improving quality of life and enhancing the efficiency of government services.



It also encourages participants to leverage open data through the UAE government's open data portal, Bayanat.ae, as well as other local data platforms, to develop innovative data-driven solutions.

STRATEGIC PILLARS OF UAE HACKATHON





UAE HACKATHON JOURNEY

Element	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Year Theme	Year of Zayed	Year of Tolerance	Year of Preparation for the Next 50 Years	Year of the 50th	Yea of Distinction and Precedence	Year of Sustainability	Year of Sustainability	Year of Community
Theme	Data for Happiness	Data for Happiness and Wellbeing				Today's Challenges, Tomorrow's Solutions		
Hackathon Model	Physical organized 3 days in each emirate			Fully Virtual online		Physical organized 3 days in each emirate		
Execution Month	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2025
# of hackathons	6 Hackathons	7 Hackathons	7 Hackathons	1 Virtual Hackathon	1 Virtual Hackathon	7 Hackathons	7 Hackathons in 5 locations	7 Hackathons in 5 locations
# Contestant	881	2402	3133	2240	2162	2488	2659	2508
% F , % M	40% F 60% M	54% F 46% M	59% F 41% M	54% F 46% M	57% F 43% M	57% F 43% M	57% F 43% M	56% F 44% M
# Teams	176	258	350	330	254	380	269	331
# Innovative Ideas	68	100	112	100	30	31	27	26
# Judges	20	29	58	37	23	88	26	61
# Partners	18	30	54	40	64	46	26	28
# Dataset	500	912	2154	2610	2633	2633	2689	3143



UAE HACKATHON ACHIEVEMENTS

2018

UAE BARQ
19 - 02 - 2018
عهود الرومي تشيد بهاكاثون الإمارات الذي
تنظمه هيئة تنظيم الاتصالات



عهود الرومي وزيرة دولة للسعادة وجودة الحياة،
تشيد خلال تفقدها لهاكاثون الإمارات في إمارة
الشارقة، بأهمية هذه المبادرة التي تسعى لإسعاد
مجتمع الإمارات من خلال البيانات.

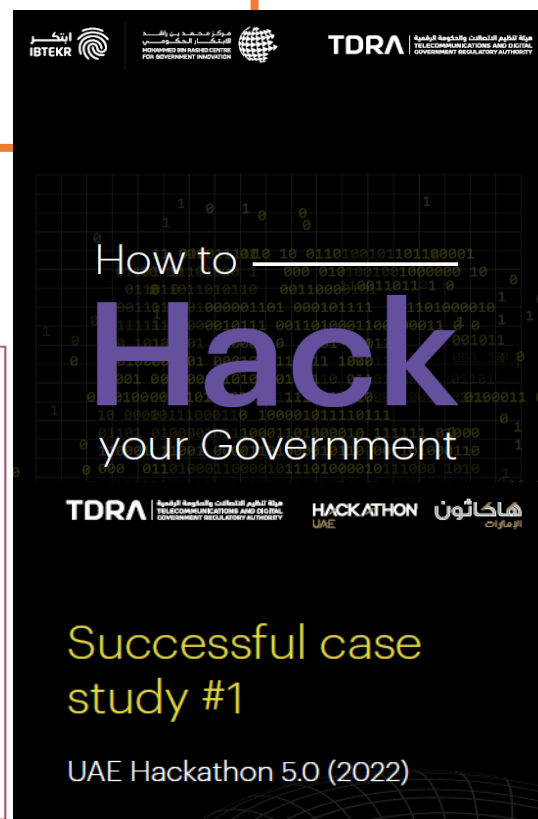
2019



2023



2021



2025



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Thank you