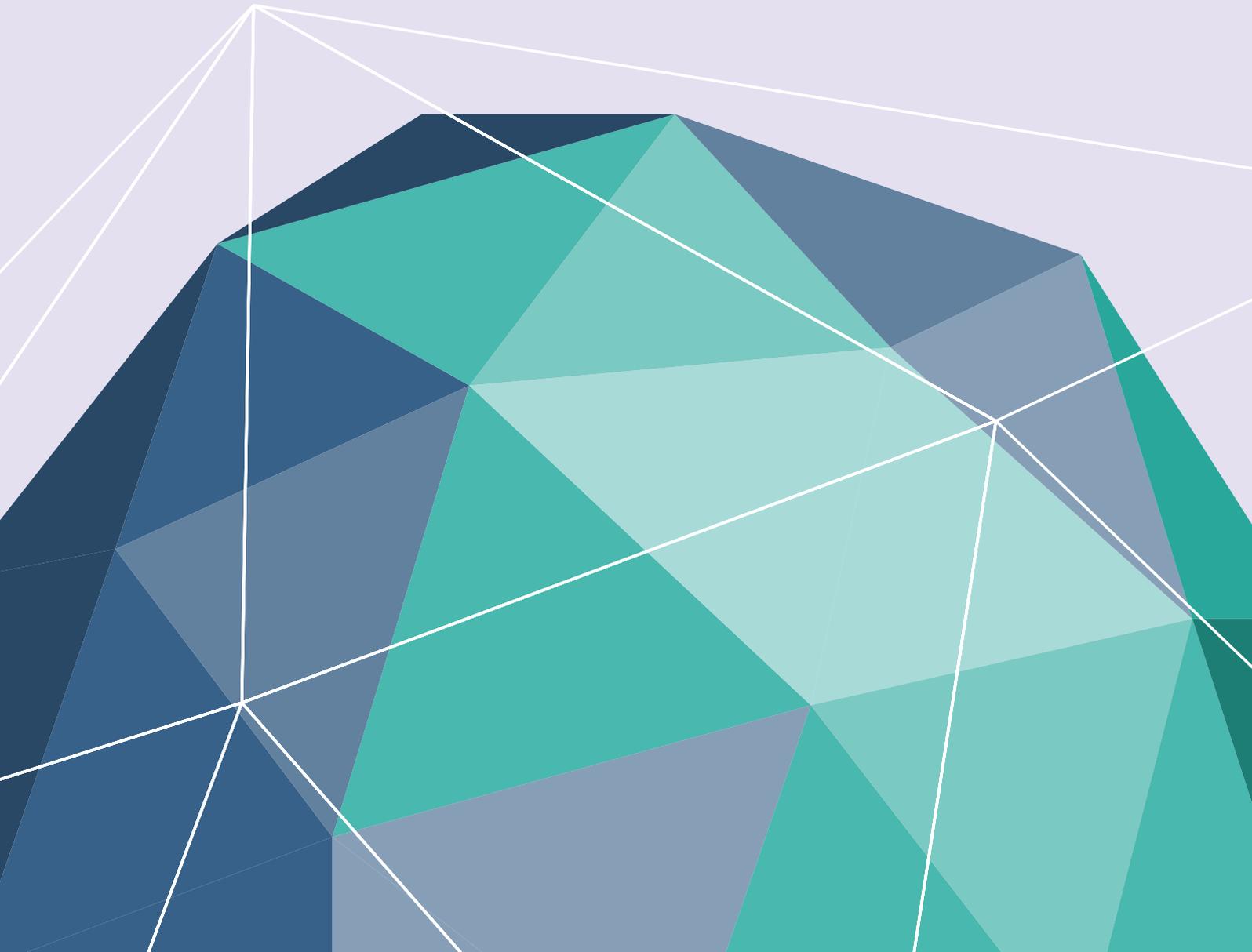


THE NEW SHAPE FORUM

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BACKGROUND

The New Shape Forum is the starting point from where the continual refinement and engagement of the best ideas from the New Shape Prize will begin. The New Shape Prize was a USD 5 million competition launched by the Global Challenges Foundation (GCF) in November 2016, seeking improved models of international cooperation capable of tackling the most pressing threats to humanity. 2,702 submissions from 122 countries were received at the competition's close on 30 September 2017.

The New Shape Forum will consist of intense creative workshops and discussions examining what a new system of international cooperation could look like; the foremost thinkers and practitioners will dissect the ideas to improve them and explore their viability. The attendees at the Forum will be leaders from all disciplines – IGOs, governments, business and civil society. The end of the New Shape Forum will also be when the winners of the New Shape Prize are announced.

Five hackathons across India, US, China, Brazil and South Africa are envisioned to run in tandem with the discussions at the New Shape Forum on 28-29 May 2018, providing extended platforms at which the international community can engage with the best proposals of the New Shape Prize.

HACKATHON

GCF invites knowledgeable influencers and leaders to examine the top 8-10 ideas from the New

Shape Prize in a highly intellectually challenging exercise. The hackathon provides an opportunity for participants to apply their areas of interest and expertise to the crucial topic of global governance. The ideas may not be entirely perfect; some parts might be better developed than others, and other ideas, while practicable, could completely contradict each other.

The goals of the hackathon are therefore to:

- Dissect the strengths and weaknesses of the best ideas on improving global cooperation
- Examine if any of these ideas can be combined or function compatibly
- Assess how existing and emerging technologies, such as machine learning or big data, can be used either within – or as a support for – the ideas

Each hackathon can be tailored to run between 2-12 hours. Participants will be required to read 8-10 shortlisted proposals or watch the 10-minute presentations from the finalists. The finalists will be selected between March-April 2018, and their proposals can be sent a week before the New Shape Forum to hackathon organizers. GCF encourages either a part or full live stream of each hackathon so that engagement with ongoing conversations can be maximized and also possibly fed into the New Shape Forum in real-time.

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