Coding for Social Capital

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the First Code Academy have joined efforts to host a special Virtual Roundtable on the impact of building a better future for the world’s youth through coding.

The Coding for Social Capital webinar will discuss how programming and technology can advance the quality of living societally through digital cooperation and job creation opportunities in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Topics will vary from the role of technological innovation during Covid-19 to other areas of scientific advancement, as well as its ability to address systemic racism. Social capital is the ability one has to access resources, information, and education through one’s interpersonal relationships. With the loss of professional opportunities and jobs during the Covid-19 pandemic, coding and technology have become instrumental not only in creating new opportunities through social capital but through aiding those facing socioeconomic inequities to have greater access.

Join us and our youth panelists, who actively work in coding to address these challenges in an intergenerational conversation on how to leverage technology and coding platforms to empower society into the future and to resolve global challenges through creating social capital.
This virtual roundtable aims to bring together international experts to discuss lessons learned about responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and building back better.

At the end of this virtual roundtable, participants will be able to:
- Define social capital
- Describe methods of how coding and technology are tools to build a better future

The virtual roundtable consists of a two-hour panel discussion covering the following topics:
- How coding and the ncov2019.live website has influenced social capital
- How technology can aid students build their social capital
- How technology can democratize education
- Utilizing your interests and passions to bring about social change

Participation is open to government officials, diplomats, staff of international organizations, development practitioners, faculty members, and administrators of educational institutions.