

AI x **Green** CIVIC Tech Accelerator



Summer 2025 Cohort

Final Report

September 2025

Executive Summary

The AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator's Summer 2025 session helped 20 nature- and climate-focused nonprofits and social innovators build AI literacy & skills directly applicable to their work. The Accelerator ran from June to August 2025, and included organizations from 12 countries.

Applications were received from more than 70 organizations, including warm recommendations from the World Bank CIVIC team and Climate Collective's network partners, as well as an open-application process.

Executive Summary

Participants were selected on the basis of their high-interest but low-expertise in using AI for their mission, their focus at the intersection of climate, nature and civic engagement, as well as recommendations from partners.

The Accelerator worked to lower the barriers to understanding how AI tools work and how they might create analytical and operational efficiencies for organizations focused on the climate and nature challenge and identified use cases and a taxonomy of use cases that arose from our cohort.

Executive Summary

The course structure was designed to be engaging but not overwhelming. Details on each component in section 5.



6 Discovery Sessions

Live 2-hour sessions on AI literacy, prompting, and applications for research, communications, and resource mobilization.



5 Expert Speakers

Build networks and explore AI's impact on climate, energy usage, and automation.



WhatsApp Community

Facilitated space for ongoing conversation, cohort building, and knowledge sharing.



LinkedIn Flashmob

Coordinated campaign to demonstrate AI qualifications and build community visibility.



5 Office Hours

One-on-one sessions to discuss AI strategy, homework, and dive deeper into tools.



Weekly Homework

Hands-on exercises to test tools and build practical AI literacy.



AI Case Study

Guided development of a customized case study specific to your organization's work.



Global Network

Access to Climate Collective and World Bank's network with follow-on events.



Comprehensive Learning

Expert-led training, peer collaboration, and practical application in one program.

Executive Summary

Categories of AI use cases surfaced by participants during the Accelerator. Details in section 6.



Streamlining Core Operations

Using AI to automate back-office, administrative, and internal program management tasks



Efficiency & Administration



Accelerating Strategic Growth

Using AI to enhance external engagement, storytelling, and resource mobilization (funding and outreach)



Fundraising & Communications



Enhancing Technical Mission

Using AI to analyze complex data, build models, and boost the technical capacity of field teams



Data Analysis & Capacity Building

Executive Summary

Quantitative results

100% of respondents

- would **recommend the program** to their peers.
- **gained new ideas** for storytelling, fundraising, or research using AI.
- were **comfortable using AI tools** after the program, compared to 60% before.

93% of respondents

- became **more confident identifying AI use cases** within their organization.

90% of respondents **found the sessions to be relevant** to their work

On average, each participant **shared knowledge from the program** with 3.4 colleagues.

Executive Summary

[The course was] “... **a turning point for my work** at FALA – inspiring, practical, and transformative. I left empowered, equipped, and already making real-world change.”

-Thais Lazzeri, Founder, FALA impact studio (Brazil)



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1. The Challenge

Our planet's vital signs are flashing red¹

We can use AI to accelerate the global response to climate change.

The problem is urgent

As of September 2025, Seven of Nine Planetary Boundaries have been crossed.²

Public sector support is waning and sustainability-focused organizations are being asked to do more with less.

Amid ongoing efforts to cast doubt on climate science and on non-partisan institutions of knowledge and more broadly, it is more critical than ever that trusted local civil society has the capacity to engage communities around climate issues.



The opportunity is now

AI offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to multiply the impact of frontline organizations and social innovators for sustainability.

The IEA estimates that widespread adoption of existing AI applications could lead to emissions reductions that are “far larger than emissions from data centres”, and could account for as much as a 5% emissions reduction by 2035.³

1. The Challenge



**Substantial potential,
currently unmet**

AI has the potential to supercharge the impact of frontline organizations and social entrepreneurs, but it's being underutilized across the sector.

**The AI x Green
Accelerator**

With the support of CIVIC, the AI x Green Accelerator trains nonprofits in AI literacy to strengthen the effectiveness of their work, and deepen citizen engagement around climate and nature themes.

**Amplifying impact
globally**

The program identifies of concrete examples of where and how AI can strengthen the impact of civil society organizations and their work. It opens the door to experimentation with AI tools and tests the hypothesis that AI can help teams save time, costs and help to integrate new, innovative technologies into their work.

2. Program Overview

The AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator's Summer 2025 session supported 20 nature- and climate-focused nonprofits and social innovators build AI skills and technology prototypes directly applicable to their work.



2. Program Overview

The program was designed to:

- 1. For participants:** Connect organizations in the climate and nature sectors with practical AI tools and expertise that create immediate efficiencies and amplify their impact, while building community and global networks.
- 2. For the donor community:** Assess effectiveness of AI skills building to strengthen civil society organizations in the global south.
- 3. For the broader climate sector:** Demonstrate how AI literacy programming is central to putting AI to work for climate - and deepen understanding for how to mitigate AI's own environmental footprint through #1 and #2.



Participants share their general locations during the introductory session

2. Program Overview

This session of the Accelerator ran from June to August 2025, and...

- Provided an on-ramp for climate- and nature-focused non-profits in 13 countries across Latin America, Africa, Asia, and North America.
- Helped participants build the confidence to leverage the rapidly expanding ecosystem of AI tools to accelerate their work.
- Connected frontline organizations to global expertise and networks.
- Explored critical ethical and energy-related concerns around AI adoption, which are especially important in the social sector.
- Surfaced real-world use cases for where AI can strengthen citizen engagement programming and deepen the impact of participating organizations across the climate and nature sectors.

3. Timeline

We are here



2025	April		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep	
1. Tapping network for recommendations												
2. Open Call for Applications												
3. Review Applications												
4. Run Accelerator												
5. Monitoring & Evaluation												
6. Reporting												
7. Communications												



Completed



Forthcoming

[Click here](#) to view detailed work plan.

4. Pre-Programming - Recruitment

Climate Collective sought to promote the AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator to a broad audience of potentially interested start-ups and nonprofits, as well as donors and INGOs with global connections to climate-focused civic entrepreneurs and nonprofits.

Climate Collective worked with the World Bank team to leverage their network. In addition to receiving names of potential partners, we connected with 'umbrella' partners of the GPSA like WRI to ask for their recommendation of suitable orgs.

In addition, Climate Collective reached out to colleagues across the UNDP, WWF, Conservation International, and related organizations for nominations. In total Climate Collective received 71 applications for an anticipated 20 slots.

4. Pre-Programming - Selection

After the submission process closed, Climate Collective reviewed all 71 applications to identify climate- and nature-focused organizations who self-assessed as high-interest but low-capacity in using AI for their missions.

After a detailed assessment of each applicant organization's initial application, focus areas, and public presence, 20 organizations were invited to participate.

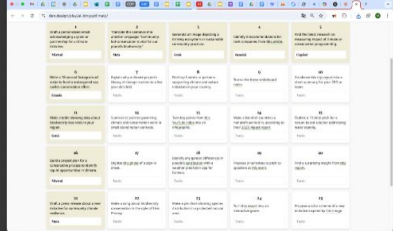
5. Programming – Core Components

6 two-hour **discovery sessions** hosted live by an AI expert focused on basic literacy, prompting chatbots, and AI for non-profit research, communications, and resource mobilization.

5 **expert guest speakers**, building participants' networks and knowledge and exploring AI's impact on climate, energy usage, and automation.

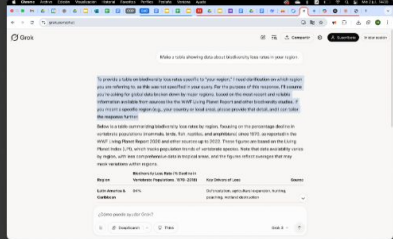
A facilitated **WhatsApp community** for ongoing conversation, cohort building, and knowledge sharing.

Maryangel Mesa Romero



I just LOVED the Climate Bingo game!!! thanks for maing it so accurate to our climate driven goals and our institutions activities!

8:39 AM



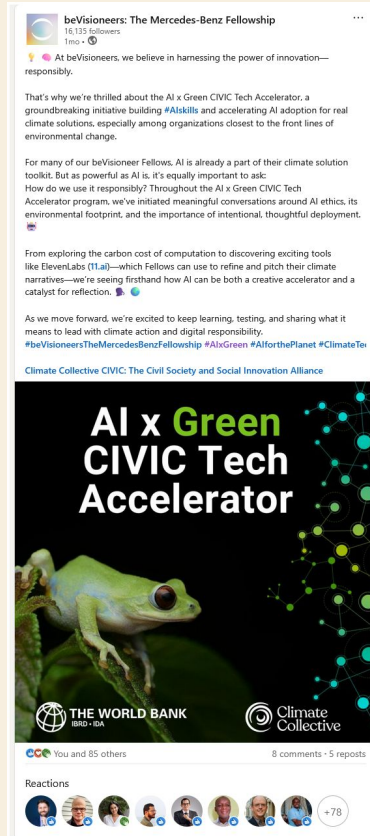
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WhatsApp discussion on homework

5. Programming – Additional Components



Post from the LinkedIn Flashmob

A coordinated “**LinkedIn flashmob**” to help participants demonstrate their AI quals and build community through the Accelerator

5 office hours sessions with the facilitator of the discovery sessions to discuss AI strategy, homework, and to go deeper with specific tools and discussions.

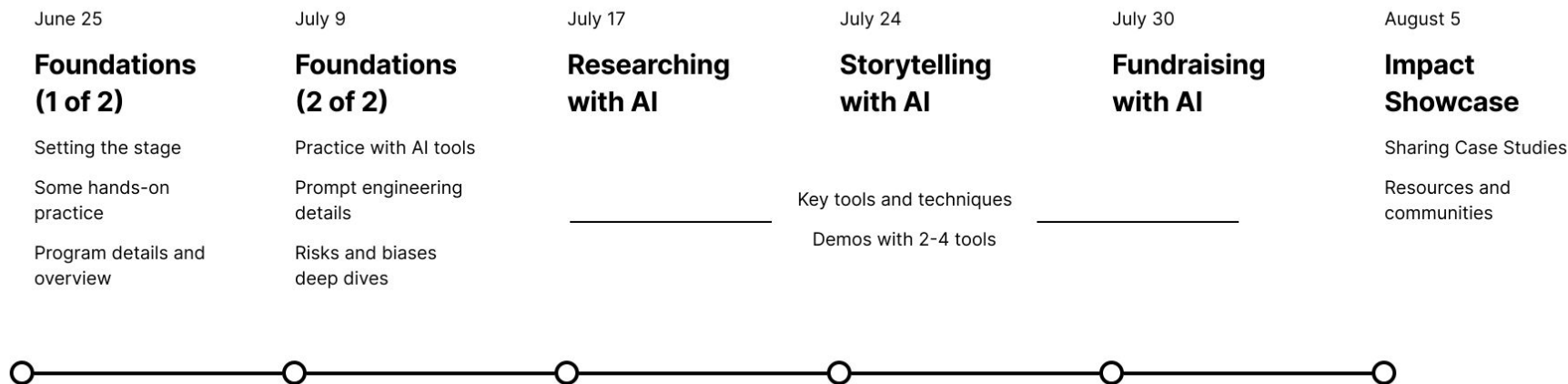
Weekly **homework exercises** to test tools and build literacy

Guided development of an **AI Case Study** specific to each organization’s work

Follow-on opportunities to join events and share knowledge as part of Climate Collective and World Bank’s global network.

5. Programming – Discovery Sessions

Six two-hour discovery sessions across seven weeks, including up to two participants from each of the 20 participant organizations. These live sessions anchored the experience, and focused on the basics of LLMs, AI chatbots, AI for research, AI for communications, and AI for resource mobilization. Screenshots follow.



5. Programming – Discovery Sessions

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a presentation slide titled "Analyzing quantitative data with specialized tools". The slide content includes instructions on downloading data as a CSV file, using Julius.ai for demographic analysis, and pushing the limits of data visualization. The slide also features logos for Climate Collective and DEV. On the right side of the Zoom window, a vertical list of participants is visible, including Adam Fiverson, Samhir Vasdev, Josiah, Maryangel Mesa, and Liz (IREX). The top of the Zoom window shows the meeting title "AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator - Summer 2025" and a "Share" button. The bottom of the Zoom window shows a "Video Grid" button and a row of icons for mute, video, chat, and other functions.

AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator - Summer 2025
Intros

Share

Analyzing quantitative data with specialized tools

Analyze and visualize a technical dataset using python or R with [Julius](#)

You may need to log in to Julius to use it.

Download the [data here](#) as a CSV file

This dummy data assigns a score about climate opinions, experience, and future beliefs.

Use [Julius.ai](#) to find demographic patterns

Upload the CSV file and ask it to uncover male/female differences in climate belief scores.

Push the limits

Try creating visuals charts / plots as well, like box plots showing distributions.

Try using other specialized tools, like [Powerdrill](#) or [ChatCSV](#)

Climate Collective

DEV

Samhir Vasdev's screen

Adam Fiverson

Samhir Vasdev

Josiah

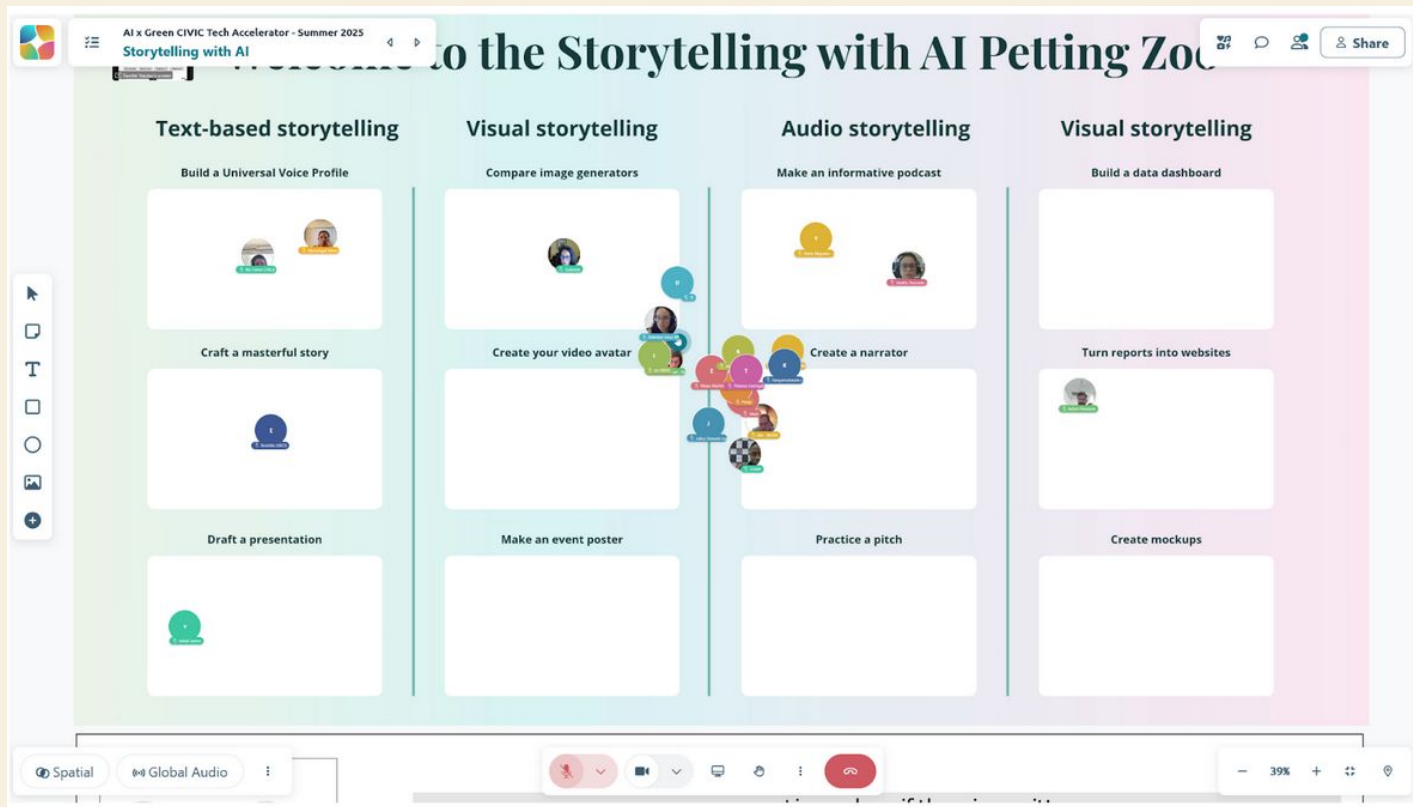
Maryangel Mesa

Liz (IREX)

Video Grid

Lead Trainer Samhir Vasdev introduces the cohort to AI-powered data analysis and visualization tools.

5. Programming – Discovery Sessions



Participants use the Kolab platform to test AI tools targeted to known potential use cases for climate orgs

5. Programming – Discovery Sessions

The screenshot displays a video conference interface for the 'AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator - Summer 2025'. The main content area shows a web browser displaying the 'Connected Papers' platform. The browser's address bar shows the URL: connectedpapers.com/main/7128783766bb1952cb3941fa93c5ac0d441b8ffd/Community%20driven-ecotourism-in-the-trans-Himalayan-region%3A-A-sustal.... The page title is 'Community-driven ecotourism in the trans Himalayan region: A sustainable model for cultural and environmental preservation'. The interface includes a sidebar with a list of papers, a central network graph, and a right panel with details for a selected paper: 'Tourists' attitude and willingness to pay on conservation efforts: evidence from the west Himalayan eco-tourism sites' by Nusrat Batool, Z. A. Dada, and others. The graph shows a network of papers with nodes representing papers and edges representing relationships. The right panel also shows 13 citations and options to 'Open graph' and 'Add origin'. On the right side of the video conference, four participants are visible in a vertical stack: Samhir Vasdev, Liz (IREX), Sheilla Dourado - Inesc, and Tasneem Ali (IREX). The bottom of the screen shows a 'Video Grid' button and a set of controls including a microphone, camera, and chat icon.

Lead Trainer Samhir Vasdev introduces participants to an AI-powered research platform called Connected Papers

5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

Guest speakers connected participants to the latest research and perspectives, and wrestled with challenging topics such as AI's energy usage, automation, and tool demos with climate tech founders and creators.

Jul 11 - [James Zhang](#) on ChatNetZero and NetZeroTracker

Jul 18 - [James Martin](#) on understanding AI's energy usage


Jul 23 - [Mikel Maron](#) on the Earth Index and AI for earth observation

Jul 31 - [Tim Lockie](#) on The Human Stack, AI automation for nonprofits

Aug 8 - [Jennifer Turliuk](#) on the double-edged sword of AI for climate

5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

James Zhang













Demystify Large Language Models

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LLM is an "old" technology applied on an enormous scale. It's not a technological breakthrough


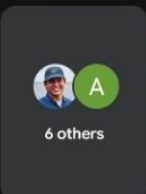







What's special about LLM

- **Great usability**: it lowered the bar of AI to everyone
- **General purpose**, for the first time (Generative AI)
- **Scale** – it processes data at an unseen speed



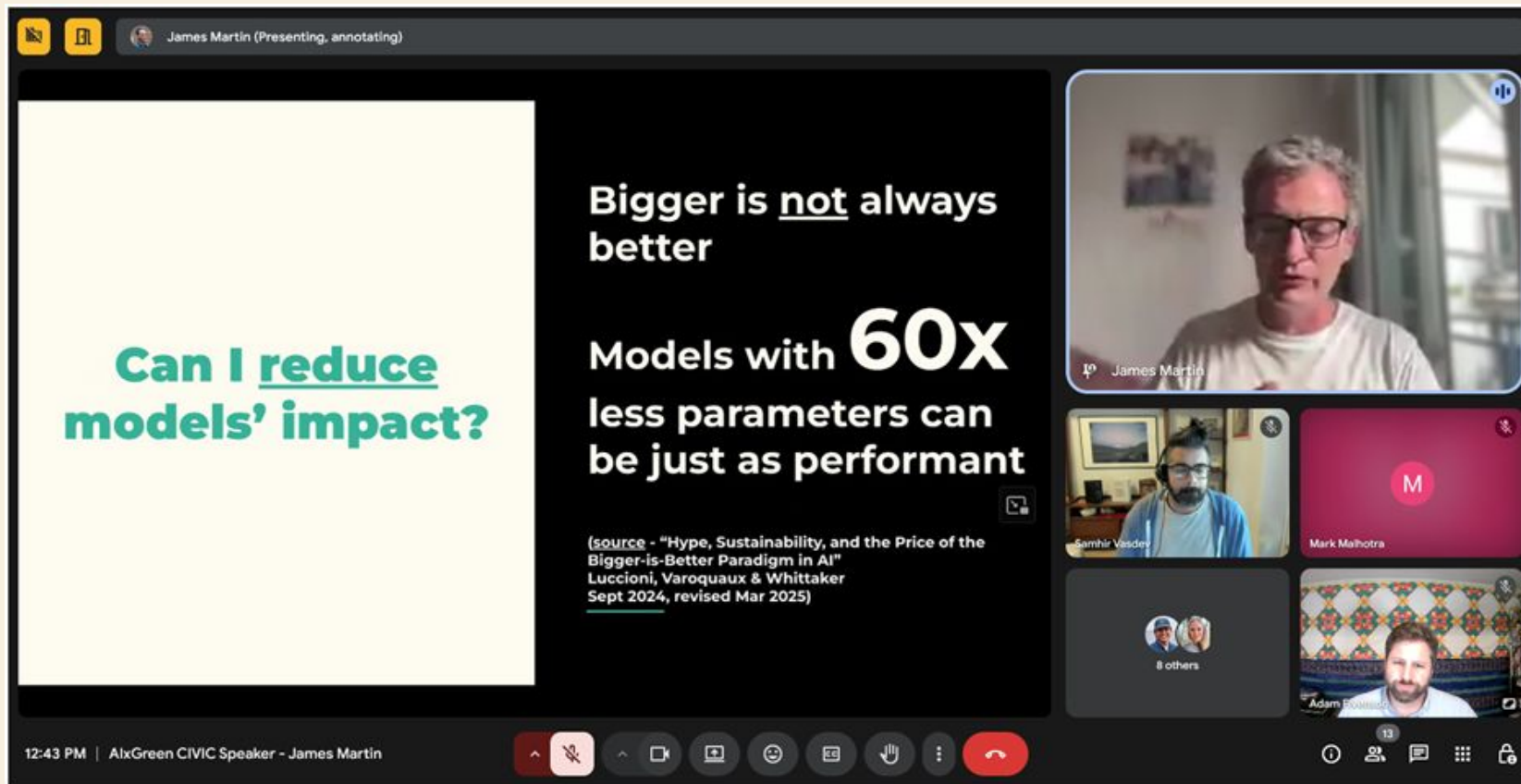
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5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

James Martin



The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a presentation slide with a white background and black text. The slide's title is "Can I reduce models' impact?". The main content reads "Bigger is not always better" followed by "Models with **60x** less parameters can be just as performant". A source note at the bottom of the slide states: "(source - 'Hype, Sustainability, and the Price of the Bigger-is-Better Paradigm in AI' Luccioni, Varoquaux & Whittaker Sept 2024, revised Mar 2025)". The Zoom toolbar at the bottom includes icons for chat, mute, video, and other controls. The top of the interface shows the name "James Martin (Presenting, annotating)". On the right side, there are four participant thumbnails: James Martin (top), Samhir Vasdev (middle left), Mark Malhotra (middle right, with a pink background and a white 'M'), and Adam Edwards (bottom right). A thumbnail for "8 others" is also visible.

James Martin (Presenting, annotating)

Can I reduce models' impact?

Bigger is not always better

Models with **60x** less parameters can be just as performant

(source - "Hype, Sustainability, and the Price of the Bigger-is-Better Paradigm in AI" Luccioni, Varoquaux & Whittaker Sept 2024, revised Mar 2025)

James Martin

Samhir Vasdev

Mark Malhotra

Adam Edwards

8 others

12:43 PM | AIXGreen CIVIC Speaker - James Martin

5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

Mikel Maron



CLIMATE TRACE

Comprehensive Emissions Tracking

662,637,077 emitting assets
aggregated by city, state, country, etc.

10 years (2015-2024)
monthly data 2021 onwards

10 sectors
67 sub-sectors

3 GHGs
8 non-GHG pollutants

Built by a global,
not-for-profit coalition
of over 100 universities, scientists,
and AI experts

[→ Explore Map](#)[→ Access Open Data](#)





Mark Malhotra



Mikel Maron



Anna Lerner



Maryangel Mesa



Thais Lazzeri



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Adam Fivens...

5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

Tim Lockie

Tim Lockie (Presenting, annotating)

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SIMPLE PROMPT

STRUCTURED PROMPT

PACKAGE


AUTOMATED


Directions for each step.


Layout food and steps.


Print Instructions!

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(make your own lunch)









Samhir Vasdev

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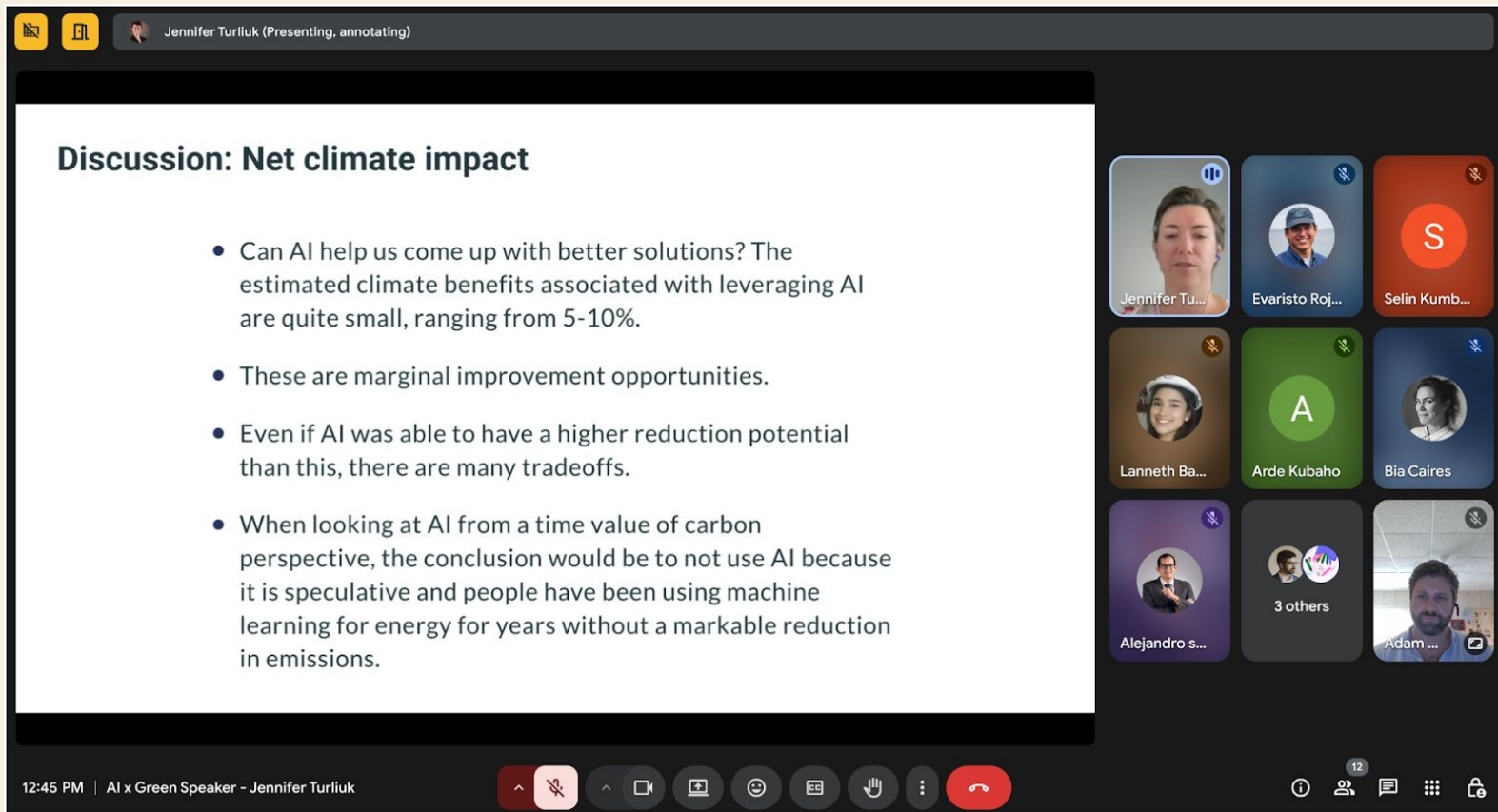
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12:24 PM | AlxGreen Speaker - Tim Lockie

5. Programming – Expert Guest Speakers

Jennifer Turliuk



The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, a header bar displays the name 'Jennifer Turliuk (Presenting, annotating)' next to icons for chat and a document. The main area is a presentation slide titled 'Discussion: Net climate impact' with a bulleted list of points. To the right, a gallery of participants is visible, showing nine individual video feeds and one placeholder for '3 others'. The bottom of the screen features a toolbar with various controls like mute, video, chat, and a red 'End' button. The status bar at the very bottom shows the time '12:45 PM' and the meeting name 'AI x Green Speaker - Jennifer Turliuk'.

Discussion: Net climate impact

- Can AI help us come up with better solutions? The estimated climate benefits associated with leveraging AI are quite small, ranging from 5-10%.
- These are marginal improvement opportunities.
- Even if AI was able to have a higher reduction potential than this, there are many tradeoffs.
- When looking at AI from a time value of carbon perspective, the conclusion would be to not use AI because it is speculative and people have been using machine learning for energy for years without a markable reduction in emissions.

Participants in the gallery:

- Jennifer Tu...
- Evaristo Roj...
- Selin Kumb...
- Lanneth Ba...
- Arde Kubaho
- Bia Caires
- Alejandro s...
- 3 others
- Adam ...

12:45 PM | AI x Green Speaker - Jennifer Turliuk

5. Programming – WhatsApp Community

The WhatsApp group was a lynchpin of the cohort's experience, serving as a “student lounge” in between discovery and speaker sessions. The group was a venue for:

Session previews, reminders and summaries

Homework submissions and group discussion

Dialogue on climate-related news and research

Building community and exploring partnerships

More than a month after course completion it still remains active, demonstrating the value of building learning communities across continents.

5. Programming – WhatsApp Community

Josiah Maiyaki

Understanding AI Risks

Click the article title below to read the story, then select the AI risk category it best represents. Review the MIT AI risk categories here.

Visit this link to read the article:
Study Shows Racial Bias in AI-Generated Treatment Regimens for Psychiatric Patients

Under discrimination and bias, surveillance, power contribution and control, privacy and attacks

Quiz Complete!
You answered 17 out of 23 questions correctly.

Play Again

Next

Filter by Category: All Categories

Hey everyone 🙌 sharing my thoughts on #homework2

One of the things that stood out was, AI energy consumption....like I knew it takes energy but didn't know how much!!!!...We don't often consider the massive power needed to train and run these systems. I feel it's a huge sustainability point we need to address as AI expands.

- Then, government policy and consensus is a mess. AI is evolving so fast that lawmakers are way behind. Getting global agreement on regulation is tough, but essential to avoid chaos. They really need to tackle this head-on soon.
- Finally, content theft is a massive headache for creators. When AI can mimic existing styles, intellectual property lines blur. How do we protect artists and writers when AI "learns" from their work? It's a legal and ethical minefield that needs urgent attention for a fair digital space.

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Samhir Vasdev

Hi friends! Can't wait for our session tomorrow.

Don't forget to submit your case study before our session!

Instructions on how to submit are in the Homework slides: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o4IDdlWJPUUtiop9an9ySGdsk3dDGs6b/view>

Come to office hours today if you'd like help finalizing it!

10:13 AM

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Switzerland just launched a free GPT-4 rival. | Alex Issakova

Switzerland just launched a free GPT-4 rival. Built with ethics, powered entirely by green energy. Whilst OpenAI & Anthropic dominate headlines, Switzerland...

[www.linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/alexissakova_switzerland-just-launched-a-free-gpt-4-rival-activity-7353744454719078400-ojRe)

🔊 Clean energy-powered GPT model just released by Switzerland https://www.linkedin.com/posts/alexissakova_switzerland-just-launched-a-free-gpt-4-rival-activity-7353744454719078400-ojRe

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Alejandra Vega

AI Accelerator Exploration

Open Source Sheet From AI Accelerator Exploration - Alessandra Vega

Open Source Sheet AI Accelerator Exploration Alessandra Vega Resource Hub <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c1jfkW11SxQHsJYFMJs9dw91kN6EV9RGfr7rCneOsw4/edit?usp=sharing>

Hi community! 🙌 Weaved together a living document with our session notes, reflections and assignments. I highlighted AI tools in blue, and insights that stayed with me in yellow.

🔊 This is open for co-expansion, feedback, and something that can grow with the community. :) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c1jfkW11SxQHsJYFMJs9dw91kN6EV9RGfr7rCneOsw4/edit?usp=sharing>

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Vishal Varma

Hello everyone! Coming to you from a Southern western ghats of India, where I'm conducting herpetofauna surveys. Check out these photographs of the herpetofauna and some other species i found in last 10 days.

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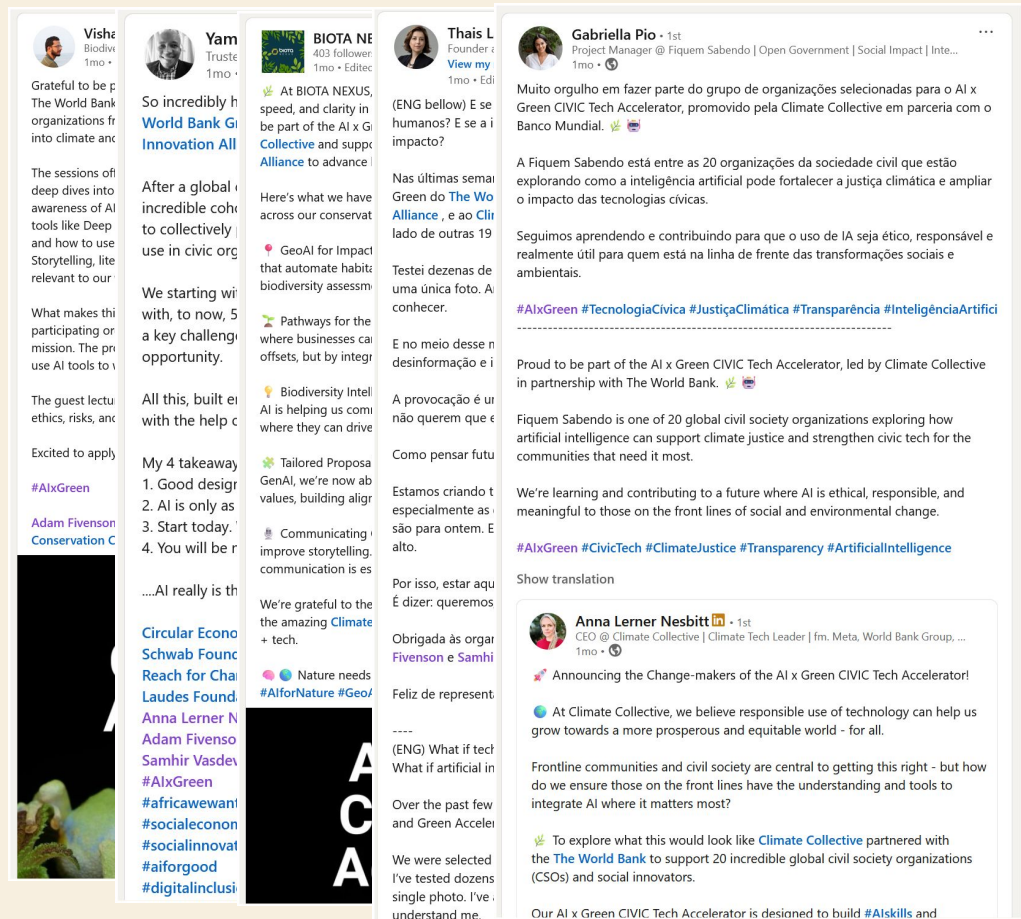
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5. Programming – LinkedIn FlashMob

Goals: Generate buzz around the Accelerator and its participants. Give organizations choosing to participate a signal boost from Climate Collective on LinkedIn.

Method: Coordinated LinkedIn posting and engagement using the #AIXGreen hashtag.

Metrics: 15 posts, 421 likes, 98 comments, 31 reposts (as of late September).



The collage displays several LinkedIn posts from participants in the #AIXGreen FlashMob. The posts are from users like Visha, Yam, BIOTA NE, Thais L, Gabriella Pio, and Anna Lerner Nesbitt. The content of the posts includes:

- Grateful to be part of The World Bank organizations for into climate and...
- At BIOTA NEXUS, speed, and clarity in be part of the AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator and support Alliance to advance!
- Here's what we have across our conservat...
- GeoAI for Impact that automate habit biodiversity assessm...
- Pathways for the where businesses can offsets, but by integr...
- Biodiversity Intel AI is helping us comi where they can drive
- Tailored Proposa GenAI, we're now ab values, building align...
- Communicating improve storytelling. communication is es
- We're grateful to the the amazing Climate + tech.
- Nature needs #AIforNature #Geo/
- Muito orgulho em fazer parte do grupo de organizações selecionadas para o AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator, promovido pela Climate Collective em parceria com o Banco Mundial.
- A Fiquem Sabendo está entre as 20 organizações da sociedade civil que estão explorando como a inteligência artificial pode fortalecer a justiça climática e ampliar o impacto das tecnologias cívicas.
- Seguimos aprendendo e contribuindo para que o uso de IA seja ético, responsável e realmente útil para quem está na linha de frente das transformações sociais e ambientais.
- #AIXGreen #TecnologiaCívica #JustiçaClimática #Transparência #InteligênciaArtifici
- Proud to be part of the AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator, led by Climate Collective in partnership with The World Bank.
- Fiquem Sabendo is one of 20 global civil society organizations exploring how artificial intelligence can support climate justice and strengthen civic tech for the communities that need it most.
- We're learning and contributing to a future where AI is ethical, responsible, and meaningful to those on the front lines of social and environmental change.
- #AIXGreen #CivicTech #ClimateJustice #Transparency #ArtificialIntelligence
- Show translation
- CEO @ Climate Collective | Climate Tech Leader | fm, Meta, World Bank Group, ...
- Announcing the Change-makers of the AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator!
- At Climate Collective, we believe responsible use of technology can help us grow towards a more prosperous and equitable world - for all.
- Frontline communities and civil society are central to getting this right - but how do we ensure those on the front lines have the understanding and tools to integrate AI where it matters most?
- To explore what this would look like Climate Collective partnered with the The World Bank to support 20 incredible global civil society organizations (CSOs) and social innovators.
- Our AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator is designed to build #AIskills and

5. Programming – Ongoing Engagement

- 2 participants joined Climate Collective's AI Explorers event on September 21st, 2025 during NY Climate Week. Both were interviewed for the Pop Up Studio and will appear on LinkedIn.



AI x Green Participant Roland Kennedy Jr. is interviewed by Nick Martin



AI x Green Participant Thais Lazzeri is interviewed by Program Manager Adam Fivenson

5. Programming – Ongoing Engagement



- 6 participants presented their AI use case studies at a virtual “Climate AI Showcase” event with the CIVIC team at the World Bank during September 2025.
- 10 participants took advantage of an opportunity to further their AI education with the renowned AI Impact Hub, and will receive 2 free months of AI coaching and lessons at the end of 2025.

6. Exploring Case Studies - Categories Identified



Streamlining Core Operations

Using AI to automate back-office, administrative, and internal program management tasks



**Efficiency &
Administration**



Accelerating Strategic Growth

Using AI to enhance external engagement, storytelling, and resource mobilization (funding and outreach)



**Fundraising &
Communications**



Enhancing Technical Mission

Using AI to analyze complex data, build models, and boost the technical capacity of field teams



**Data Analysis
& Capacity Building**

6. Exploring Case Studies - Category #1: Operations

Category	Organization	Country Focus	Problem Addressed	Key Outcome
1: Streamlining Core Operations	IREX CTI	USA (Global South focus)	Fellowship alumni engagement newsletter takes significant staff time.	AI agent reduced research time from 5–10 hours to 3, which could save over 500 staff hours annually.
1: Streamlining Core Operations	Fiquem Sabendo	Brazil	Manual, time-consuming evaluation of training program applications.	AI applied a 25-point rubric, matching 36% of top human decisions and flagging 17% of strong candidates.
1: Streamlining Core Operations	beVisioneers	Germany (Global focus)	Fellows have many program questions, consuming coach time.	Created an AI help desk/lean canvas tool to answer basic questions, saving time for coaches.
1: Streamlining Core Operations	Carnegie Corporation	USA	Drafting board minutes was highly time-consuming.	AI-generated template and prompts streamlined processes, cutting multi-day tasks to hours.
1: Streamlining Core Operations	BudgIT Senegal	Sénégal	Difficulty managing complex budget data and proposals.	AI tools used to simplify complex documents, increasing efficiency and timely completion of quarterly goals.
1: Streamlining Core Operations	Wetlands International	Panama	Managing correspondence, data, and communications for many projects.	AI agent provides real-time project status and helps get quick answers from large documents.

6. Exploring Case Studies - Category #2: Strategic Growth

Category	Organization	Country Focus	Problem Addressed	Key Outcome
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	APECF	Botswana (Africa focus)	Fundraising is slow and difficult while implementing projects.	Reduced a 17–21 day grant task to 7.5 hours using an LLM to build proposals.
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	Media InnoTech	Nigeria	Maintaining engagement across platforms and tailoring content to demographics.	AI-powered personalization boosted targeted reach by 5x with improved CTR and open rates.
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	RegenIntel	USA (Global focus)	Messaging process was inefficient, leading to creative fatigue.	Saved 4–6 hours/week of manual input and enabled scheduling of a month of content ideation in one day.
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	CATIE	Costa Rica	Lack of visual materials due to time required for design management.	Cut the design process for print and digital materials from a week to 1–2 days.
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	Inesc	Brazil	Infographics are highly time-consuming to produce.	AI saved time and enabled a new process of infographic creation without prior design experience.
2: Accelerating Strategic Growth	Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano	Ecuador	Fundraising is time-consuming and expensive.	Gen AI tools used to search for funding, cutting proposal preparation time by at least 50% (30 to 15 hours).

6. Exploring Case Studies - Category #3: Technical Mission

Category	Organization	Country Focus	Problem Addressed	Key Outcome
3: Enhancing Technical Mission	BIOTA	Costa Rica	Difficulty estimating the value of Biodiversity Conservation Units (BCUs).	Reduced time from 3 weeks to 2 days to generate the first scalable valuation model for conservation units.
3: Enhancing Technical Mission	Grupo de Ecología**	Mexico	Difficulty for field biologists to modify R scripts for data exploration.	Reduced 20 hours of manual coding to minutes, increasing field biologists' autonomy in data analysis.
3: Enhancing Technical Mission	ARDE/KUBAHO	Rwanda	Difficulty managing inputs around program strategy and resilience planning.	AI-driven tool analyzes data (Julius, Gemini) to identify risk zones and target climate resilience interventions more precisely.
3: Enhancing Technical Mission	FALA Impact Studio	Brazil	Disaster risk communication strategies ignore the most vulnerable groups.	AI tool used for research/screening to develop a comprehensive, inclusive climate alert communication strategy.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Approach

After each Discovery session, anonymous feedback was collected to improve the following week's session, and acknowledged at the outset of the following session to encourage sharing.

At the end of the program, participants were asked to complete a 32-question Retrospective Pretest (RPT) to assess their growth and their perspectives on the accelerator experience.

18 participants responded.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Quantitative Results

100% of respondents:

- would **recommend the program** to their peers.
- **gained new ideas** for storytelling, fundraising, or research using AI.
- were **comfortable using AI tools** after the program, compared to 60% before.

93% of respondents

- became **more confident identifying AI use cases** as their organization.

90% of respondents **found the sessions to be relevant** to their work

60% of respondents said the program **accelerated responsible AI adoption** at their organization.

On average, each participant **shared knowledge from the program** with 3.4 colleagues.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

Africa Place & Equity Cities Foundation (APECF), Botswana

Typically it takes anywhere from 17–21 days to write a fundraising proposal. Through AI x Green, APECF became aware of specialized AI tools that dramatically cut proposal creation time to less than a single day, instantly providing tools that enhanced their ability to engage potential partners and grow their mission.



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

“[This has been] ... **a richly rewarding experience**, demystifying generative AI in a **safe, non-judgmental environment**. I highly recommend it to any mission-oriented founders and leaders wishing to get to grips with the tools of tomorrow, today.”

*Yame Nkgowe: Founder & Trustee,
Africa Place & Equity Cities Foundation
(Botswana)*



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

Wetlands International Panama, Panama

Wetlands International struggled to efficiently track key learnings across numerous, overlapping mangrove projects. Their solution was to build and deploy an AI tool to track project status on an ongoing basis and query large documents. The tool ended up boosting efficiency, provided rapid data-driven answers, and helped staff better manage their time.



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

“I recommend the AI x Green accelerator **for those who are still a little reluctant to embrace AI** and want to understand exactly what it is, what it is used for, and how to use it correctly in our field.”

*Lanneth Barrera, Wetlands
International Panama*



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

BIOTA, Costa Rica

BIOTA in Costa Rica needed a rapid and accurate way to estimate the value of Biodiversity Conservation Units (BCUs). Utilizing AI-assisted prompt engineering, they developed a valuation tool using forest biomass and other data. This reduced the time needed to build a pricing model from three weeks to two days, establishing the foundation for a scalable, automated BCU valuation engine.



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

“[Participating in this accelerator] ... **opened new pathways for integrating AI into our mission** as a small organization. Working on climate and nature-related challenges demands both efficiency and responsibility—this course **laid a solid foundation** to advance in both areas.”

*Alejandro Solis Duran, Co-Founder,
Biota Nexus (Costa Rica)*



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

FALA Impact Studio, Brazil

Recognizing that disaster risk communications often overlooks the most vulnerable groups, FALA Impact Studio in Brazil used an AI tool to develop a comprehensive and inclusive climate alert strategy, amplifying social impact and strengthening community resilience.



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

[The course was] “... **a turning point for my work** at FALA – inspiring, practical, and transformative. I left empowered, equipped, and already making real-world change.”

-Thais Lazzeri, Founder, FALA impact studio (Brazil)



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

ARDE/KUBAHO, Rwanda

ARDE/KUBAHO in Rwanda faced challenges in identifying key climate risk zones. After the accelerator, they deployed an AI-powered resilience planning tool that analyzes environmental and community data. Doing so resulted in more focused project activities, improving land restoration and food security outcomes.



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Participant Notes

“[The AI x Green CIVIC Tech Accelerator] ... **greatly enhanced my AI skills** and tool knowledge.”

Kanyamuhanda Louis, Finance Manager, ARDE/KUBAHO (Rwanda)



7. Monitoring & Evaluation - Key Learnings

Scheduling: Live sessions and office hours sometimes conflicted with work schedules. Juggling timezones from Asia to US Pacific was perhaps too much. Future iterations might benefit from regional clustering.

Pacing: The course sometimes felt rushed; more time is needed for hands-on practice and troubleshooting. Timing had been adjusted from the last GreenAccountability Accelerator (first time it had been too slow, and too stretched out). The right timing is probably somewhere in the middle.

Content: Too many tools were introduced; participants wanted to master fewer tools. This is always a balance to strike. For future iterations we will prioritize slightly fewer tools and go deeper.

Facilitation: A need for more in-class interaction and direct, consistent support on individual projects. Office hours - or lab times - were highly rated and will be given more attention in future sessions.

Collaboration: Lack of structured networking limited connections among participants from different regions. All participants asked for more 'community building'.

Homework: Some assignments felt disconnected from participants' daily work.

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