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Impossible Things at  
a Hackathon:

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# OPEN Geneva Hackathon 2016



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# THE Belt Compass



# THE BETTER BODY BAG



<http://socialsolutionsresearch.com/>



Kingdom of the Netherlands

# Human Rights

# DIPLO HACK

26. - 27. February 2016  
@ Impact Hub Geneva

[www.diphack.org](http://www.diphack.org)

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# MISSION



At the Human Rights DiploHack 2016 hackers, human rights experts and diplomats joined forces for a 48-hour period to tackle two challenges presented by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights that directly impact people's lives from around the world.

# DIPLOHACK Human Rights 2016

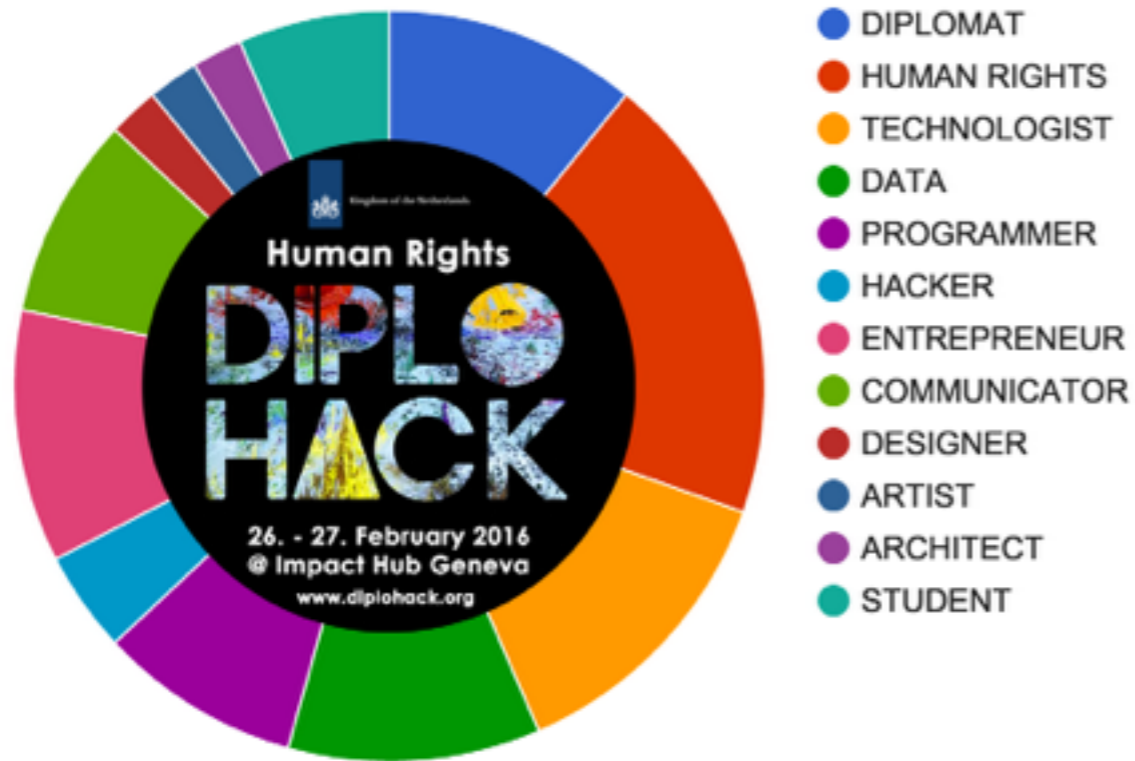
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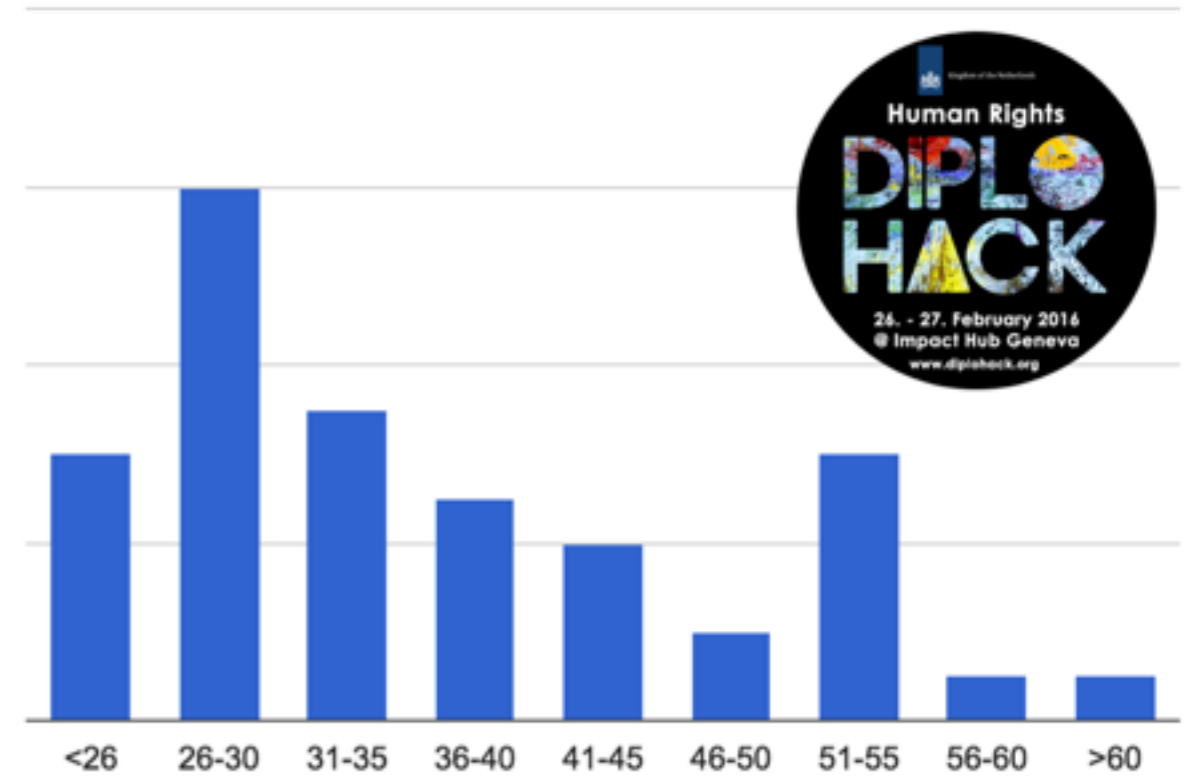


# STATISTICS - details

Human Rights DiploHack 2016 - Participants Background Distribution



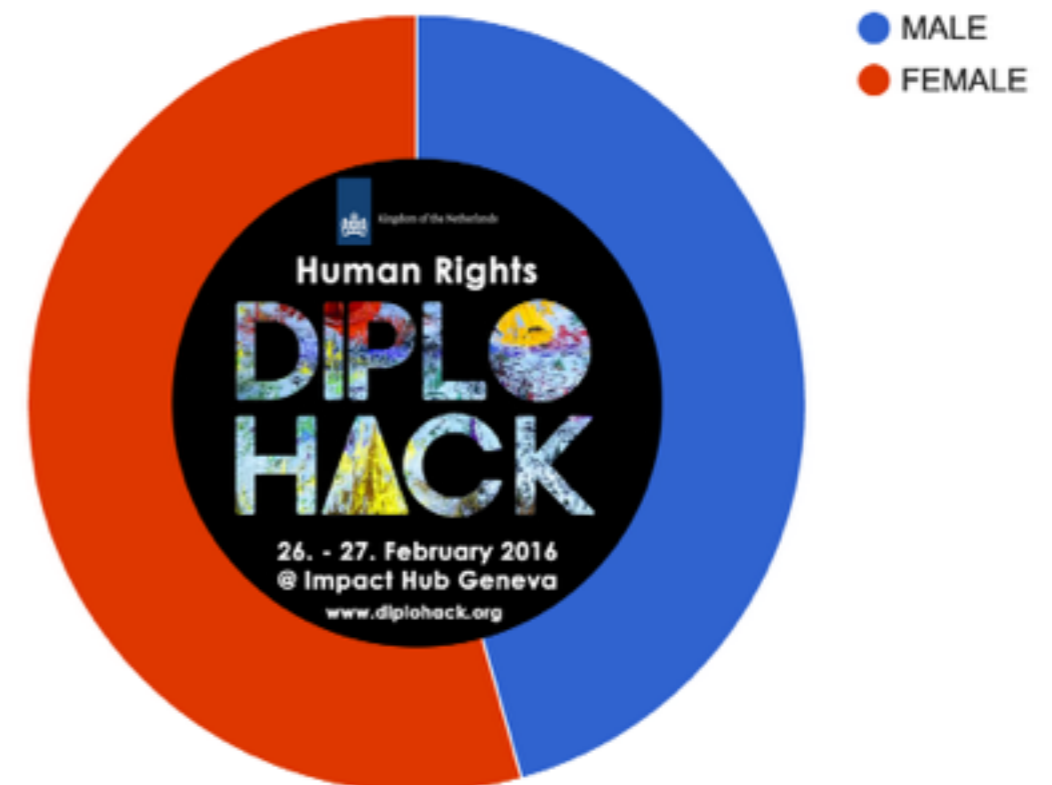
Human Rights DiploHack 2016 - Participants Age Distribution



Human Rights DiploHack 2016 - Participants Nationality Distribution




Human Rights DiploHack 2016 - Participants Gender Distribution



# PARTICIPANTS - teams





**Team1**   
2016 Human Rights 



**Team2**   
2016 Human Rights 



**Team3**   
2016 Human Rights 



**Team4**   
2016 Human Rights 



**Fast Track**  
2016 Human Rights 



# CHALLENGE - Big Verification Challenge



## **An improved way of using limited verification resources**

Does a photo or video tell the 'truth'? Methods and tools for verification of visual content are constantly improving, but the amount of content requiring verification for Human Rights purposes increases over-proportional – limiting its usability to a small and biased selection. Can improved creation, filtering, sorting and verification contribute to turn the tables on this volume problem?

# CHALLENGE - Evidence Collection Box



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HUMAN RIGHTS  
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

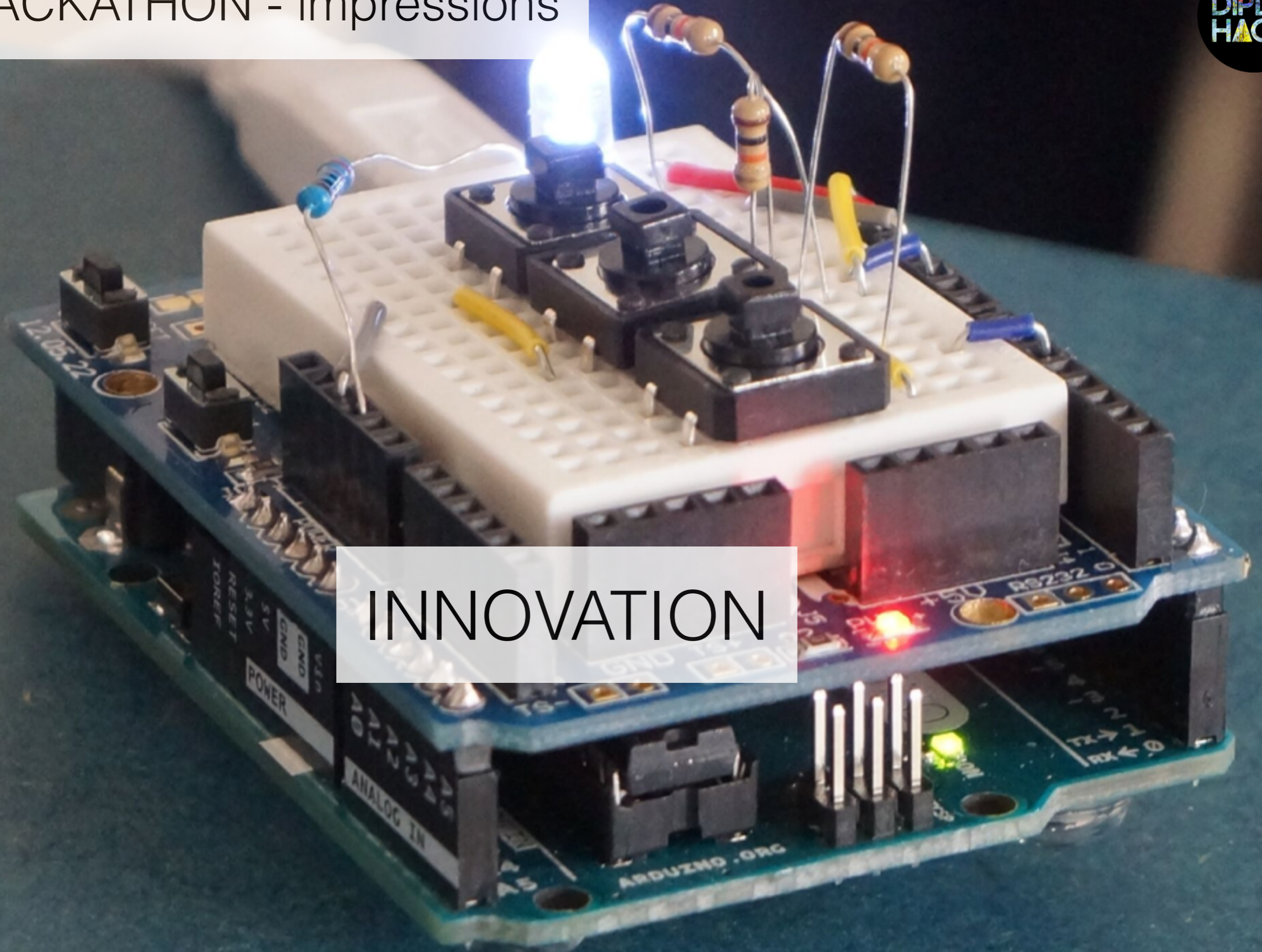
## **A field-ready evidence collection & transportation tool**

How can Human Rights Defenders collect and transport evidence in a safe way? New data transmission protocols, storage and verification methods open up new opportunities to improve towards a more trustworthy, and field-operation friendly evidence system. How can limited communication possibilities be used in the most effective way?



HACKATHON

# HACKATHON - impressions



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# COLLABORATION



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# DIPLOHACK - presentation



Informal presentation of Diplohack 2016 results on human rights evidence to human rights ambassador of the Netherlands

**Kees van Baar**

# DIPLOHACK - high level side-event



Presentation of Diplohack Challenges

**Christophe Peschoux**



## PICTRUE

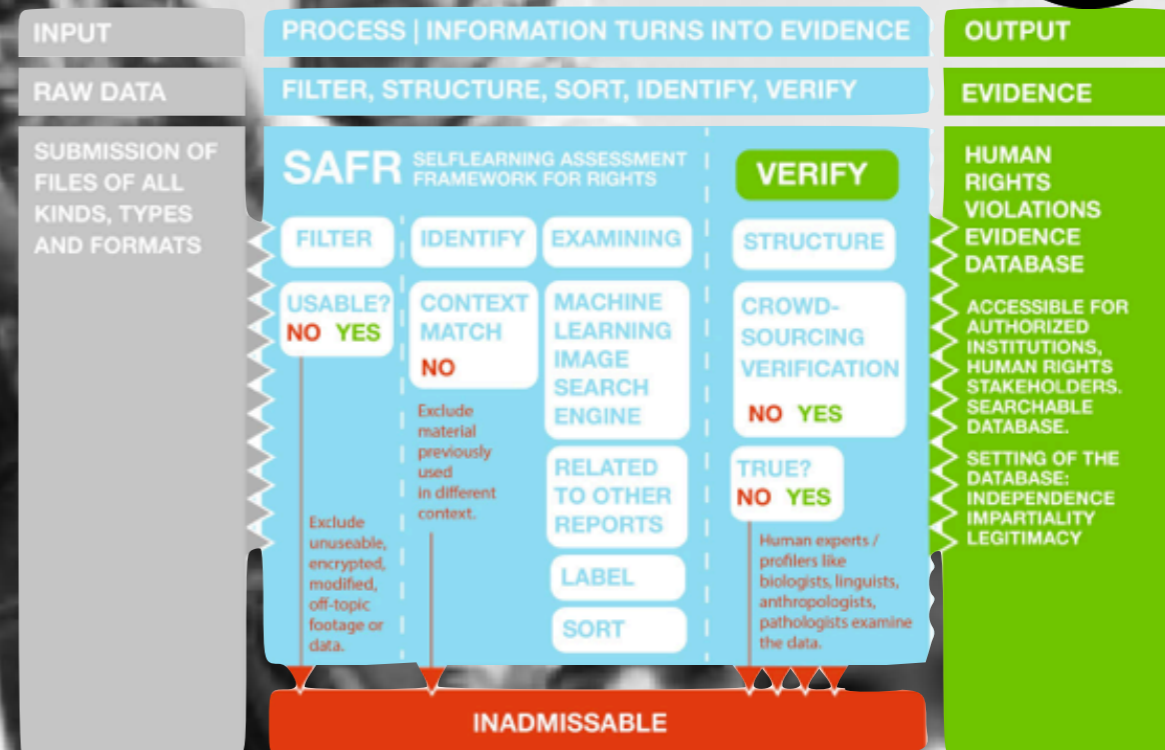
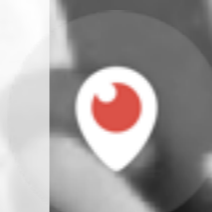
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machine learning algorithm identifies if  
& what kind of Human Rights violation  
happens on any picture & video



# Self-learning Assessment Framework for Rights (SAFR)

- integrated tool **incrementally improves** filtering, sorting & verifying images
- based on previous data, tool **increases capacity** to corroborate evidence from as many data sets as possible
- shifts human rights framework **from reactive** model **to proactive** model

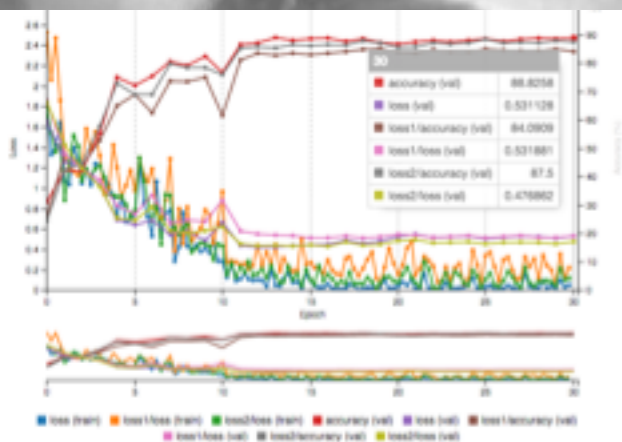


99.99% child classroom  
 0.01% none  
 0.0% child classroom  
 0.0% child labour



58.2% child classroom  
 31.6% child soldier  
 8.1% child labour  
 1.9% none

## Machine Learning Image Pattern Recognition





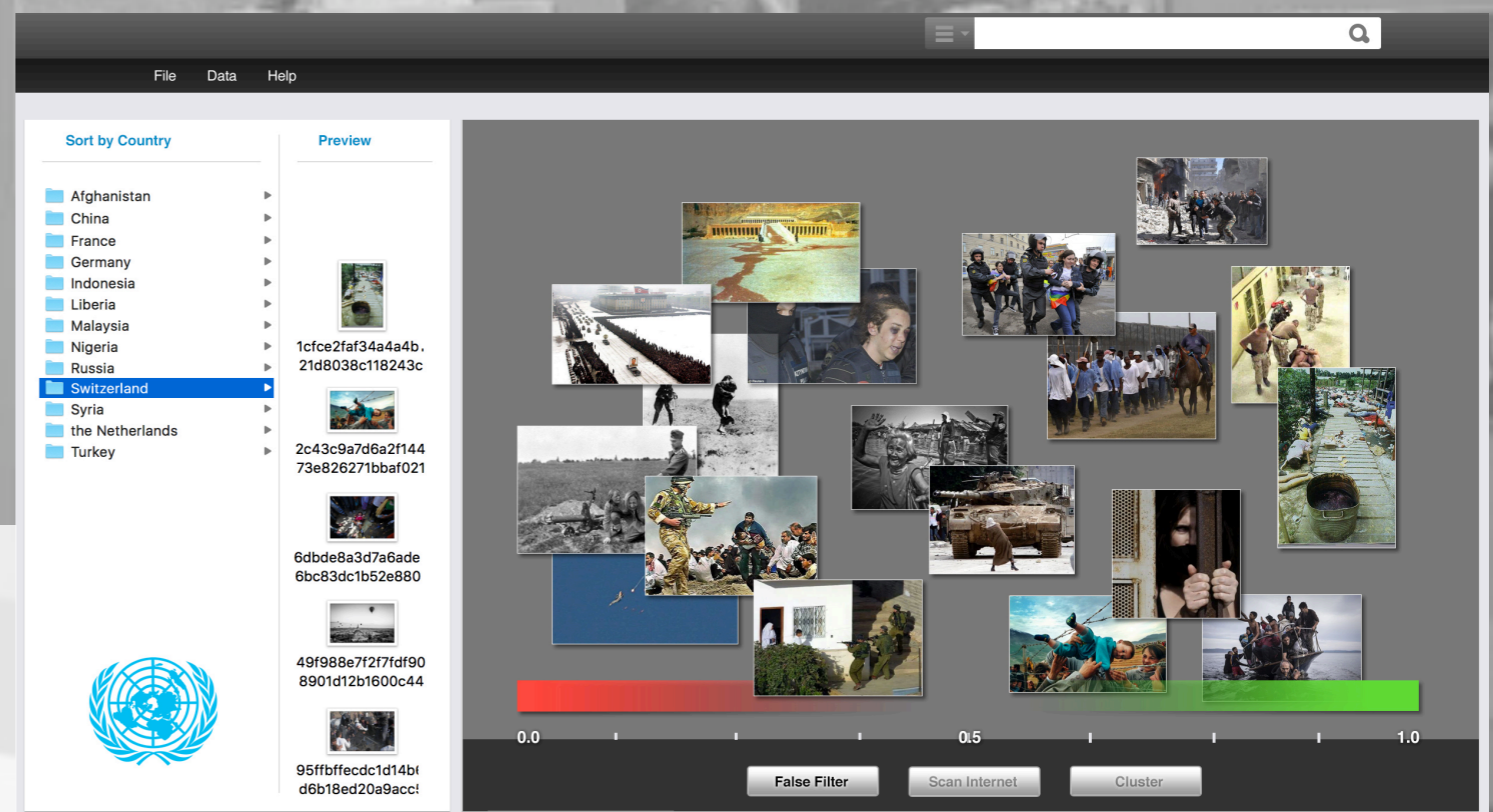
# GET THE PICTURE

-  
photo/video verification with  
different levels of confidence in the  
hand of every Human Rights officer

Human Rights  
Geneva  
2016

## Tools for Verification

- *False Filter* - smart filter identifies “**false, tampered & manipulated**” data files
- *Clusterer* - (semi-) **automated content-based clustering** in “**cases**” (e.g. location & time)
- *Network of Helpers* - essence **crowd sourcing** of selected (prioritized) data sets
- **Ro(Bot)** – actively **scan Internet and social media** for case-related images & videos



False Filter implemented  
in online file browser





# FIRST DEFENDER TOOLKIT

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reporting Human Rights violation  
without technology expertise &  
leaving no trace of who it did

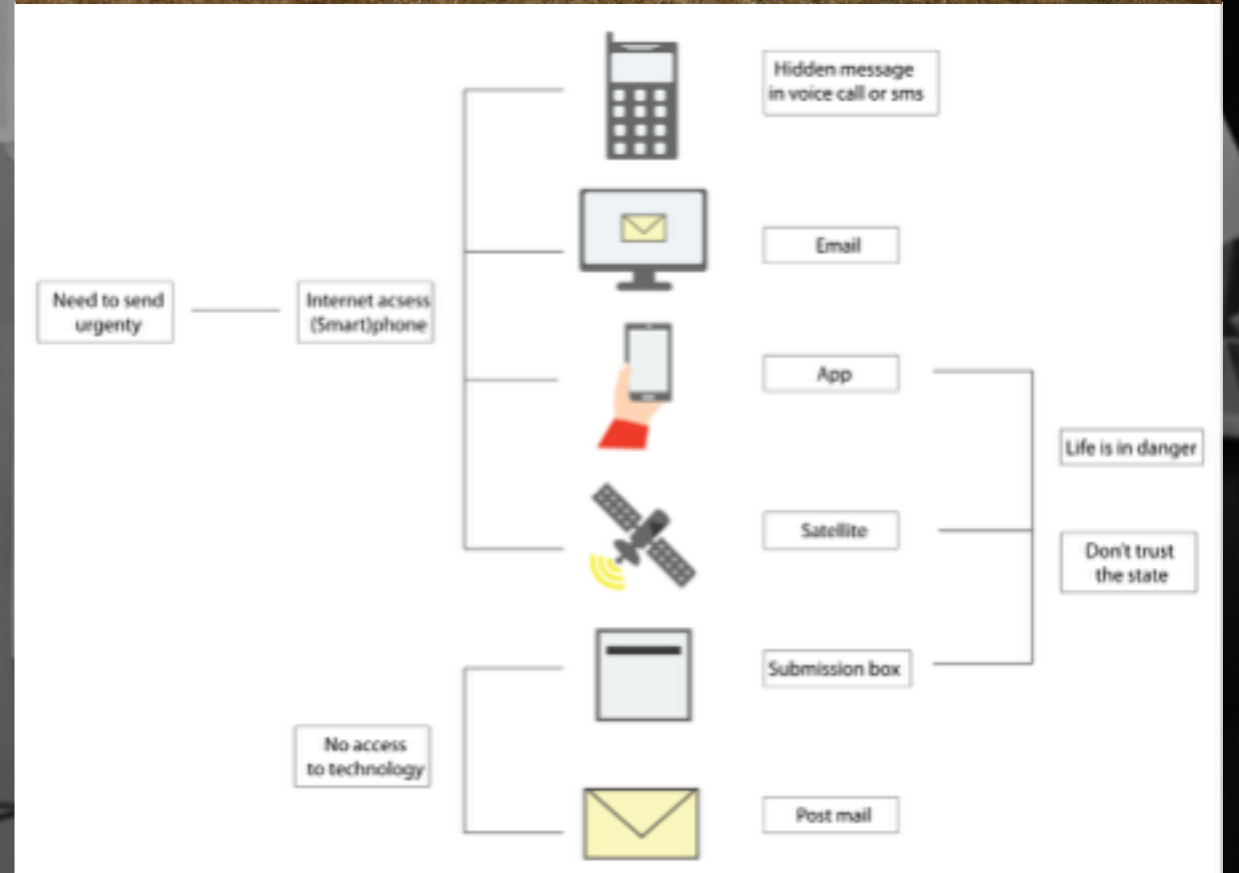
# FIRST DEFENDER TOOLKIT - result



easy, high-tech & single-use satellite transmission box



low-tech classical mailbox - busy locations created by news boards allow anonymity



How can I communicate with the UN in an easy and safe way?



## TEAM4EVIDENCE

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CommUNicate will allow easy, safe, secure & anonymous communication with the United Nations

# TEAM4EVIDENCE - result



easy & secure  
drag-&-drop file  
upload

**COMMUNICATE**

UN COMMUNICATE

COMMUNICATE

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News	Facts
UN Charter	Information

**Submission Box**

Please describe what you saw:

Country:

File:

<b>VISION:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Achieve global access by 2030</li><li>- Multistakeholder partnership</li><li>- Grassroots oriented</li></ul>
<b>NEEDS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- UN cross-organisation task force</li><li>- Back office at the receiving end</li></ul>

secure communication  
fully embedded in  
general UN  
communication website,  
app & strategy

website & app allow anonymous easy-setup communication

# DIPLOHACK - Bert Koenders & Kate Gilmore



“We have to innovate diplomacy.”

*Bert Koenders*

“Human Rights 2.0”

*Kate Gilmore*

H. E. Mr. Bert Koenders  
-  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Netherlands

“Never forget, always share and act in solidarity.”

*Kate Gilmore*

“We need you, we need innovation for the cause of human rights!”

*Bert Koenders*



# DIPOHACK - Testimonials



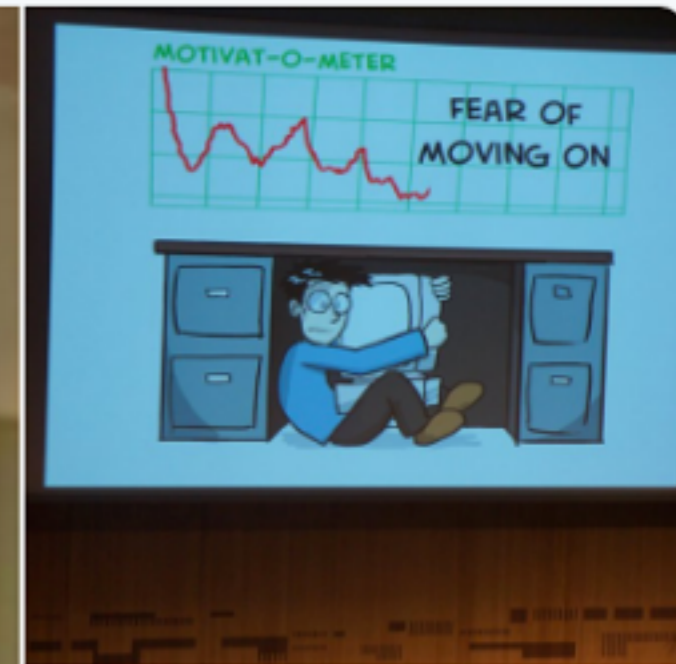
“This small group of individuals hacked into the future where rights are respected.”

*Kate Gilmore*

# ESA Astronaut - Luca Parmitano



# PHD Comics - Jorge Cham





# World Humanitarian Summit - Istanbul



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# Global Humanitarian Lab



# Jack Steinberger - Nobel Prize Physics



# ICRC - Air Drop Food Bags



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