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During this workshop, Dr. Galhena will introduce the principles of human-centered design and its importance in business development; present a framework for analyzing and developing creative solutions to problems; and lead participants in analyzing a real-world case study related to science and technology entrepreneurship, applying design thinking techniques to develop innovative solutions, and develop a testing strategy to determine stakeholder satisfaction and refine solutions.