



# AfriLabs

**Network of Technology and  
Innovation Hubs Across  
Africa**





*“The role of tech hubs enabling startups by providing access to training and networking could be more important than raising money”*

**Rebecca Enonchong**

Board Chair, AfriLabs (2017-2021)

# Who We Are

AfriLabs, a network organisation that supports over 300 Innovation Centers across 51 African countries, was founded in 2011 to build a community around the rapidly emerging technology hubs in Africa.

These hubs serve as centres that provide support to African entrepreneurs, innovators, developers and youths, by providing physical co-working and dedicated office space, training, business, legal and financial support, helping to raise successful entrepreneurs that will create jobs and develop innovative solutions to African problems.





## What We See

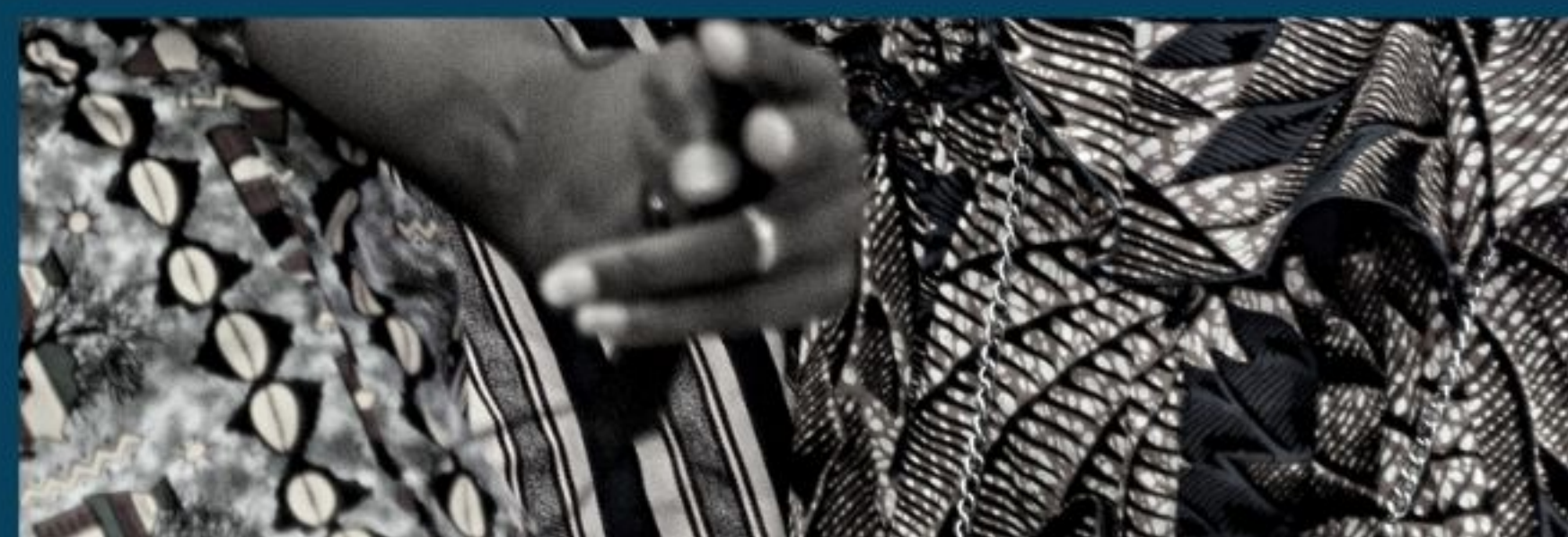
A thriving innovation economy in Africa, driven by the power of our community.

## How We Are Getting There

By supporting innovation hubs and their communities to raise high potential entrepreneurs that will stimulate economic growth and social development in Africa. We achieve this through capacity building, financing, networking, policy advocacy, and providing insightful, reliable data.





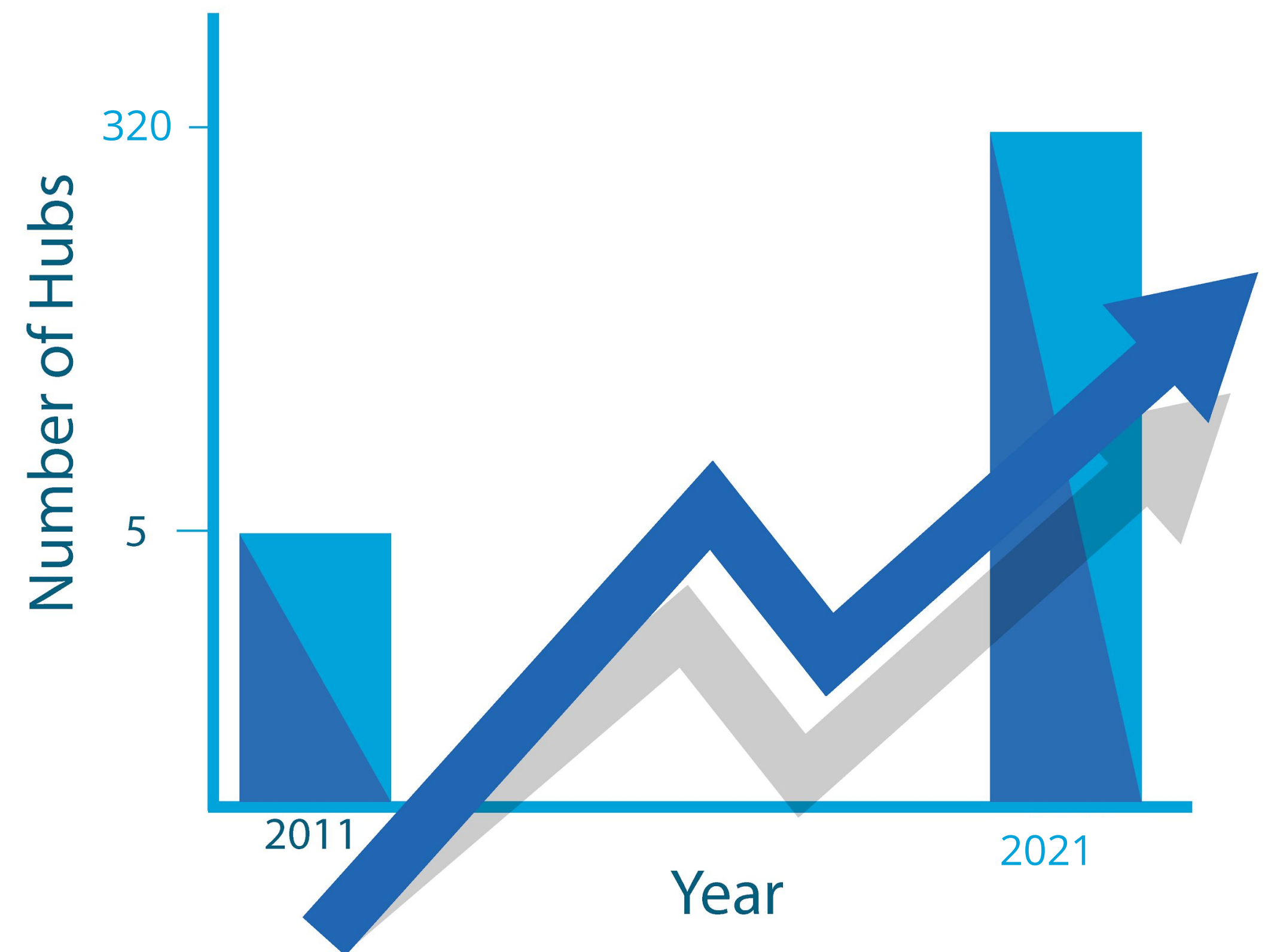


## Our Community



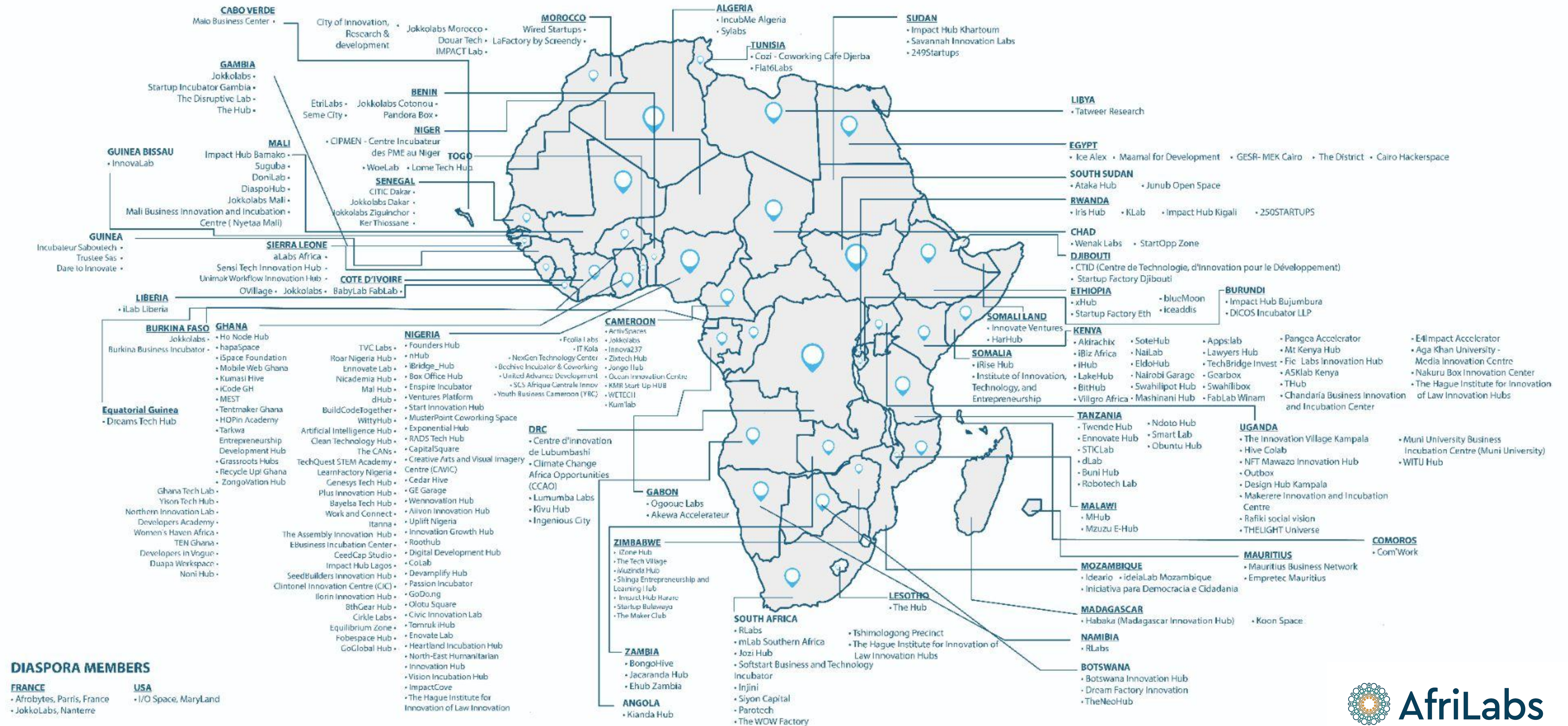
## Our Growing Numbers

AfriLabs was founded in 2011 with 5 hubs across 4 African countries. We have grown to 320 hubs across 51 African countries in 2021, with a larger community of over 1 million entrepreneurs, innovators and startups across Africa.



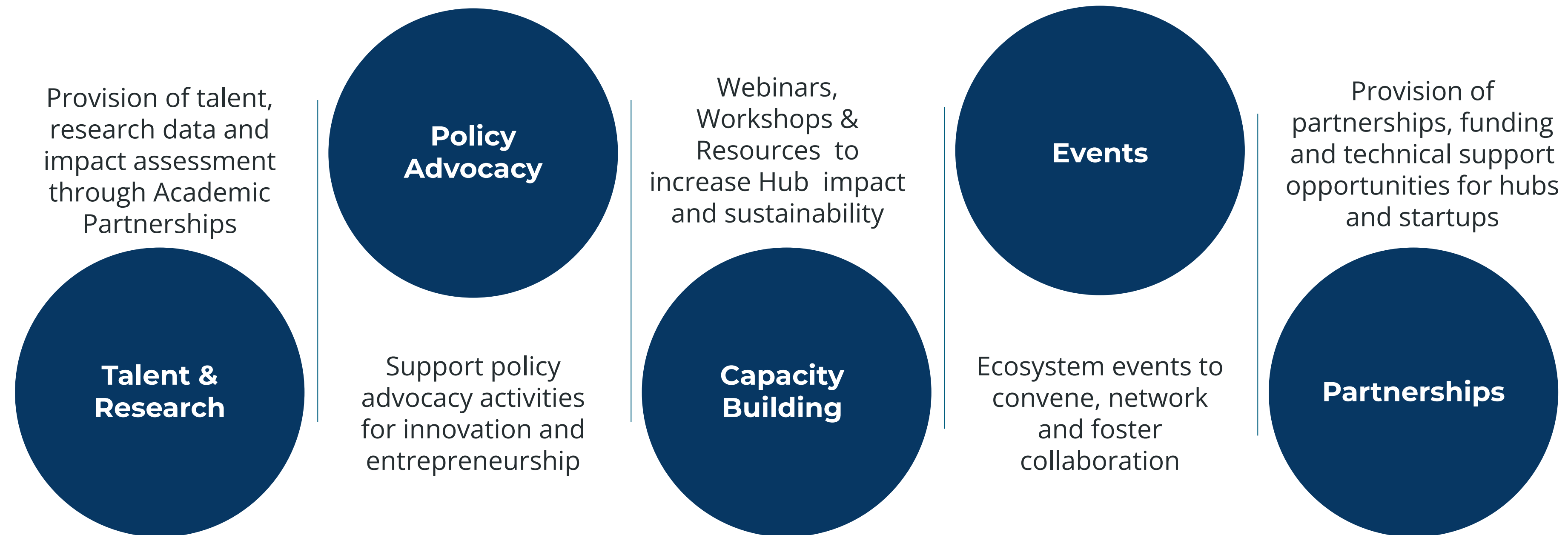


# AFRILABS NETWORK MEMBERS ACROSS AFRICA





# How We Engage and Impact the AfriLabs Community





# AfriPass

AfriPass is an AfriLabs product that seeks to connect Africa's innovation ecosystem through a digital community platform. AfriPass enables entrepreneurs to access hub services and co-working space across the continent with their unique masterpass subscription, and also connects hub staff to access discounted shared working and living spaces in any part of the continent.

Through the AfriPass platform, entrepreneurs can look up different hub services, located in any country and seamlessly get directions to any hub of their choice, where they wish to use the hub's services. The Location map and hub services booking feature will be integrated into the platform to allow entrepreneurs directly book for services and get direction to the hub through the platform.





## Active Programmes and Partnerships



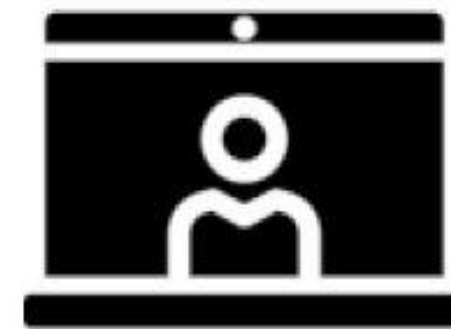


# 1. AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP)



## Training

- 30 Physical workshops in 15 convening African cities.



## Hubs Learning Week

- 12 Quarterly Hubs Learning Weeks - a series of peer to peer virtual capacity building webinars.



## Funding

- Capacity building awards (15,000 euros per selected hub)
- Virtual meetup grants (2,000 euros per selected hub)



## Certification

- Full Hub Management Certification Course in partnership with a major African University

*This project is carried out with the support of Agence Française de Développement's 2 million euros support through the Digital Africa seed fund.*



# Building Capacity in Tech Hubs

Over the years, AfriLabs has carried out research on African hub needs, capacity gaps and best practices. Based on this research, AfriLabs designs and runs a series of initiatives targeting hubs. These initiatives have now been updated and expanded into the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP), A 2m euro capacity building project, being implemented thanks to Agence Française de Développement (AFD)'s support through the Digital Africa seed fund.

We are confident that strengthening hubs will have a multiplier effect and contribute to growing the African innovation ecosystem while increasing the percentage of successful and investment-ready startups on the continent.

Visit [www.afrilabs-capacity.com](http://www.afrilabs-capacity.com) for more information.

## Key activities include:

- 30 Physical workshops in 15 convening African cities.
- 12 Quarterly Hubs Learning Weeks - a series of peer to peer virtual capacity building webinars.
- Full Hub Management Certification Course in partnership with a major African University.
- Hubs-in-Residence at AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2020 and 2021.
- Toolkits on business development and investment management.
- Virtual meetup grants (2,000 euros per selected hub)
- Capacity building awards (15,000 euros per selected hub)
- Travel sponsorship for hubs in residence program, physical workshops, etc.



# Hubs Learning Week

The AfriLabs Hubs Learning Week is a series of peer to peer capacity building virtual workshops that empower innovation hub managers and staff with requisite and formal incubation management training and skills needed to start, operate and expand hubs/innovation centres in Africa. This activity is carried out under the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP) supported by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) through the Digital Africa seed fund.

**AFRILABS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME**

Powered by: **AfriLabs** **AFD** **Digital Africa**

## 2020 AfriLabs Hubs Learning Week SERIES 2 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

**FACILITATORS**

- GILBERT JUNIOR BUREGYEYA**  
Co-founder & Programs Manager, Makerere Innovation and Incubation Centre Uganda.
- FAYO WILLIAMS**  
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- FATOUMATA NIOX**  
Executive Director, Jakkolabs Senegal.
- HENRY AGYEI ASARE**  
CEO, Tentmaker Ghana.
- STEVE TCHOUMBA**  
Hub manager, ActivSpaces Cameroon.
- CHUWKWUEMEKA FRED AGBATA JNR.**  
Co-founder, Goda Hub Nigeria.
- KUDZAI MUBAIWA**  
Strategy Lead, iZone Hub Zimbabwe.

ENGLISH SESSION, 11AM GMT, FRENCH SESSION 1PM GMT  
REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTP://BIT.LY/AFRILABSHLWSERIES2](http://bit.ly/AfriLabsHLWSeries2)

7TH SEPT. 2020 - 11TH SEPT. 2020 WEBINAR JAM

As at March 2021, five (5) series of the Hubs Learning Week have taken place with over 2000 participants including Hub managers and Hub staff in 54 countries in Africa and 2 countries in the diaspora have been attended the Learning Week.



# Virtual Meetup Grants

Each of the 12 Hubs Learning Weeks under the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP) will feature webinars focused on stakeholder management and ecosystem community engagement.

After these specific webinars, applications for submission of meetup ideas tailored to implementing the lessons learned from the webinars will be accepted and successful hubs will be awarded 2,000 euros each to execute the Virtual Meetups in their respective cities.



During the course of the ACBP, the top 36 submissions (one per city) across the 12 Learning Weeks will be granted 2,000 euros each to execute the Virtual Meetups. As at March 2021, 12 Hubs have been awarded with grants worth 24,000 euros.



# Capacity Building Awards

The Capacity Building Awards is an activity within the Capacity Building Program that provides a grant of 15,000 euros to winning hubs within the AfriLabs network to implement projects for the hubs and startups within their network which showcases the application of capacity building models..

As part of the award, winning hubs also access free mentoring during the grant implementation period to enhance their chances of succeeding as Hubs.



The first edition of the Capacity Building Awards held in October 2020 and awarded 17 hubs the grants worth 255,000 euros , 8 of which are carrying out cross regional collaborative projects. The second edition held in October 2021 during the AfriLabs 10th anniversary gala, hosted by the Nigerian Vice-President. 12 hubs received a total of 180,000 euros in grants.

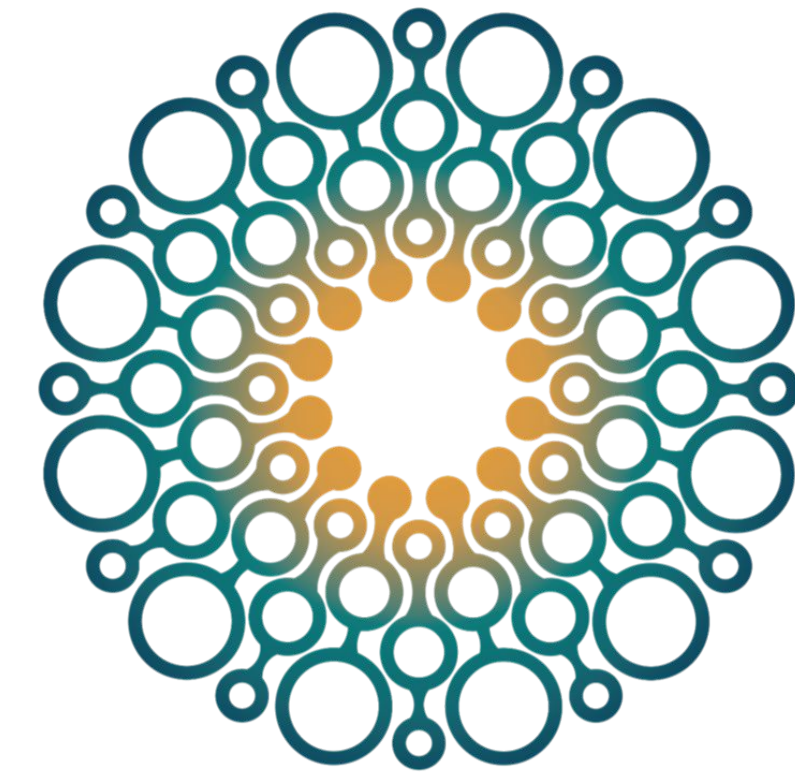
Through this activity, over 200 startups have been trained and supported with 78% being female led startups.



## AfriLabs Academy

The AfriLabs Academy is an initiative of AfriLabs and implemented under the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme that is designed to equip African Hub managers and staff with the training and management skills needed to improve their ability and capacity to support the growing number of startups and MSMEs in their communities.

[Visit the platform here.](#)



# AfriLabs Academy



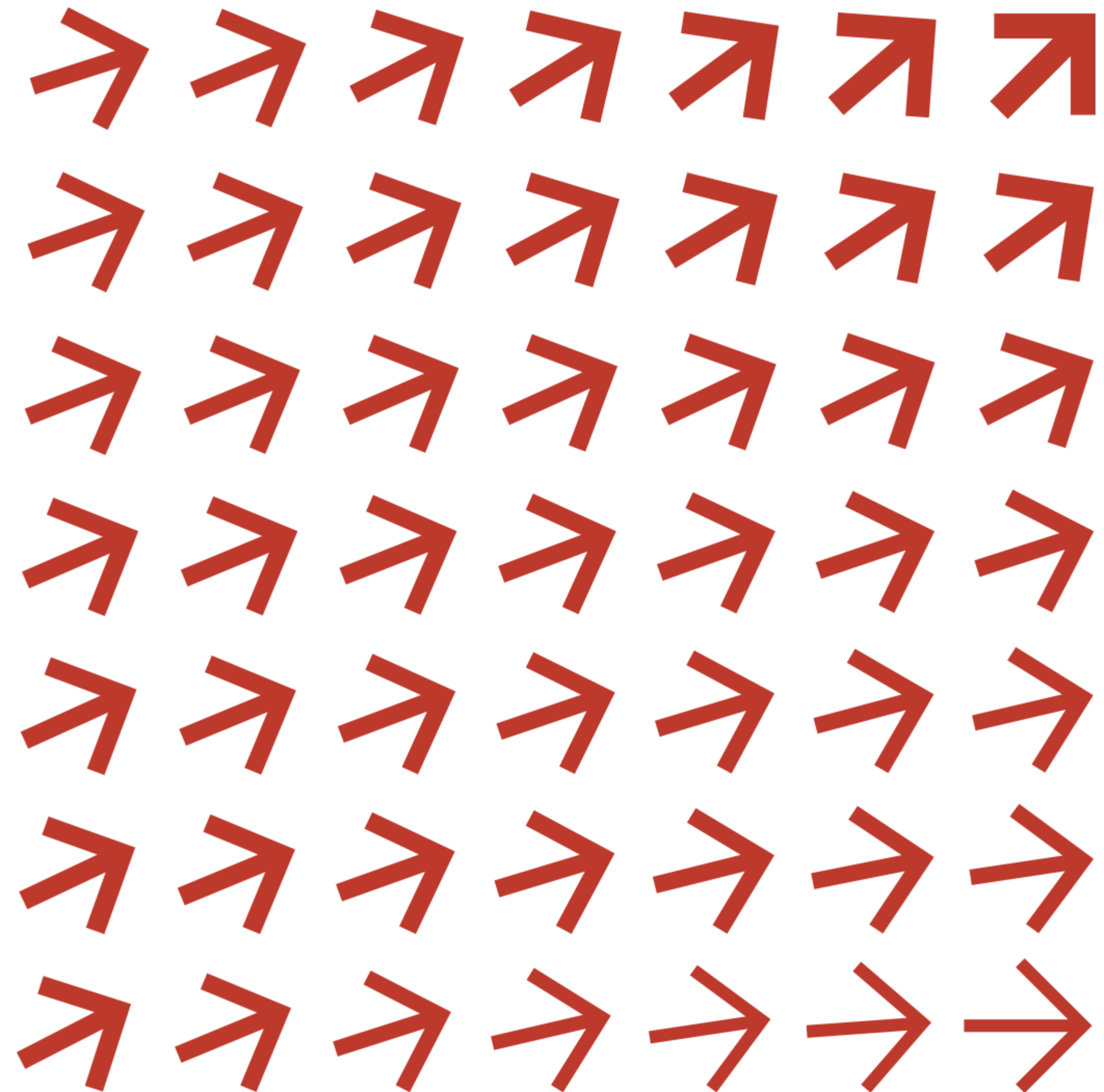
## 2. Catalytic Africa

Investing in high-growth startups while enhancing the capacity of the investment ecosystem.

[www.catalytic-africa.com](http://www.catalytic-africa.com)



In partnership with African  
Business Angel Network





# Funding for a more sustainable African Startup Ecosystem

The Catalyst Programme is a cross-stakeholder initiative of AfriLabs in conjunction with (African Business Angels Network) ABAN that aims to strengthen entrepreneurs, startups, hubs and angel investors, while delivering impact results to institutional funders.

The Catalyst Programme raises funds (debt or grant) from various institutional partners to add to a pool. This pool serves as a matching or co-investment fund to encourage investment in viable AfriLabs-affiliated startups by verified angel investors. The criteria for accessing fund from this pool are as follows.

- Affiliation with hubs that are members of the AfriLabs Network. These hubs will help to administer and track use/impact of the investments.
- Offer of investment from investors affiliated to angel networks that are members of ABAN.

These investors are encouraged to invest because their investment is doubled/matched and hubs help to track/monitor their investment.

## **The success of this initiative will lead to:**

- More African startups that are better funded and are better monitored
- Hubs that are able to attract and retain quality startups and a viable hub sustainability model
- Angel investors who are able to invest in a larger portfolio, de-risked significantly by the monitoring and reporting from the hubs
- Better visibility, transparency and objective impact reporting for the funders.
- Overall stronger, more sustainable African startup ecosystem.



### 3. The Global EdTech Hub



**EdTech**Hub



# Meet the EDTech Hub

The EdTech Hub is a collaboration between the Overseas Development Institute, Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge, Results for Development, Open Development and Education, Brink, Jigsaw Consult, BRAC, AfriLabs, and eLearning Africa.

Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) - *formerly DFID*, the World Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the EdTech Hub seeks to help improve education technology in developing countries.

AfriLabs is a regional partner of The EdTech Hub.

The EdTech Hub aims to accelerate progress toward ending the global learning crisis by increasing the

use of evidence to inform decision-making about education technology.

The EdTech Hub will synthesize existing evidence, conduct new research, support innovations to scale, and provide advisory support to governments and other country partners.

<https://edtechhub.org/>



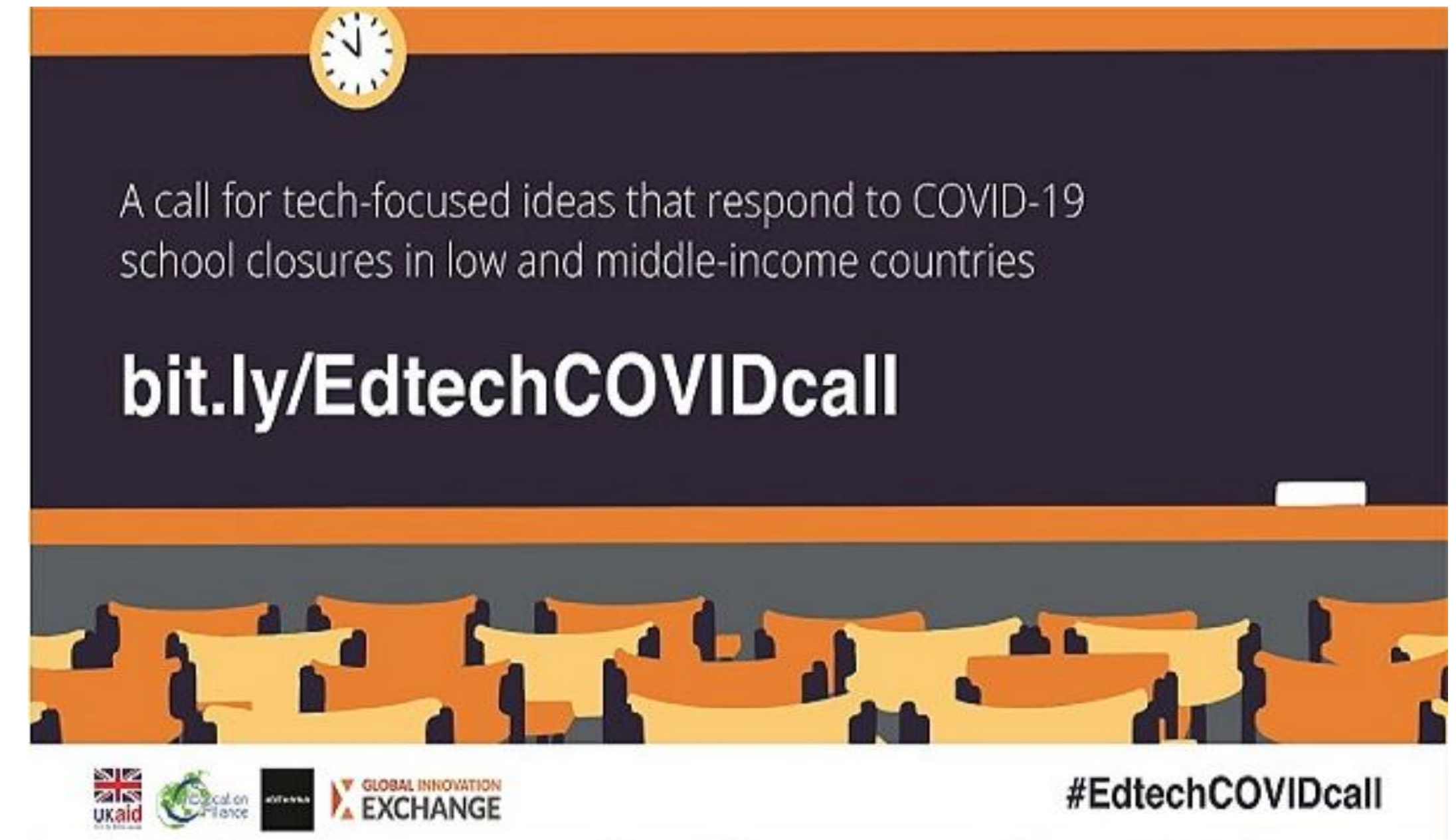
# EDTech COVID Call

As part of the EDETech Hub, we launched a call for tech-focused ideas to respond to the learning emergency caused by COVID-19 school closures in low- and middle-income countries.

Selected applicants were invited to virtual EdTech Pitch Days with a global network of potential funders, support in adapting and scaling in response to COVID-19, and connections for onward collaboration and funding.

## Report:

<https://edtechhub.org/innovation/covid-19-insights-from-our-global-call-for-ideas/>





## 4. Rapid Analysis of Innovation Response (RAIR) to COVID-19 Pandemic (Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa)





# Understanding the impact of COVID-19

Early in March 2020, Africa's Covid-19 cases by country were in the single digits, but by mid-month those numbers had spiked, leading the World Health Organisation to sound an alarm. This has led many within the African innovation ecosystems to look for ways to address the impacts of the pandemic.

In order to track the impact of the pandemic on the innovation ecosystem in Africa, AfriLabs and KTN Global Alliance worked together to deliver a rapid analysis of innovation response to the Covid-19 pandemic, with focuses on Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa. Our research looked into the impact of the pandemic on the innovation ecosystem, the response to it, the success and failures, and the opportunities to strengthen the African innovation ecosystem.

[Nigeria report](#)

[Kenya report](#)

[South Africa report](#)





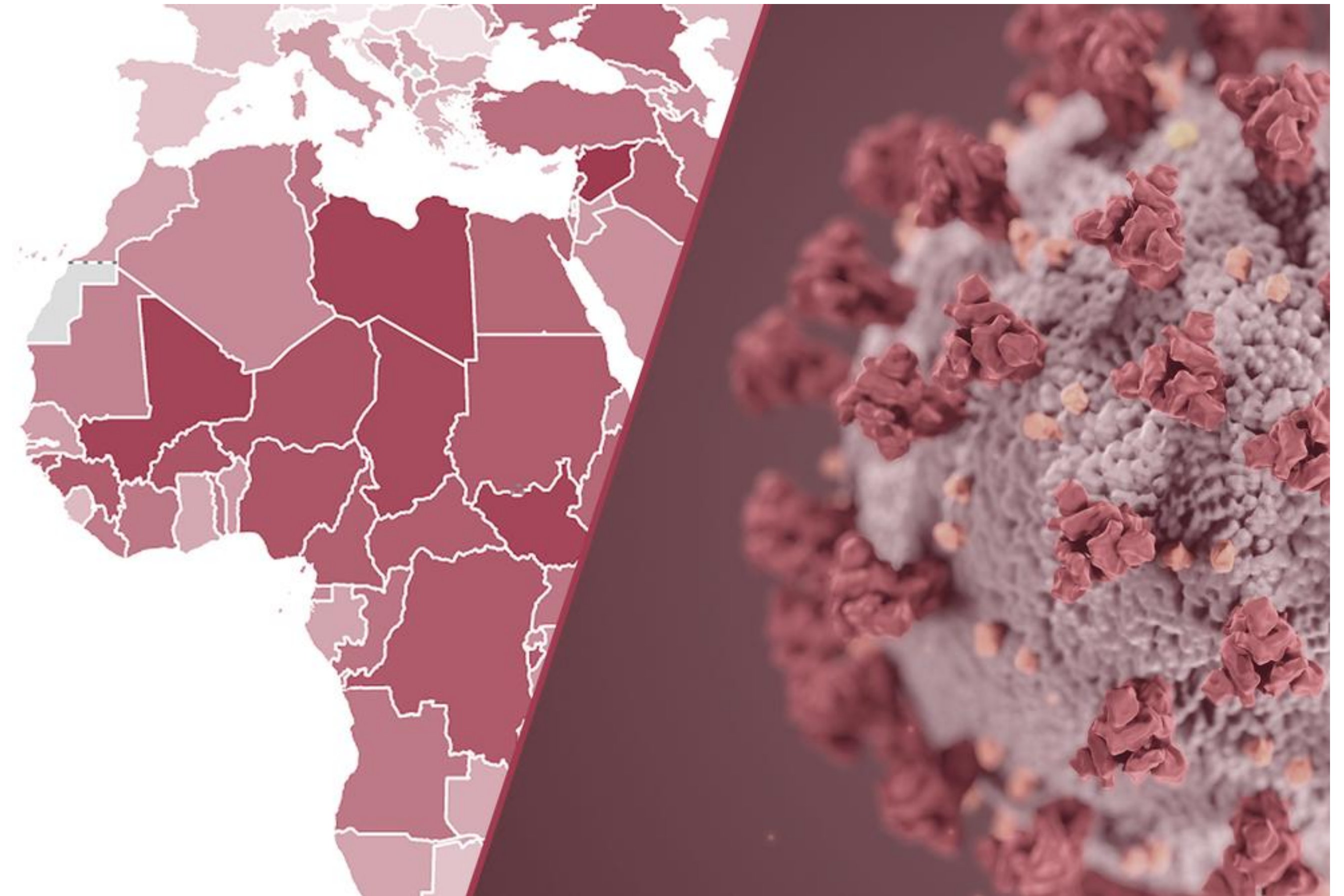
## 5. COVIDaction





# Supporting Innovative Responses to the impact of COVID-19

COVIDaction, a partnership between Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) - *formerly DFID* Frontier Technology Hub, Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub), UCL Institute of Healthcare Engineering worked to build a technology and innovation pipeline to support action related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on Africa.





## 6. Project Rollo



Supported by the UNDP and Africa Union.



## A case for new support models

African Entrepreneurship Ecosystem have grown fast in the last decade in many industries. However, the support system models for small businesses have always been inspired and developed from outside the continent. Support systems like coworking spaces, incubators, hackathons, and accelerators normally address and fit only formal businesses that have a different level of maturity, different macro and micro-economics and different market outlooks and different investments needs. For the last few years, we noticed that African businesses need a new model that respects the local context, level of maturity, background and local education, growth of business, and response to local risk and crises. This was clear when the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic affected Small African Businesses and the ecosystem shutdown.

Project Rollo is a capacity building program dedicated to supporting Medium and Small African Enterprises facing challenges to survive after the COVID-19 outbreak and to provide evidence-based policy guidance on the most impactful stimulus packages and the creation of new support models using evidence-based data gathered through the innovative Rollo21 simulation model on MSMEs. The pilot stage of the project took place in Senegal, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Sudan and Egypt.



## 7. AGA Innovation Challenge - Accelerator Training: Democracy And Governance In Africa





# The Virtual Acceleration Program

The African Union - African Governance Architecture (AGA) organized a Youth Innovation Challenge which called for African innovators, incubation centers as well as innovation hubs with initiatives that contribute to democracy and good governance. Applications were sent in from across Africa and the diaspora, a total of 20 innovators were shortlisted to receive support beginning from a one-week intensive virtual accelerator program. The virtual accelerator program was implemented under the AGA - COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) joint project on youth engagement in democratic governance and sociology economic development processes in Africa in support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The virtual accelerator was developed and executed by AfriLabs from the 23rd to 30th November 2020.

The one-week virtual accelerator program aims to grow the participating innovators and their innovations. This will entail bringing onboard experts as facilitators and coaches and making available crucial industry, technical and business knowledge to the innovators. The program consists of:

- A joint goal setting session with innovators and their coaches
- One-week intensive virtual training sessions
- Daily coach check-ins with innovators
- An inspirational talk session by top industry professionals
- A Pitch Day
- Follow-on coaching, the intensity of which will be decided based on each innovator's performance and needs.



# 7. The AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship



## AU DIGITAL AND INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

4:30 - 5:30 PM EAT

2:30 - 3:30PM WAT

**Registration:**

<https://bit.ly/AUDigitalInnovationProg>

    [www.au.int](http://www.au.int)







# The AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship

The African Union launched the AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship program on September 20, 2021, together with its partners, [GIZ](#) and [AfriLabs](#). The launch included the participation of key representatives from the AU Commission and focus departments, BMZ, GIZ, AfriLabs, AfriLabs member hubs and other key players from the African innovation ecosystem.

The AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship program will identify and deploy highly competent tech innovators within the African continent to departments within the African Union Headquarters and organs as 'resident fellows' to understand the system and processes within those departments and organs; identify challenges within the system and propose solutions to these challenges.

The Fellows will be expected to co-create and build innovative tailor-made products and processes that improve the delivery of the African Union's mandate especially in the context of good governance and citizens engagement. Additionally, the program will seek to facilitate conditions for building the internal capacity of the host African Union organs in the long term.

The program will last for a period of 12 months and is fully implemented by AfriLabs.





## Past Projects





## 2011-2018

- Virtual Incubation across East Africa - InfoDev (2013)
- Digital Job Challenge to identify enterprises that create digital jobs - Rockefeller (2014)
- Crowdfunding Bootcamps in South Africa & Kenya - 1% Club (2015)
- Tech Hubs and Social Innovation in Africa - Open Society Initiative for West Africa (2015)
- Microsoft training for entrepreneurs in Ghana and Nigeria on the use of Microsoft Azure and BizSpark - Microsoft4Afrika (2016 and 2017)
- Facebook Innovation Challenge to engage innovation labs and developers in its Internet.org - Facebook (2016 and 2017)
- ICT4SI West Africa Workshop to provide a platform for cross sector collaboration across various sectors - SPIDER (2017)
- YAS Activation Program to promote the YAS! (Youth for Africa and SDGs) portal - UNDP (2018)
- Capacity Building Webinars informing innovation hubs in AfriLabs network about clients's products or services that are of benefits - IBM, Amazon and World Bank (2018)
- The Next Economy Project, a 3 year programme aimed at training and inspiring 4200 youths in Mali, Nigeria and Somalia through capacity building and events - 1%Club (2016-2018)



## 2019-Date

- AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP) - Development phase with AFD, Digital Africa, Afric'Innov, Strathmore University and ABAN
- The Global EdTech Hub with The University of Cambridge, The Overseas Development Institute, Results for Development, Brink, Jigsaw, Open Development and Education, INJINI, e-Learning Africa and BRAC.
- The Catalytic Africa, a programme to support the African startup ecosystem while addressing the various gaps associated with funding for startups. Development phase with ABAN.
- Hub Academy, an initiative which aims to provide a learning platform to AfriLabs member hubs, so that, they may offer training and upskilling support to their communities. Development phase with Liquid Telecoms.
- Open Database, an Open Data platform for the African entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem linked to Pan-African, regional and national economic goals and development agendas such as the SDG and Agenda 2063 goals, and is optimised for further supporting economic and development growth in Africa. Development phase with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).





## Research and Reports





# AfriLabs-Briter Bridges Innovation Ecosystem Report

In 2019, AfriLabs and Briter Bridges conducted a quantitative and qualitative study of a hundred hubs in Africa. The study gives insights into the role of tech hubs in the African Innovation/Startup Ecosystem. Read full report [here](#).



## BUILDING A CONDUCTIVE SETTING FOR INNOVATORS TO THRIVE

A QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE STUDY OF A HUNDRED HUBS ACROSS AFRICA

October 2019

BY AFRILABS AND BRITER BRIDGES





# AfriLabs Capacity Building Needs Assessment

A needs assessment was carried out to ascertain the specific needs of ESOs, entrepreneurs and investors in order to better target support and interventions on the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme. The outcome of the assessment revealed trends and insights on issues bordering the success of ESOs, entrepreneurs, and investors in the African ecosystem as well as recommendations on how to change the narrative moving forward.

[Link to the publication.](#)

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Trends and insights from ESOs,  
entrepreneurs, and investors

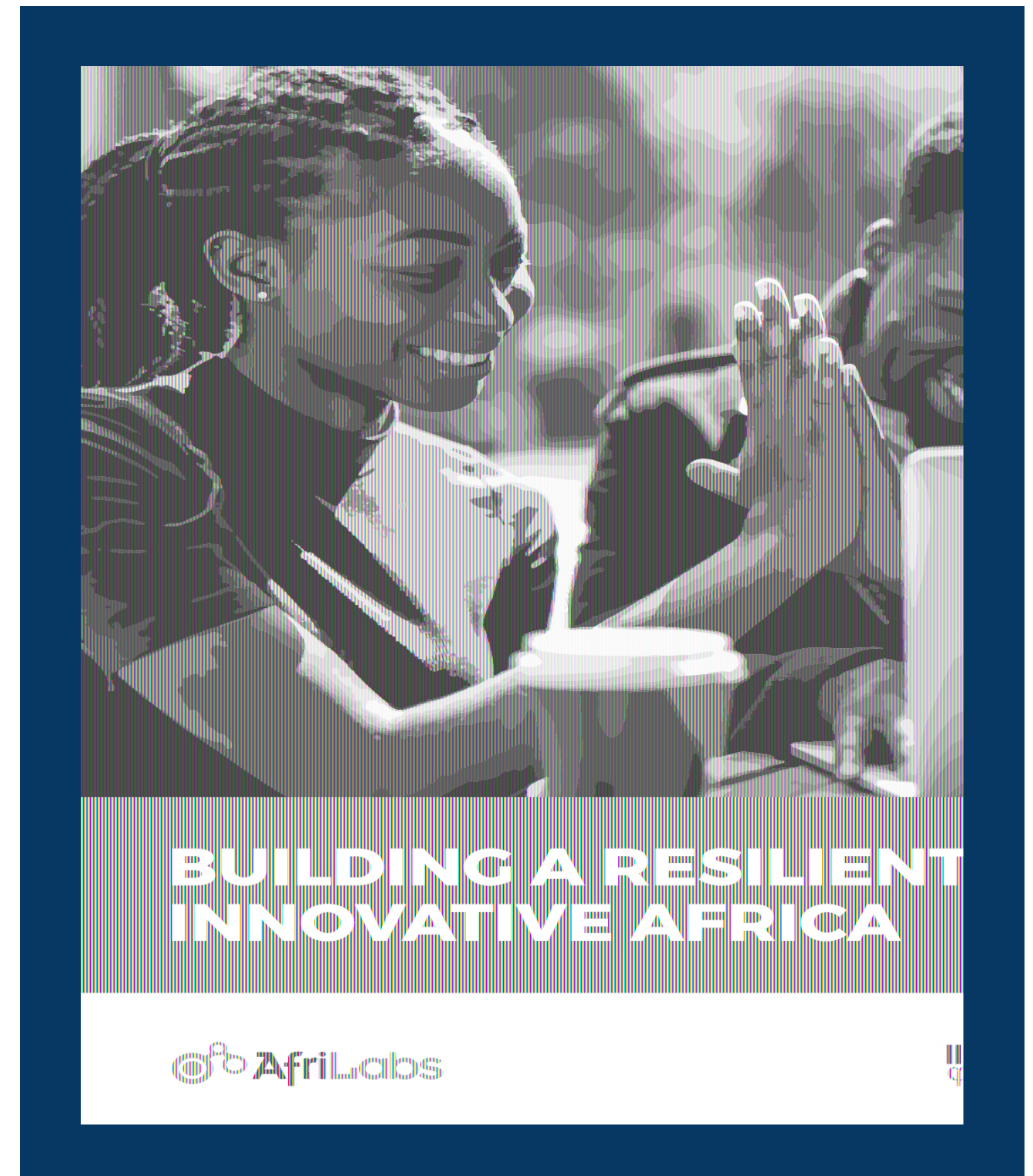




# AfriLabs and Djembe Consultants Insights Report on Building a Resilient Innovative Africa in a COVID-19 World

AfriLabs and Djembe Consultants developed a report on the future of African innovation amidst a backdrop of a global pandemic. The Report is themed 'Building a Resilient Innovative Africa' in line with the focus of the 5th AfriLabs Virtual Annual Gathering from October 12 to 14, 2020.

The Report will cover trends and opportunities in technology and enterprise, the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the framing of a regional policy discussion around African innovation – crucial dialogues in the quest towards realizing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the region-wide socio-economic objectives set out in the African Union Agenda 2063 in the post-COVID economy. Read the report [here](#).





# AfriLabs and Mozilla Roundtables With African Innovation Ecosystem Stakeholders

Mozilla and AfriLabs undertook exploratory research in the form of round table discussions to better understand the ecosystem, explore and identify new product ideas that solve real-life issues. The discussions were hosted as part of Mozilla's efforts to reinvest within the African tech ecosystem and support local innovators with scalable ideas that have the potential to impact across the continent.

[Read report here.](#)





# Bolstering Innovators in Africa 2021 Report

AfriLabs and Briter Bridges collaborate to publish a second edition of the report on the state of innovation support system in Africa. This report was supported by FMO Ventures.

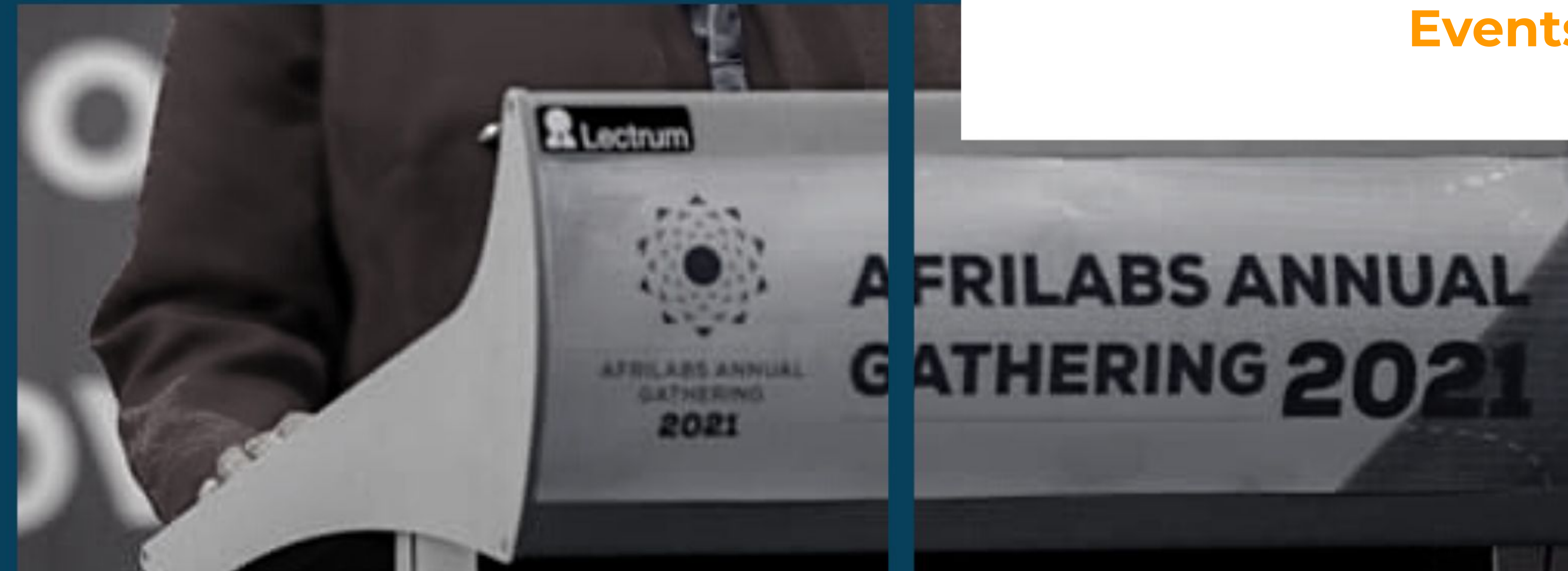
[Read report here.](#)







## Events





# 1. AfriLabs Annual Gathering In Africa

[The AfriLabs Annual Gathering](#) provides a unique opportunity for hubs in the AfriLabs network and other stakeholders in the African tech ecosystem to convene, network, share knowledge around a common theme and build partnerships.

The Annual Gathering was held in Ghana in 2016, in Egypt in 2017, in Tanzania in 2018 and in Ethiopia in 2019 which brought together over 500 key stakeholders of the African technology, innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem from the public and private sectors, to network and share knowledge.

[The 5th Afrilabs Annual Gathering](#) held on 12th to 14th October 2020, which was the first virtual edition of the Afrilabs Annual Gathering. Our decision is informed by advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), as well as leading global and local health authorities.





# 2019 AfriLabs Annual Gathering

The 4th Edition of the AfriLabs Annual Gathering held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 26-28 October 2019. In partnership with the Africa Union, the Gathering focused on connecting players of the African innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, which includes hubs, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, academia, venture capitalists, development agencies, investors, governments as well as business development organisations, creatives amongst others. Over 350 leaders and decision makers of these stakeholder groups were present and new initiatives for the African Tech Ecosystem were launched. They include the Catalyst, AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme and EdTech Hub.





# 2020 AfriLabs Annual Gathering

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its enormous impact on Africa and the world at large, a unanimous decision to make the 5th edition of the AfriLabs Annual Gathering virtual was reached by the AfriLabs Board. This decision was heavily influenced by the advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), as well as leading global and local health authorities. The Gathering themed “Building a Resilient Innovative Africa” held from the 12th-14th October 2020 and was sponsored by the AFD through the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme, Mozilla, KTN Global amongst other partners . It was an exciting unique experience that transcended the borders of the norm and broke the conventional virtual expectations. Over 15 exhibitors and 20 speakers, the Gathering is a proof of the resilience of the AfriLabs community. The Gathering had over 1200 participants over the course of three days.





# 2021 AfriLabs Annual Gathering

The AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2021 marks a monumental milestone for the African technology and Innovation Ecosystem as AfriLabs celebrates her 10th year Anniversary. The Gathering held in Abuja, Nigeria from the 27th - 29th October 2021.

The event featured interesting activities such as a celebratory gala dinner hosted by the Vice president of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, interesting panel discussions and workshops, ACBP awards, signing of partnerships with UNDP Accelerator Labs, AU-Tech Fellowship and Honoris United Universities, a tour of specific innovation centres in Abuja amongst others





# Highlights of the 2021 AfriLabs Annual Gathering



*AfriLabs 10th Anniversary Gala hosted by the Vice President of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo at the State house in Abuja, Nigeria.*



*Representative of Impact Lab Morocco and Icode Ghana receiving their awards as winners of the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme awards during the Anniversary Gala in Abuja, Nigeria*



# Highlights of the 2021 AfriLabs Annual Gathering



*Signing of partnership agreement between Honoris United Universities and AfriLabs at the Nile University, Nigeria.*



*Signing of Partnership agreement between AfriLabs and UNDP Accelerator Labs. L-R: Williams Tsuma, Senior Advisor Crisis Prevention & Recovery, UNDP, Anna Ekeledo, AfriLabs Executive Director, Rebecca Enonchong, former AfriLabs Board Chair, and Moetaz Helmy, AfriLabs Board Chair.*



*Induction ceremony of AU Digital and Innovation fellows in Abuja, Nigeria. A cross section of AfriLabs Reps, AU reps, Giz Rep and fellows.*



## 2. AfriLabs Candid Conversations

These are online panel sessions where leaders of the technology and innovation ecosystem in Africa share their knowledge and experience with the community on important and sensitive issues on how African innovation enablers, policymakers, donors and other stakeholders can do better for the innovation economy in Africa.

An Online Panel Session



**A CANDID CONVERSATION:**  
HOW CAN HUBS SURMOUNT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?



**Moderator**  
**Nekesa Were**  
Board Member, AfriLabs

**Panelists**



**Kudzai Mubaiwa**  
Strategy Lead, iZone Hub  
Harare Zimbabwe



**Khalid Mohamed Ali**  
Co-Founder/Chair Person,  
Impact Hub Khartoum Sudan



**Kola Aina**  
Founding Partner, Ventures  
Platform Abuja Nigeria



**Fatoumata Niang Niox**  
Executive Director, Jokkolabs  
Dakar Senegal

Register here:  
[bit.ly/AfriLabsPanelSession](https://bit.ly/AfriLabsPanelSession)

22nd of April 2020 at 11:00 GMT

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## Advisory Roles





## Consortium Member, LEAP-RE

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN for the 2015-2030 period intends to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda, Goal 7 is fully dedicated to energy, with the objective of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. Yet, much remains to be done before renewable energy is the main source of power in Africa and Europe. For 5 years (2020-2025), the LEAP-RE programme will seek to create a long-term partnership of African and European stakeholders in a quadruple helix approach: government (programme owners and funding agencies), research and academia, private sector, and civil society.

[Learn more](#)





## Member of African European Digital Innovation Bridge

African European Digital Innovation Bridge – AEDIB aims to connect and develop digital innovation ecosystems in Africa and Europe, thereby creating high-quality solutions for SDG challenges and boosting a resilient digital economy.





## Member of Strategy Group on Digital, Africa Europe Foundation - Friends of Europe

The Africa Europe Foundation Strategy Groups are mandated to build a commonality of purpose from the complexity of diverging perspectives and approaches across priority domains of partnership; enlarge the Africa-Europe partnership to new and diverse actors; unlock dormant opportunities; leverage joint partnership action; open up space for fresh policy thinking, strategic foresight and a holistic rethink of critical sectors for multilateral cooperation; and reinforce Africa-EU on the international stage.

[Learn more](#)





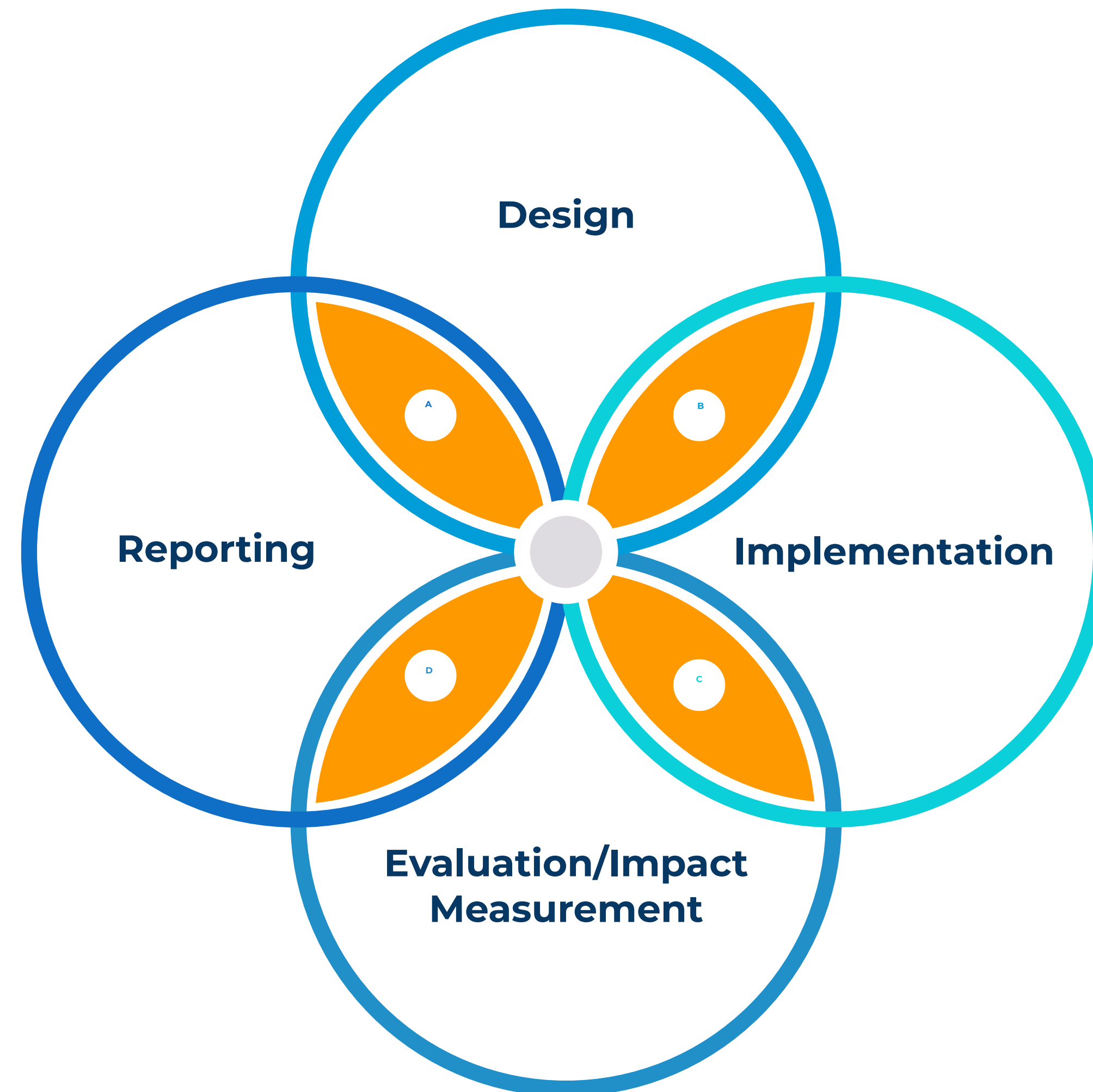


## Clients & Partners – Our Approach



# Consulting

We help organizations and governments design and implement ecosystem initiatives, research, and programs across Africa







We interact with clients and partners via our consulting arm. AfriLabs Consulting deploys world-class Affiliate Consultants sourced from across our network of African innovation and technology organizations to deliver expert knowledge and services to organizations looking to gain valuable insights, craft strategies or deliver projects on a country, regional and global scale, in key sectors. Our involvement in the consulting value chain guarantees access to verified talents only and compliance with project quality and timeline.

Furthermore, clients gain access to exclusive discounts across supporting services and facilities offered by us and partner organizations.

We cover key sectors of the African and global economy like Agriculture, Education, Finance, ICT, Energy etc. We have the capacity to deliver on key technology, entrepreneurship and research projects in line with clients' sector-specific and general requests.





Impact





# Over 50% Annual Growth of Member Hubs Size & Capacity

1 million+ large community of hubs and startups in the African Tech Ecosystem

- reached and engaged in AfriLabs programmes and activities

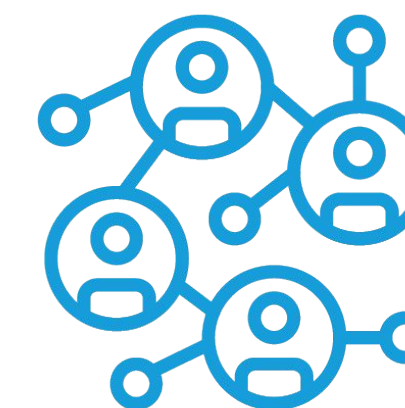
268 member hubs and 3 national networks

- Collaborating across all sectors on innovation projects and activities as part of the AfriLabs network

Influencing policy in 5 African countries



**1 million+ large  
community of hubs**



**268 member hubs**



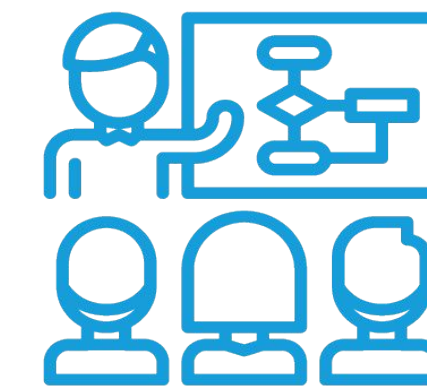
**3 National Network**



# Over 2000 innovation enablers trained across Africa in 2020

- Over 2,000 members of the innovation enablers community in 56 countries and the 5 regions of Africa have been trained on how they can better support startups.
- 12 attendees from the workshops were given the total of 24,000 euros to host virtual meetup grants focused on different areas of stakeholder engagement.
- Over 1200 stakeholders have been engaged through the Virtual Meetup Grants and 58% of these stakeholders are females.

This was carried out under the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme by the AFD under the Digital Africa Seed Fund.



**2,000+ trained to support startups**



**12 workshop participants given 2,000 euros in grants to host meetups**



**3 National Network**



# 279,000 Euros in grants given to community members in 2020

- 17 hubs in 12 countries in the different regions of Africa were selected to execute 13 projects under the AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme.
- 212 startups have been supported (business development support, mentoring, funding so far through the Capacity Building Awards. 78% of these startups are female-led.
- So far 1268 individuals have been supported via trainings and mentoring activities through the Capacity Building Awards of which 89% are women.

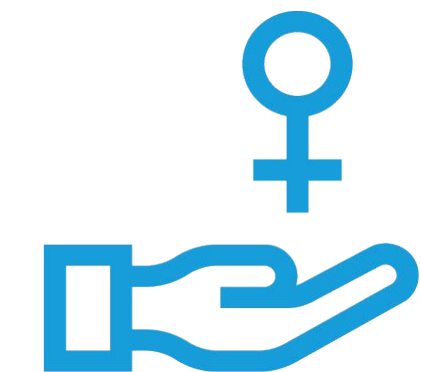
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**279,000 USD in  
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community in 2020**



**Diverse winners of  
grants**



**Supporting women  
empowerment  
programmes**



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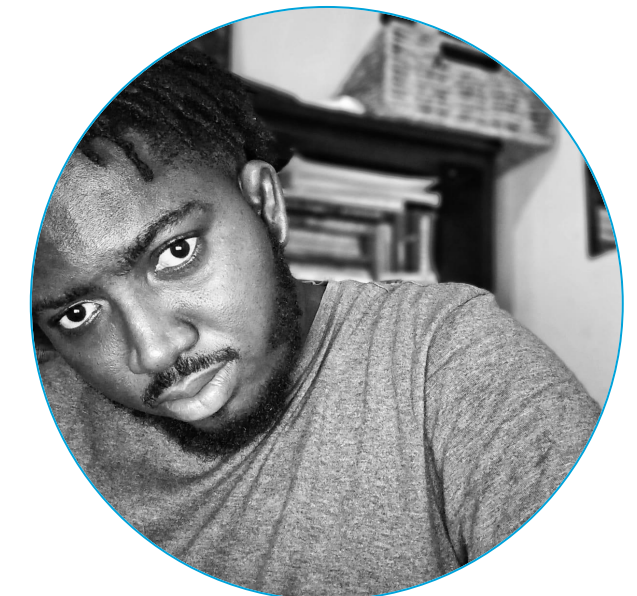
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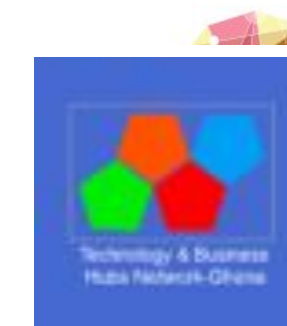
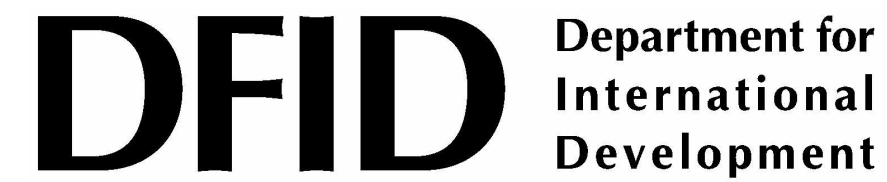
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