



# AfriLabs

Network of Technology and Innovation Hubs Across Africa

# Who We Are



AfriLabs is a networking organisation that supports over 300 Innovation Centers across 52 African countries, was founded in 2011 to build a community around the rapidly emerging technology hubs in Africa.

Hubs are centres that provide support to African entrepreneurs, innovators, developers and youth, 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.



"The tech hubs role of providing access to training and networking to startups could be more important than raising money"

**Rebecca Enonchong**  
Board Chair, AfriLabs (2017-2021)



## Vision



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

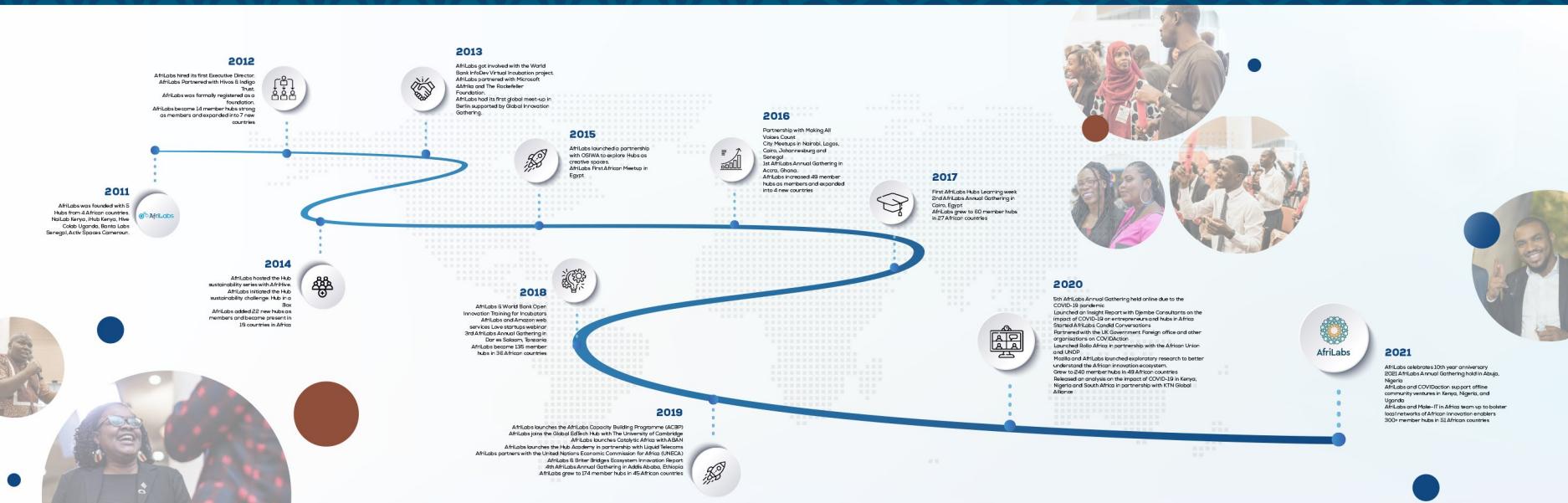
## Mission



To support 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, access to market, talent, learning &  
development, fellowships & internships, policy  
advocacy, providing insightful and reliable data.

# Our History

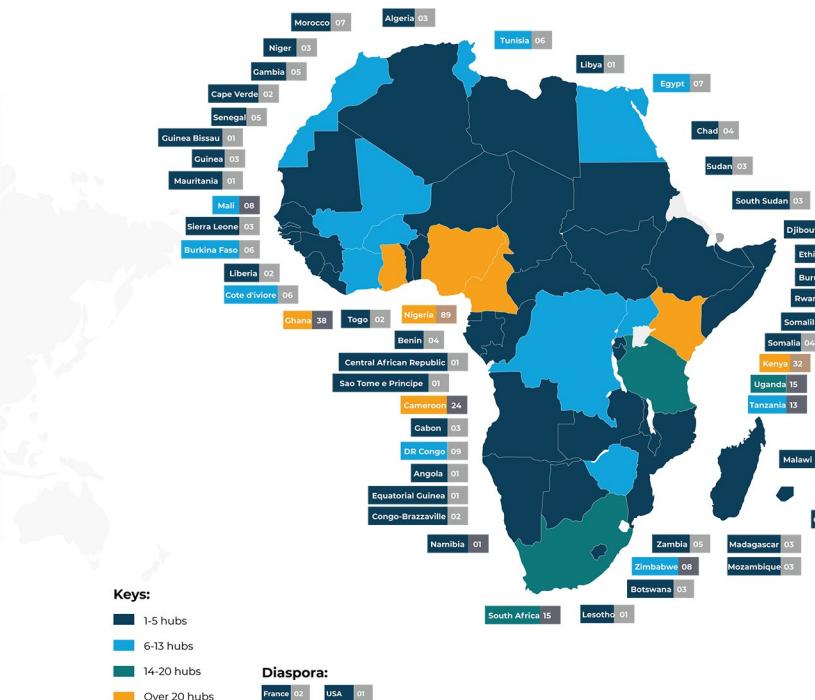
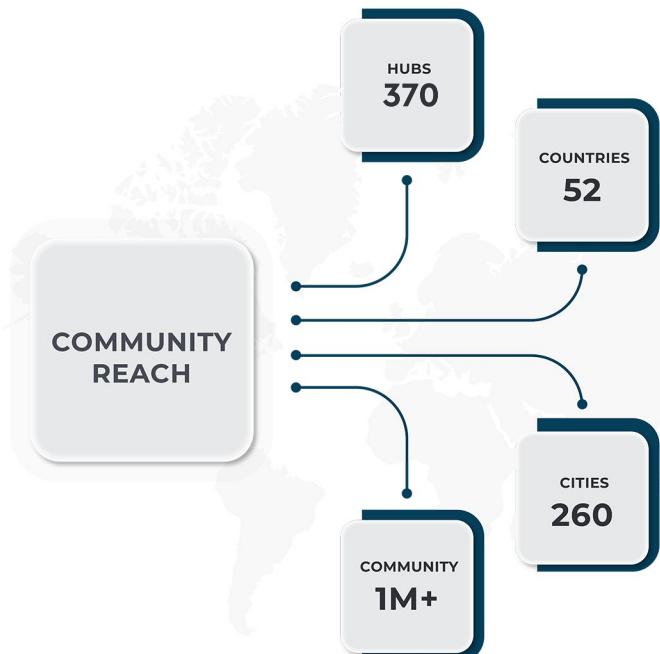




# Our Community



# AFRILABS 370 MEMBER HUBS IN 52 AFRICAN COUNTRIES

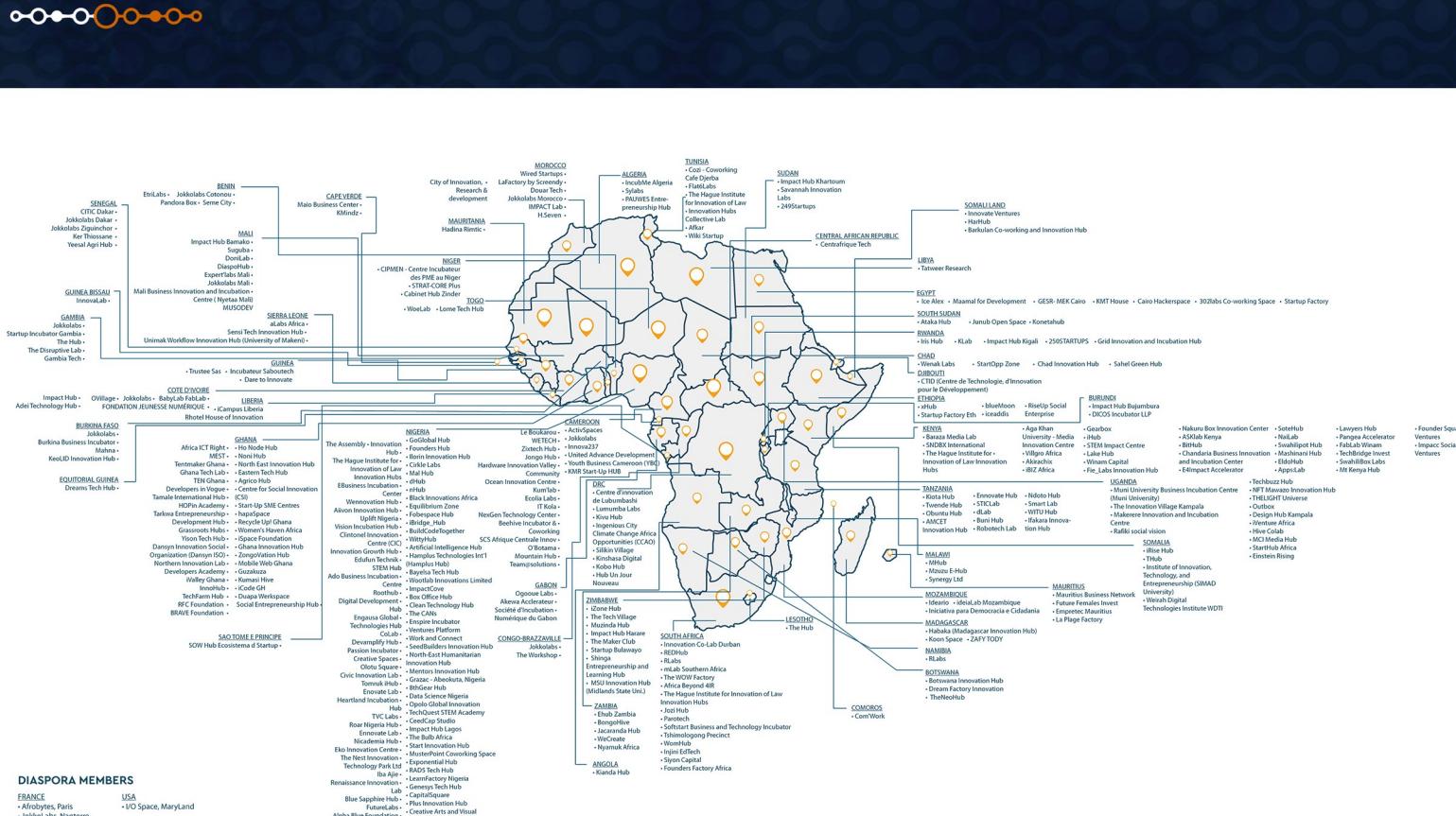


## The Largest Pan-African Network of Technology/ Innovation Hubs in Africa

# AFRILABS REACH



# AFRICANS NETWORK MEMBERS ACROSS AFRICA



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# Our Services



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## ECOSYSTEM ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- ACCESS TO TALENT
- LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- STARTUP SUPPORT
- POLICY ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENTS
- ECOSYSTEM EVENTS
- PROGRAMME DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

2

## CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT / CORPORATE SERVICES

- CORPORATE AFFILIATE PROGRAMME
- CSR OUTSOURCING FOR SOCIAL IMPACT
- CHANNELING INNOVATION
- FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

3

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- ECOSYSTEM RESEARCH PROJECTS
- DATA AND INSIGHTS

4

## CONSULTING AND ADVISORY

- FUNDS MANAGEMENT
- MARKET ENTRY

# STRATEGIC PARTNERS



# EVENT PARTNERS



Universität  
Basel



A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER





# Active Programmes & Partnerships



## AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP)

Description	Features	Impact/Results so far
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AfriLabs Capacity Building Programme (ACBP), A 2m euro, 36-month intensive capacity building program, being implemented thanks to Agence Française de Développement (AFD)'s support through the Digital Africa seed fund.</li> <li>● The programme aims to strengthen hubs so that they can attract investments and run local and regional impact-driven programs that will support entrepreneurs and startups and contribute to growing the African innovation ecosystem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 Quarterly Hubs Learning Week,</li> <li>● 30 Physical Workshops in 15 convening African cities.</li> <li>● Funds Disbursement Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Capacity Building Awards (of 15,00 euros per selected innovation hub/centre)</li> <li>● Virtual Meetup Grants (of 2,000 euros per selected innovation hub/centre).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hub Management certification course.</li> <li>● Hubs-in-Residence Toolkits on business development and investment management.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>3,029 of Hub managers and staff trained</b> in the past year on relevant topics ranging from financial management, effective mentoring, preparing their startups to be investment ready and other topics relevant to building successful startups</p>  <p><b>249 Startups supported</b> through business development trainings, funding, mentoring, digital profiling and other capacity building activities. 211 of them are startups.</p>  <p><b>2,738 Participants trained, 74.8% being female participants trained</b> and supported through series 3 to 5 of the Virtual Meetup grants.</p>  <p><b>21 Hubs</b> that participated in the Capacity Building Awards Programme attracted additional funding.</p>

### Description

The Smart Cities Innovation Programme (SCIP) is a programme that focuses on the development of solutions for the areas of smart housing, smart mobility, and fintech for the affordability of smart cities with the aim of strengthening local innovation in smart cities and communities and to network these innovations with international business partners.

The programme has a pan-African orientation, with a strong base in Rwanda. This increases the chances of receiving high-quality start-ups, whilst strengthening Rwanda as a hub and home for businesses. Therefore – adopting a long-term approach – the core objective of this measure is to foster local, scalable innovations that will ultimately generate jobs in Rwanda and beyond.

### Features

- Selection of participating startups in the Smart City Innovation Ecosystem.
- Virtual Bootcamp
- Physical Bootcamp in Kigali, Rwanda
- Mentoring and coaching support
- Innovation Ecosystem Engagement

### Impact/Results so far



**31 smart city innovators from across Africa** were selected for the programme, culled from over 300 applications.



**54 participants from the 31 targeted startups** were trained in a 5-day virtual bootcamp by 10 experienced experts with the participation of 4 partner organisations (AWS, Siemens, Angaza Capital and Finca Ventures).



**31 startups to be matched with seasoned mentors** from within the AfriLabs network and other partner organisations.



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<p>The Afri-Plastics Challenge is a prize funded by the Canadian Government; an element of the \$100-million Marine Litter Mitigation Fund announced by Prime Minister Trudeau at the G7 Leaders' Summit in Charlevoix in June 2018.</p> <p>The Challenge aims to reduce marine plastics in Sub-Saharan African countries by developing and scaling innovative solutions to plastic mismanagement. It involves a public competition that will reward the best solutions to addressing marine plastic litter in developing countries in a way that promotes gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.</p> <p>The winning prize will directly distribute CA\$14,500,000 as Financial support and CA\$1,000,000+ in a non-financial (capacity building) support to innovators (those participating in the challenge) in the target communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stream 1: SME Outreach</li><li>● Stream 2: Ideation</li><li>● Stream 3: Community Outreach</li></ul>	<p><b>238 applications</b> were registered for the challenge from organisations and innovators across sub-Saharan Africa via AfriLabs campaign/outreach, 38 of which were received from offline communities.</p> <p> <b>Over 250,000 impressions</b> were generated from the overall campaign , championed by AfriLabs.</p> <p> <b>11 organisations</b> confirmed applications due to the outreach.</p>

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<p>AEDIHB has the objective to strengthen a common African European digital innovation ecosystem by supporting local digital innovation and startup ecosystems in Africa and facilitating the collaboration between European and African Digital Innovation Hubs.</p> <p>AfriLabs is a member of the African-European Digital Innovation Hub Bridge, a consortium led by GIZ with 13 ecosystem partners across Europe and Africa, playing a major role in building evidence and sustainability of the Digital and Entrepreneurship Skills (DES) Academy programme, which will specifically target the needs of African vulnerable groups in Uganda and Senegal, thereby strengthening the pan-African and African-European digital innovation partnerships as well as synergies between innovation ecosystems in Africa and Europe to widen sustainable impact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ecosystem mapping &amp; policy framework</li> <li>● Digital and Entrepreneurship Skills (DES) Academy for marginalised groups</li> <li>● Marketplace for digital innovation in Africa</li> <li>● Trans-continental cooperation of innovators and DIHs</li> </ul>	<p> <b>Develop policy co-creation tools</b> and skills for start-ups and entrepreneurs and create online policy dialogues in national innovation networks</p> <p> <b>Address the needs of marginalised youth, women and vulnerable groups</b> by enhancing their inclusion and possibilities in entrepreneurship by raising their digital and entrepreneurship capacities.</p> <p> <b>3 African Digital Innovation Hubs</b> will be established and operated in the areas of Smart Cities, Climate Smart Agriculture and Digital Trade. It will be developed to act as digital and physical one-stop shops for digital innovation activities or start-ups and SMEs</p> <p> <b>New partnerships</b> will be created and fostered among African and European entrepreneurs, start-ups, ICT professionals, investors and diaspora communities.</p>

# EdTech Hub

Description	Features	Impact/Results so far
<p>The EdTech Hub is a consortium of partners funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) – formerly DFID, the World Bank and the Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation, The EdTech Hub seeks to help improve education technology in developing countries. AfriLabs is a regional partner of The EdTech Hub.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sandboxes Implementation</li><li>● Reports</li></ul>	<p> Implemented 1 and supported the implementation of 2 other sandboxes in the COVID-19 portfolio of sandboxes.</p> <p> Facilitated ecosystem engagement activities of 3 sandboxes (2 in Tanzania and 1 in Sierra Leone) in the new sandbox portfolio.</p> <p> Published a report on insights from the AfriLabs-led Mango Tree sandbox.</p> <p> Contributed to the development of the final insights report for the COVID-19 portfolio of sandboxes.</p> <p> Implemented the Study of EdTech Procurement, Business Models and Investment in Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania.</p>

## AU Digital and Innovation Fellowship Program

Description	Features	Impact/Results so far
<p>The African Union Digital and Innovation Fellowship Program is a 12-month program targeted at identifying and deploying 10 highly competent tech innovators from the African continent to units and organs within the African Union headquarters as resident fellows to understand the system within those units, identify data management challenges within the systems and solve the challenges identified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Selection of 10 fellows on the program.</li><li>● Capacity Building and Support</li><li>● Mentoring &amp; Peer-to-peer Learning</li><li>● Learning Tour (in partnership with Tech4Germany)</li><li>● Events and Networking.</li><li>● All-expense-paid Trips</li><li>● Certification.</li></ul>	<p> <b>Internal Capacity:</b> Internal capacity enhanced within the African Union and its organs.</p> <p> <b>Closer Ecosystem Relationship:</b> A closer relationship between the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Innovation Ecosystem with at least three projects/partnerships established.</p> <p> <b>Process:</b> At least one policy and/or participation process enhanced within the context of good governance.</p> <p> <b>Products:</b> New products co-created and (at least 3) built to enhance the work of the AU and its organs with the engagement of citizens.</p>



# LEAP-RE

## LEAP-RE Programme

### Description

LEAP-RE programme seeks 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.

Impact will be sought by creating a framework, methodology, and cooperation model. The aim is to reduce fragmentation by aligning existing bilateral and multilateral frameworks. LEAP-RE will establish and jointly implement research, innovation, and capacity-building activities in the renewable energy sector.

### Features

- **Pillar 1:** External Research Funding and Capacity Building Activities.
- **Pillar 2:** 8 Key Projects – Internal Consortium Research and Innovation Projects and Capacity Building Activities.
- **Pillar 3:** Management, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation and Development of the Future Long-term Partnership.

### Impact/Results so far

**Mobilisation:** Mobilise the relevant African Union (AU) & European Union (EU) knowledge communities and other stakeholders to address key renewable energy challenges for AU-EU.



**New Knowledge:** Contribute to the production of new knowledge, innovations, technology, products, and/or services in renewable energy topics of strategic relevance to AU-EU collaboration.



**Transition to Renewable Energy:** Accelerate the inclusive transition to reliable and affordable renewable energy.



# The Africa Reimagine Open Innovation Project

Description	Features	Impact/Results so far
<p>The project seeks to convene a broad group of innovators, thinkers, builders and influencers from the public and private sector to engage and take action through listening, creating a knowledge base, making policy recommendations and surfacing new product ideas from across the Africa continent: Some of the partners in this conference include: Thomas Reuters Foundation, Smart Africa, Lawyers Hub, Hasgeek, AUDA/NEPAD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Pillar 1:</b> External Research Funding and Capacity Building Activities.</li><li>● <b>Pillar 2:</b> 8 Key Projects – Internal Consortium Research and Innovation Projects and Capacity Building Activities.</li><li>● <b>Pillar 3:</b> Management, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation and Development of the Future Long-term Partnership.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Potential startups to be funded by Mozilla identified through 5 regional webinars.</li><li>● Innovation hubs, startups and entrepreneurs within the ecosystem trained on Lean Data Practices.</li><li>● Innovative and Tech ideas identified for potential funding through 3 Mentoring sessions held</li><li>● Collaborate on designing an innovation portal that will include a body of knowledge and information about the innovation/startup ecosystem in the region in collaboration with Mozilla and other partners.</li><li>● Publications and blog posts addressing and proffering solutions to the needs identified within the ecosystem.</li><li>● Policy papers addressing issues relating to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in collaboration with Africa Mradi partners.</li><li>● African Continental Free Trade Area ( AfCFTA) extracts translated into at least 2 African languages (including Kiswahili and one other language).</li></ul>

## Civil Society and Media- Strengthened Together and Advancing in New Directions (CSM -STAND):

Description	Features	Impact/Results so far
<p>The aim of CSM-STAND is to identify and foster effective approaches to strengthen civic engagement and independent media and increase the use of these approaches by USAID Missions, civil society, and independent media actors in support of DRG-related and other development results.</p> <p>The ceiling for this program is up to \$452,500,000 (\$2,500,000 for the Leader Award and up to \$450,000,000 for Associate Awards and buy-ins from USAID Missions, Bureaus, and other Operating Units).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Awards</li><li>● Leader Awards</li><li>● Associate Awards</li></ul>	<p> Build civil society and independent media capacity and leadership to constructively engage in civic space</p> <p> Provide DRG Sector with Cutting-edge Technical Resources and Adaptable Program Options</p> <p> Operationalize and effectively manage a broad-based, diverse consortium for LA implementation</p>

# 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)



## 2019–2020

- 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).



A black and white photograph of a woman with braided hair tied up in a bun, speaking into a microphone. She is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. Behind her, a person holds up a large sheet of paper with handwritten text. The text on the paper includes "Training -", "Celebration of Resilience", "- It's been a few months", and "Perhaps when having lost it".

# Research and Reports



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

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 Knowledge Transfer Network(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.

### 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.](#)

### 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. The study identified 643 hubs which includes coworking spaces, incubators, accelerators, and hybrid innovation hubs affiliated with government, universities, or corporates across Africa. Read full report [here](#).



## 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' 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. Download 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 more about the initiative [here](#). Information from these roundtables are to be published in 2021.



## Bolstering innovators in Africa

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](#).

A photograph of a large, diverse audience at what appears to be a political or public event. In the foreground, a man in a dark suit is smiling and holding up a smartphone to take a picture. To his right, a woman with glasses and a colorful patterned top is looking towards the stage. Behind them, many other people are seated, some looking forward and others looking at their phones. A blue banner with white text is visible in the background, though the text is partially cut off.

# Events



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.



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



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

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



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.

An Online Panel Session



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

**Moderator**  
Nécéssis Were  
Board Member, AfriLabs

**Panelists**

 Kudzai Mubaiwa Strategy Lead, Izone Hub Izane Zimbabwe	 Khalid Mohamed Ali Co-Founder/Chair Person, Impact Hub Khartoum Sudan	 Kola Aina Founding Partner, Ventures Platform Africa Nigeria	 Fatoumata Niang Niox Executive Director, AfriLabs Senegal
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Register here:  
[bitly/AfriLabsPanelSession](https://bitly/AfriLabsPanelSession)

22nd of April 2020 at 11:00 GMT

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# 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.

A photograph of three men in professional attire. On the left, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, looks up at the center man. The center man has long, curly brown hair and is wearing a dark suit over a blue striped shirt. He is looking towards the right. On the right, a man with short, dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue suit, looks down at the center man. They appear to be in a professional setting, possibly a networking event or conference.

# Advisory Roles





# LEAP-RE

## 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.



**AFRICAN  
EUROPEAN  
DIGITAL  
INNOVATION  
BRIDGE**

## **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](#)

# Consulting & Advisory Services



## AfriLabs as a Consulting & Advisory Organisation



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.

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark blazer over a white collared shirt, is looking down at a smartphone she is holding in her hands. She is wearing large, circular, pinkish-purple earrings. The background is a solid reddish-brown.

# Platforms & Products



## 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.



**CATALYTIC  
AFRICA**

**ABAN**  
african business angel network

### **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

## Catalytic Africa: 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.



# AfriLabs Academy

## 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](#).



Meet the AfriLabs Management and Board

# Management Team



**ANNA EKELEDO**  
Executive Director



**AJIBOLA ODUKOYA**  
Chief Operating Officer



**NEKESA WERE**  
Director of Strategy



**NANKO MADU**  
Director of Programmes



**RAHEL CHUKWU**  
Operations, Human Resources  
& Francophone Engagement  
Manager

# Management Team



**JENNIFER  
OKEKE-OJIUDU**  
Ecosystem Events Manager



**FELISTA AKU**  
Partnerships Manager



**KENECHUKWU  
OSAKWE**  
Member Services Manager



**TESSY OMONE**  
Senior Executive Officer to  
the Executive Director



**Ajuma Mary Abah**  
PR & Communications  
Manager



**JOSHUA OMENA .A.**  
Ecosystem Creative  
Manager



**Wilson Woko Nnanyere**  
Finance Manager

# Our Board



**LINDA KWAMBOKA**  
Board Secretary

Entrepreneur in-residence at Strathmore University and Manager at iBizAfrica, Kenya



**MOETAZ HELMY**  
Board Chair  
Co-Founder of kmt house



**KUDZAI M. MUBAIWA**  
Board Treasurer  
Founder of iZone Hub, Zimbabwe



**Elodie Nonga**  
Francophone Representative  
Founder, WETech, Cameroon.



**DANIEL CHINAGOZI**  
Board Member

Founder and CEO of Innovation Growth Hub



**STEVE TCHOUMBA**  
Board Member

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