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Africa-Europe
innovation in action

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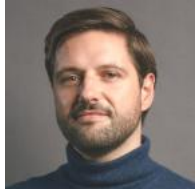
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Welcome!

Time	Agenda	Speakers
10 min	Opening remarks and overview of the agenda/AEIP activities	<i>Stephan Kreutzer (Project Coordinator), Technopolis Germany</i>
20 min	AU-EU Innovation Agenda and latest updates from the AU-EU Innovation Ecosystem	<i>Vincenzo Lorusso (DG RTD), Lukovi Seke (AUDA-NEPAD)</i>
20 min	Session 1: What is new on the digital space, what is coming up next	<i>Tendai Pasipamire (Enrich in Africa Center)</i>
30 min	Session 2: Highlights of our activities, including upcoming opportunities (thematic challenges, capacity building opportunities, Art4Change campaign)	<i>Stephan Kreutzer (Technopolis Germany), Covadonga Rayon (EBN), Agyemang Darko (AAU), Cidney Njeri (The Youth Cafe), Tobias Kunde (Technopolis Germany)</i>
5 min	Break	
30 min	Breakout Rooms (A) Communities of Practise (B) Twinning of Business Support Organisations + Thematic Challenge winners (C) Youth Entrepreneurship	<i>Agyemang Darko (AAU) Baluku Dounnah (AfriLabs), Tobias Kunde (Technopolis Germany) Cidney Njeri (The Youth Café)</i>
10 min	Closing Remarks	<i>Asuka Heltmann (Deputy Project Coordinator), Technopolis Germany</i>

Speakers



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Technopolis Germany*



Tendai Pasipamire
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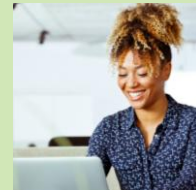
Tobias Kunde
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Lukovi Seke and Vincenzo Lorusso
*AUDA-NEPAD and European Commission,
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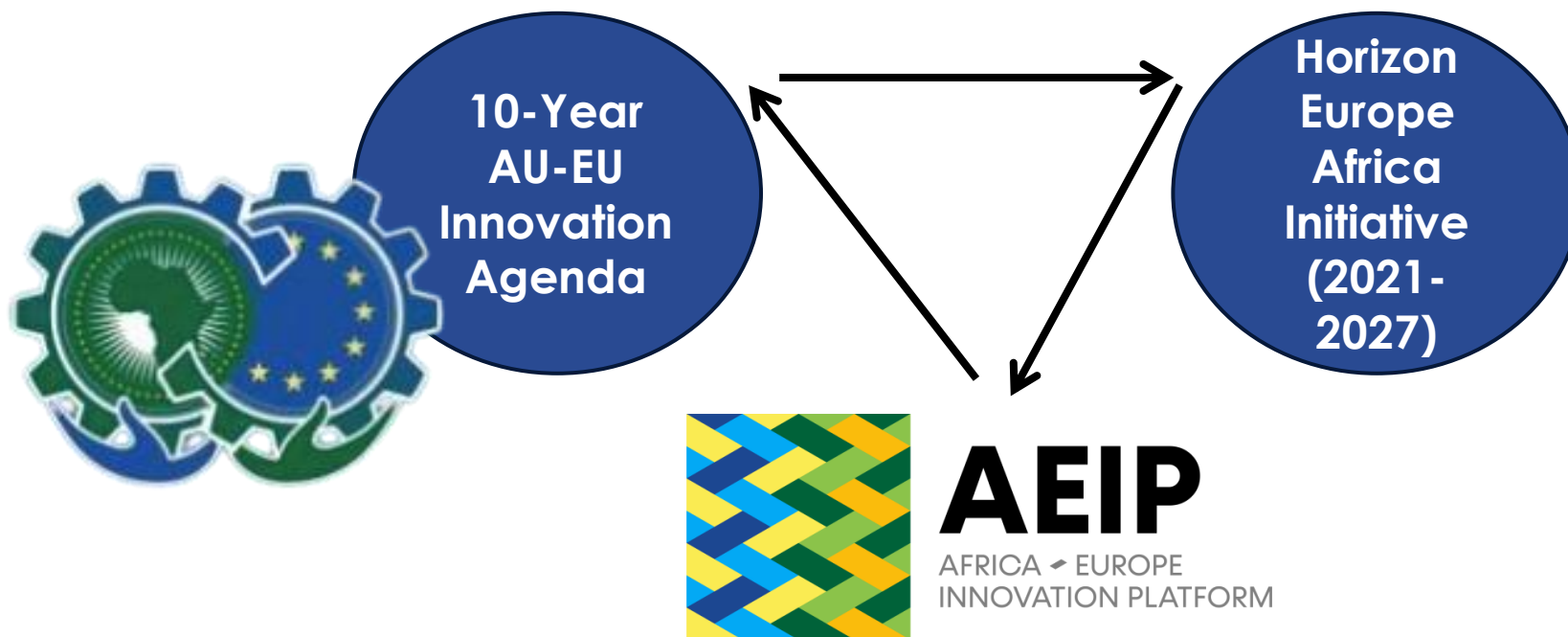
**...and more speakers in the
breakout rooms!**

Innovation Thrives on Connection.

- **Innovation** is about people, creativity, resilience, and collaboration.
- **Connecting** Africa and Europe's innovation ecosystems.
- **Bridging** where gaps exist and accelerates collaboration.
- **Embodying** co-creation.

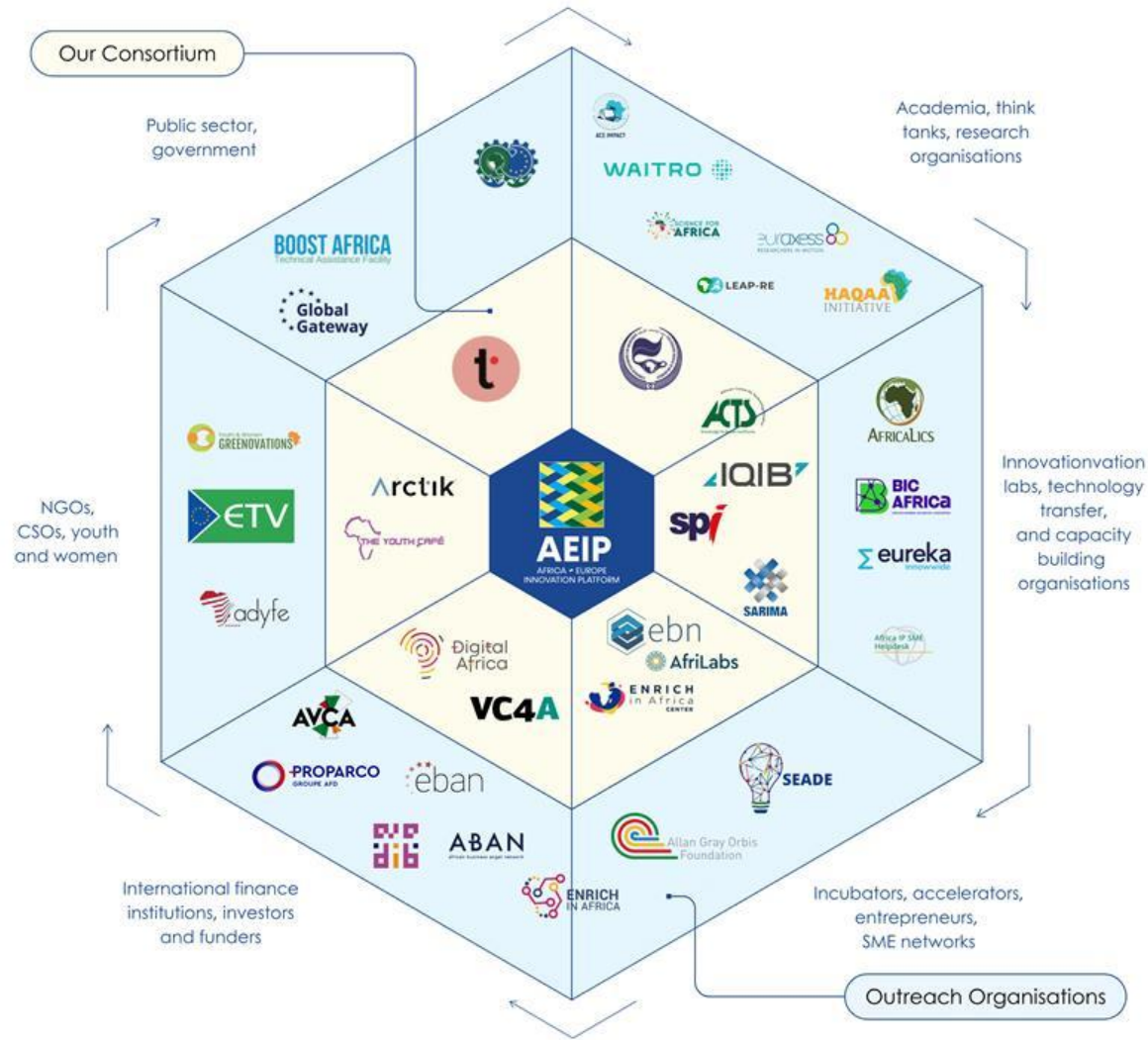
The AU-EU Innovation Agenda

- **Strengthens cooperation in research & innovation.**
- Innovation is a two-way street: creation, partnership, benefits.



Africa-Europe Innovation Platform

Innovation Value Chain



What's in it for you

DIGITAL SPACE



YOUR PORTAL TO COLLABORATION

A one-stop shop platform connecting and amplifying networks of African and European innovation stakeholders. Hub to engage in all AEIP activities



COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT AND FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

News, Events, Funding opportunities
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Directory of sister initiatives

REAL-WORLD ACTIVITIES



INNOVATE AND LEARN

In-person events
Trainings
Matchmaking
Thematic challenges
IP helpdesk
VC academy



TARGETING ACTORS ALONG THE INNOVATION VALUE CHAIN

Networks and initiatives, policymakers, researchers, higher education institutions, tech hubs and business support organisations, civil society, entrepreneurs and start-ups, investors, companies

The Team behind AEIP





Housekeeping



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The presentation has click-able links for more information !

AU-EU Innovation Agenda

Vincenzo Lorusso, Lukovi Seke



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Latest on the 10 year- joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda (2023-2033)

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7 May 2026

The Joint AU-EU Innovation Agenda

Aiming to foster the translation of R&I into tangible goods, services, businesses and jobs in both Africa and Europe



- Drafted through a concerted “**Team Africa-Europe**” work, involving AU and the EU Member States and Commissions, under the **AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)**.
- Working document published in **February 2022**, extensively discussed over a ‘**Stakeholder Dialogue Process**’ throughout 2022, culminated in the **AU-EU Innovation Agenda Stakeholder Event** in Nov. 2022 in Nairobi.
- **Final version** of the Agenda prepared building on the feedback and input received from Stakeholders. **Adopted on 19 July 2023.**

4 objectives:



Make it real

- **Translate innovative capacities and achievements into tangible outputs**, supporting sustainable growth and jobs, in particular for the youth



Generate impact by design

- **Foster - strengthen innovation ecosystems** to enhance socio-economic impact



Strengthen people, communities & institutions

- **Develop sustainable, long lasting and mutually beneficial higher education and R&I partnerships**



Learn, monitor, and scale it up

- **Scale-up instruments** that can take forward existing successful programmes and projects, enable - strengthen the knowledge triangle of education, R&I & place special focus on **public participation, transparency, and inclusion**



Short-, medium- and long-term set of actions, according to four joint priority areas:

- Public Health
- Green Transition
- Innovation & Technology
- Capacities for Science + the additional
- Cross-cutting issues



Mapping of **gaps & needs** for each priority area

- Currently under **implementation**. Supported, from the EU side, by **Horizon Europe** (e.g. “Africa Initiatives” and “Med Initiatives”), **EDCTP3** and **Global Gateway Africa – Europe Investment Package**.

Rationale of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

What are the needs to be addressed in Research & Innovation value chains, in Africa and Europe?

Five areas of needs & gaps identified:



A

The innovation ecosystem



B

Innovation management



C

**Knowledge exchange,
including technology transfer & sharing**



D

Access to finance



E

Human capacity development

Throughout all the aforementioned areas of needs and gaps, the importance of engaging the **African Diaspora** in Europe (and elsewhere) is recognised as crucial for knowledge and experience sharing for developing expertise and innovations in Africa and Europe.

Short-term Actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda (2023-2026)



Cross-cutting

- 1 **Networking** of business, government, higher education and NPO sectors **through platforms**
- 2 Pro-active **involvement of citizens** in the innovation ecosystems
- 3 Fostering the participation of **financing partners**
- 4 Create easily accessible and widely available **microcredit schemes** for researchers & innovators

Public Health

- 1 Support Health R&I outputs turn into relevant **products, policy guidance and services**
- 2 Developing **joint R&I agendas on health priorities**, enhancing best practices and common standards, using emerging tech (e.g. genomics, digitalisation, internet of things, robotics, AI) encompassing communicable and non-communicable diseases (including, among others, poverty related-neglected diseases, antimicrobial resistance and zoonoses) as well as mental health, in infants, youth and adults

Green Transition

- 1 Identifying/Sharing **climate resilience and adaptation practices** (SDGs 13) during consultative meetings
- 2 Developing-and supporting the market uptake of **innovative renewable energy solution** and use devices, suitable for easy and prompt adoption by 'energy communities'
- 3 Supporting the development of **innovative climate services through a new "space STI cooperation"** action for risk reduction at local and regional level
- 4 Fostering the development and enhancement of sustainable and resilient **agricultural and food systems value chains**
- 5 Supporting the development and scale up of efficient and **sustainable management of water resources**
- 6 Supporting the development and scale up of efficient and **sustainable management of cultural heritage and cultural practices**, encouraging a green management of cultural and natural heritage

Innovation & Technology

- 1 Supporting research and innovation cooperation between **AU and EU research organizations and companies** (in particular SMEs) from low tech to high tech
- 2 Supporting **tech/innovation hubs, networks** & operations of accelerators and **incubators**
- 3 **Linking science with education**, by promoting a culture of innovation and scientific communication programmes at all education levels

Capacities for Science

- 1 Strengthening R&D cooperation between **AU-EU Higher Education / Governmental institutions** through knowledge transfer, teaming, twinning and learning mobility activities
- 2 Improving transparency/**recognition of qualifications**/relevance of curricula for enhanced mobility
- 3 Setting up **training programmes** in the priority areas of AU-EU cooperation in R&I to increase youth's employability
- 4 Fostering the development of **high-performing digital education systems** and upgrade digital skills and competences for digital transformation

Medium-term Actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda (2023-2030)



Cross-Cutting

- ① **Re-skilling / upskilling** citizens to profit from innovation and technologies to prevent inequalities and / or discriminations (SDGs 8-9-13)
- ② Ensuring **sustainability of research mobility programmes** by providing conducive support infrastructures for scholars returning to Africa to create jobs / entrepreneurship/start-ups

Public Health

- ① Ensuring **tech-transfer** and improving and developing affordable, equitably available and accessible quality vaccines, medicines and health technologies
- ② Ensuring the development of **specific training curricula** and capacity building throughout the value chain of health technologies

Green Transition

- ① Fostering **digital applications and green technologies** to enhance climate resilience and adaptation for agricultural and agro-ecological production, healthy and sustainable food processing and consumption
- ② Developing in Africa **renewable energy** in a changing world for climate change mitigation and adaptation
- ③ Catalysing the development of **circular economy strategy** and policies in both FNSSA and CCSE
- ④ Developing **citizen science and engage key players** to reduce unprecedented climate risks in line with the climate adaptation pillar of the CCSE partnership

Innovation & Technology

- ① Enhancing **R&I infrastructure and manufacturing capacity** in Africa, so to strengthen supply and value chains within the continent, to enable also the fulfilment of medium- and long-term actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

Capacities for Science

- ① Promoting **joint master/doctoral degrees** between AU-EU universities, mobility of researchers
- ② Creating **enabling STI environment** for sustainable innovation ecosystems (Quadruple helix actors)

Long-term Actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda (2023-2033)



Cross-cutting

- ① Promoting R&D with a special focus on youth, women, vulnerable groups and demography, mitigation and management of global challenges

Public Health

- ① Designing and implementing **new methods and tools to monitor, prevent and counteract** future health threats (long standing/re-emerging/antimicrobial resistant pathogens as well as chronic diseases), promoting One Health and **precision medicine**, in a changing environment, embedding the mental health dimension in this approach

Green Transition

- ① Improving the **agricultural innovation ecosystems** to strengthen capacities of actors to co-design, co-invest and scale up and employ innovative technologies and methodologies through a multi-stakeholder approach, engaging the private sector and fostering PPPs in the areas of FNSSA and CCSE, enhancing capacity for job creation in agriculture / fisheries and for proactive innovation policy

Innovation & Technology

- ① Reinforcing and Facilitating **inclusive / affordable access to world-class R&I infrastructures**
- ② **Dissemination of knowledge** through digital transformation

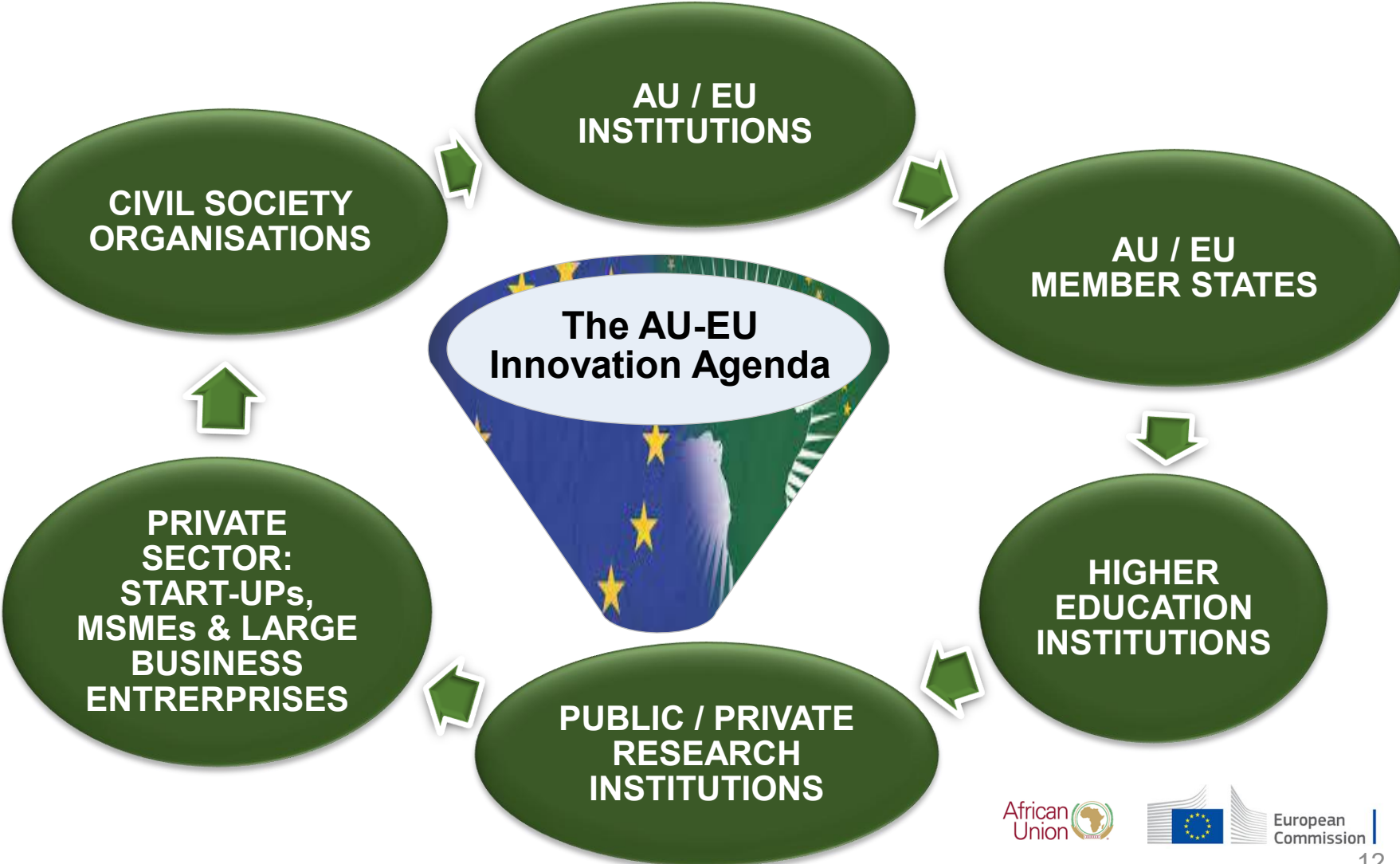
Capacities for Science

- ① Bridging R&I in fostering the emergence of new or strengthening of existing **centres of excellence**
- ② Modernising and reinforcing **R&D & Higher education systems** (RHESs)

The AU-EU Innovation Agenda: A multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary collaboration



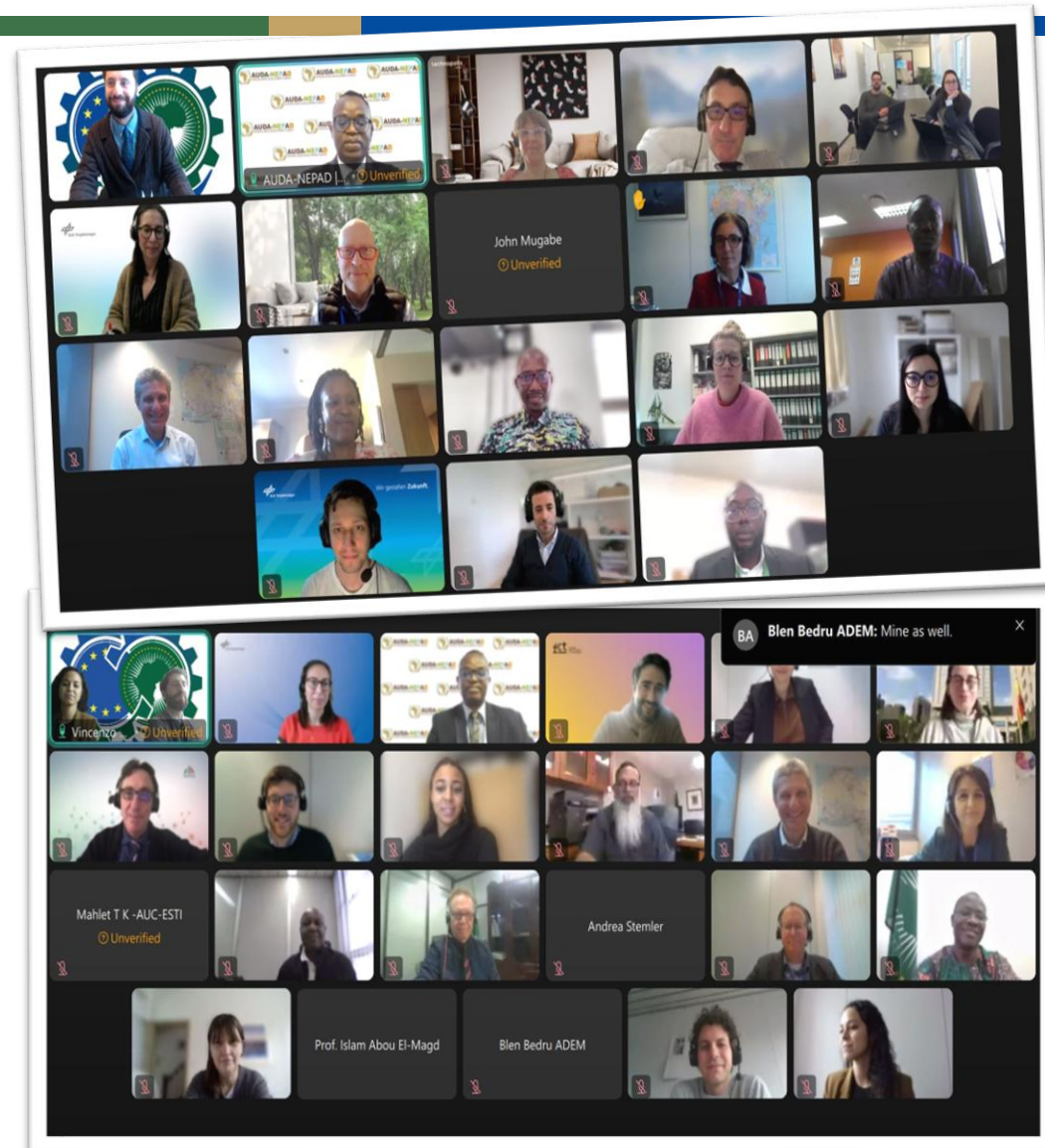
- The collaboration under the AU-EU Innovation Agenda needs to occur with **all innovation stakeholders**, leveraging the **demographic dividend** to **empower the youth**.



The AU-EU Innovation Agenda Working Group

Co-creating and co-doing, developing mutual understanding and trust

- Established initially as an “ad hoc” WG in 2021, coordinating the preparation of the [AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#) and its technical [Roadmap](#).
- Officialised in November 2023, after adoption.
- ~30 active Members (outcomes of ~130 invitations) – 3-5 AU and EU MS regularly involved
- Now meeting monthly, in constant dialogue with the “Community of practice”
- A “practical model” of Science Diplomacy, enriched with People-to-People Diplomacy
- Steering numerous initiatives as part of the implementation of the Agenda, coordinated by dedicated “Task Forces”:
 1. “[Dashboard of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#)”
 2. Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (yearly exercise, with experts)
 3. Policy Briefs on Thematic Areas of the Agenda
 4. Dynamic Stakeholder Events:
 - i. [AU-EU Innovation Agenda Stakeholder Event](#) (Nairobi, 2022)
 - ii. [AU-EU Innovation Festival](#) (Cape Town, 2023)
 - iii. [Biannual Workshops](#) on Topics of the Agenda (“for and with Stakeholders”)
 - iv. [Innovation Fair](#) (Brussels 2025)





Innovation Fair

“ENABLING THAT STEP FORWARD”

#MakingItPossible #NotARegularEvent



Thursday, 23 October 2025



Brussels, Belgium and online

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500 participants on-site
>200 participants online



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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR INNOVATORS’ PITCHES**



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>250 Expressions of Interests received,
18 finalists selected

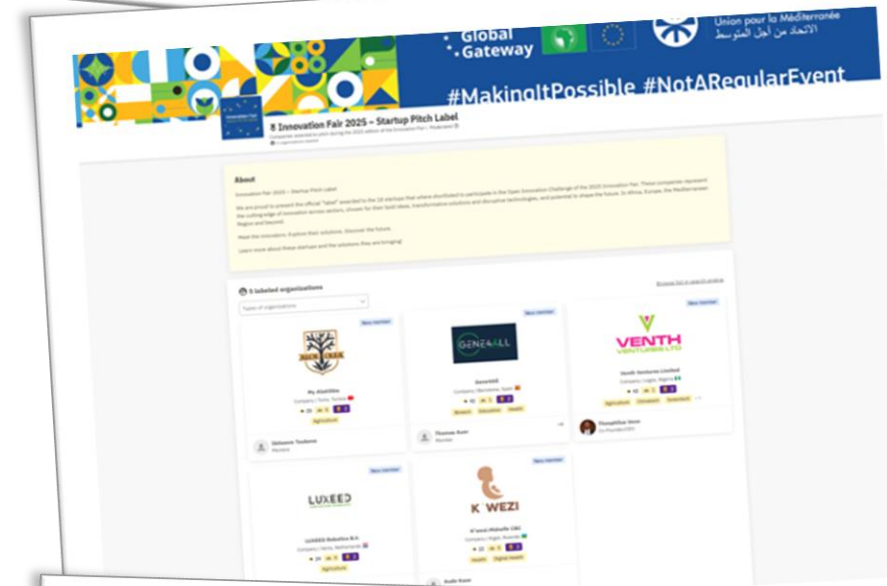


Innovation Fair 2025, aftermath – Continuous de-risking / scale-up support to 18 finalist entrepreneurs & their solutions

- 3 support mechanisms devised:

1. **November 2025:** Additional e-pitching opportunity for 6/18 winners (according to thematic areas) to a selected cohort of investors through the [SEADE R&I Project](#)
2. **November 2025:** Specific [Innovation Fair- label](#) on the Bpifrance – Euroquity virtual platform for enhanced visibility to investors and peers
3. **Jan. 2026 – June 2027:** Bespoke business, marketing and R&D support through the [Africa-Europe Innovation Platform \(AEIP\) project](#)

...Constantly monitoring and evaluating closely progress made, *every step forward.*



2026 AU-EU Innovation Fair:

- Focus on Food & Nutrition Security & Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)
 - 25 November 2026
- In conjunction with the Med Innovation Agrifood Week @ CIHEAM Bari, Italy
- More information to be published soon on the [AU-EU Innovation Interface](#)



Slam Poetry for Innovators - The Booklet

Collection of poetry pieces from the 2024 Nigeria - EU Innovation Days

With contributions by:

Future Ahiate, Henry Onyedikachi Alozie, Matteo Dell'Acqua, Uzoma Ezeoke, Zainab Suleiman and Vincenzo Lorusso



**Nigeria-EU
Science & Innovation
Day
2026**
24th February, 2026

My Africa, Innovation I c

For as nigh and high
Thee lies on the horizon
Gnawing within the chaos
Here lies my Africa
In-between the dreams do I stand
Waiting for a twilight at sunset
I strive for nature to see
Thee presumed by hard work
and dedication
Behold my Africa
Today I beseech the future
through innovation

Zainab Suleiman

Communication and
Dissemination Specialist
Apodissi, Nigeria

Henry Onyedikachi Alozie

Hommaston Limited
- Training Support;
Statistics Student,
Lagos State
University, Nigeria

IN-NO-VATE!

(Clapping in cadence)

Innovate...
The magic is in the way we collaborat

Agro, Healthcare, Literature, Afrobeats
All connected - from AI to music sheets!

Don't be narrow, the future is BROAD.
Stay here and fix 'us', don't go abroad.

To our friends from the EU,
Our eye don clear O! We see you!

God Bless Innovation Days!
Toaether we are refreshina our ways!!

Uzoma Ezeoke

Executive Director,
Emzor Pharmaceutical
Industries, Nigeria

Naija to EU, We Shine Our Light

Verse 1
Naija dey innovate, fly high
From Lagos to Kano, we reach sky
Europe be our partner, we no dey tire
Together we move, our dreams go higher

Chorus
Naija to EU, we shine our light
Innovation and research, make everything right
Entrepreneurship dey call, we answer loud
Together we rise, no more struggles allowed

Verse 2
Lab and workshop, na there we start
Tech to farming, we play our part
Naija and Europe, we join body strong
Together on this journey, we belong

Chorus
Naija to EU, we shine our light
Innovation and research, make everything right
Entrepreneurship dey call, we answer loud
Together we rise, no more struggles allowed

Bridge
We sing our song of development
Chorus of nations, we all belong
Innovation na our guide, cooperation na key
Together we go see wetin world fit be

Outro
So here's to the future, where dreams dey align
Naija and Europe, united in dis grand design
With innovation as our beacon,
and unity our guide
We go create world where possibilities
no go hide.

5 Biannual Thematic Workshops

On topics pertaining to the AU-EU Innovation Agenda, identified at the beginning of each year

- **November 2023:** Intellectual Property Rights (online)
- **May 2024:** Access to finance for Innovations (online)
- **December 2024:** Public health innovations (hybrid, Pretoria & online)
- **April 2025:** AI for facilitating and accelerating R&I at the Africa-Europe interface (hybrid: GITEX Africa, Marrakech & online)
- **December 2025:** Innovations for Climate Resilience & Sustainable Energy in Africa-Europe Collaborations (hybrid: Africa-Europe Foundation, Brussels & online)
- **June 2026** (exact date TBC): Youth-led Innovations
- **December 2026** (exact date TBC): Social Sciences and Humanities in the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

– stay updated on [AU-EU Innovation Interface](#)





Welcome to the new **African Union (AU) - European Union (EU) Innovation Interface**, part of the Innovation Talent Platform! The AU-EU Innovation Interface will bring information on initiatives, resources and opportunities addressed to innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers and investors, generated as part of the implementation of the joint **AU-EU Innovation Agenda**. By doing so, the Interface aims to connect Research and Innovator Stakeholders and ecosystems at the interface between Africa and Europe and therefore bring value to the impact of the Innovation Agenda.

Workshop Series of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

The series of biannual Workshops dedicated to the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda started in November 2023. The objective is to provide AU-EU innovators and the whole Stakeholder community participating in the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda with tangible opportunities for training, growth, networking and collaboration.

The series comprises a total of seven Workshops that focus on topics related to the priority areas of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda: Public Health, Green Transition, Innovation and Technology, Capacities for Science and Cross-cutting issues.

Each Workshop consists of three components:

- One on **experience sharing**, including testimonials by innovators, entrepreneurs and researchers providing insights on how they have benefitted so far from their involvement in the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.
- A **Deep Tech Training Module**, part of the “**AU-EU Deep Tech Transformation Training Scheme**”, covering different sub-topics according to the overall focus of each Workshop (e.g. Intellectual Property Rights, Artificial Intelligence, big data, quantum computing, blockchain, biotechnologies etc.).
- One on **match-making**, fostering networking and collaborations among Stakeholders, known also as “The Virtual Café”.

The first [Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights \(IPRs\)](#) took place on 28 November 2023 and focused on how the AU-EU collaboration on IPRs could be shaped in the context of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda. The full recording is [available here](#).

The second [Workshop on Access to Finance for Innovation](#) took place on 29 May 2024 and was attended by more than 300 participants. If you missed the session, you can now [rewatch it here](#)



- Main web portal on the **implementation** of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda – [Link here](#)

Dashboard of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda



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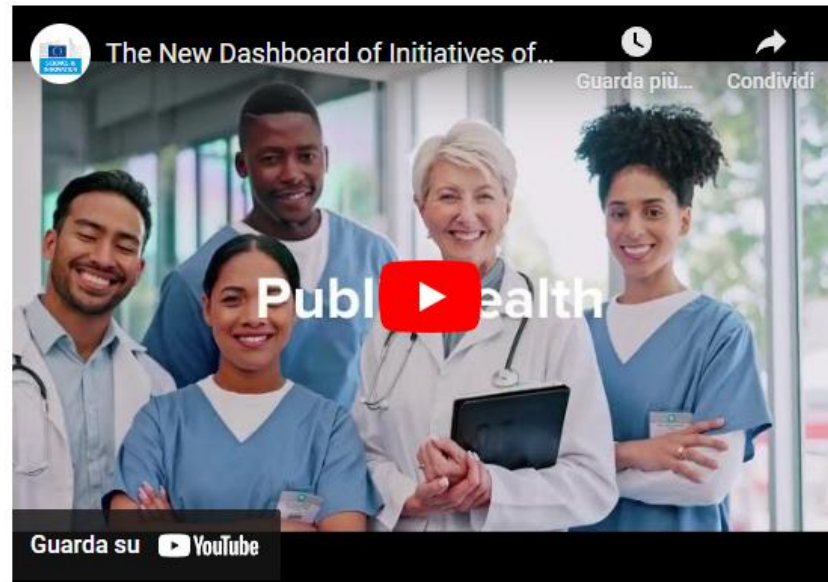
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Welcome to the « Dashboard » of initiatives contributing to the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda!

The “[Dashboard of initiatives](#)” of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda represents a “living inventory” of projects, programmes, partnerships and scholarships officially recognised as contributing to the implementation of the [AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#).

The aim of the Dashboard is to align as many initiatives as possible underneath the respective actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda to whose implementation they are contributing. This is expected to foster collaborations, leverage complementarities and catalyse potential synergies among initiatives with affinities in scope (thematically and geographically), aligned under the same action. This is hoped to generate a catalyst momentum for future initiatives and collaborations on the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.



Open the Dashboard

– Link [here](#)

- Launched on EU R&I Days, March 2024
- A “living repository” of projects, programmes, partnerships and scholarships, contributing to the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.
- Updated on a quarterly basis.
- Open to all initiatives (also from non-AU & non-EU and multilateral institutions), as long as they fulfill a specific checklist of 10 criteria – through an [‘expression of interest’](#) mechanism.

Checklist of criteria for inclusion in the Dashboard of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda



1. Alignment with one or multiple objectives of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda
2. Fall under one of the actions of the 5 thematic areas of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda (i.e. Public Health, Green Transition, Innovation & Technology; Capacities for Science and Cross-cutting issues)
3. Include an action plan and already one or more secured funding sources (i.e. project / programme / partnership / scholarship ready to start or already started)
4. Ensure AU-EU co-ownership, whether financial or in-kind, from conceptualisation to implementation and M&E of results
5. When possible, catalyse synergies with other initiatives, triggering collaboration among multiple funders (e.g. AU, EU and beyond)
6. Provide tangible / measurable socio-economic development, either directly or indirectly, in Africa and/or Europe (with clear economic, social and environmental Key Performance Indicators in the programming)
7. Include a clear sustainability component, with an action plan being foreseen also for the aftermath of the initiative
8. Aim for active local engagement and uptake of proposed innovative solutions
9. Empower youth and/or women and/or vulnerable groups and their entrepreneurship
10. Foresee a clear inclusive communication package (on action plan, results and impact) for the general public / civil society, at local level too



Dashboard of initiatives contributing to the implementation of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda

Click on each initiative's cell to access to its respective website. By leaving your mouse on each budget line, a summary box will pop up, providing overview information on each initiative including contact details.

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- Short-term (until 2026)
- Medium-term (until 2030)
- Long-term (until 2033)

Priority areas

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- Green Transition
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- Capacities for Science
- Cross-cutting issues

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Search for funding and/or implementing entity

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End of initiative

November 2022 September 2033



For technical questions, please contact:
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Priority areas	Action title	Initiative	Month/Year of Start	Month/Year of End	Funding Entity	Implementing Entity	Geographic Scope	Budget
Innovation & Technology		Africa-Europe Innovation Platform (AEIP)	January 2025	June 2027	European Commission: Horizon Europe	Technopolis Group and project consortium	Africa, Europe	2.50M €
	Supporting research and innovation cooperation between AU and EU research organizations and companies (in particular SMEs) from low tech to high tech	BIC Africa	January 2021	June 2026	European Commission's DG INTPA	managed the BIC Africa chapters in Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Madagascar and Somalia. UNIDO – implementing the Comoros, Madaga..	Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Madagascar and Somalia	3.00M €
		Strengthening the Europe-Africa Digital Ecosystem Through Increased R&I Cooperation (SEADE Project)	January 2024	December 2025	Hadea	European Union	Africa Europe	2.29M €
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	Support to Health R&I outputs to turn into relevant products, policy guidance and services	GAVI Technical Assistance for Malaria Vaccine (RTSS/R21) introduction	December 2023	December 2025	The Vaccine Alliance, GAVI	PATH	Africa	1.87M €
		Local Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines Medicines and Health Technologies (MAV+) in Africa (Part I)	December 2022	December 2026	NDICI Regional Programmes	WHO, MPP	Sub-Saharan Africa	12.50M €
	Ensuring tech-transfer and improving and developing affordable, equitably available and accessible quality vaccine medicines and health technologies.	Regional dimension and management of the Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies (MAV+) in Africa (Part III)	November 2024	November 2027	NDICI Regional Programmes, The Netherlands	Development Finance Institutions (EIB, other)	Sub-Saharan Africa	10.00M €



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Green Transition	Improving the agricultural innovation ecosystem to strengthen capacities of actors to co-design, co-invest and scale up and employ innovative technologies and methodologies through a multi-stakeholder approach.	Africa-Europe Clusters of Research Excellence (CoRE), led by ARUA and The Guild	September 2023	September 2033	African and European participating Universities	4 CoRE consortia of African and European universities and non-academic organisations	Africa & Europe	1.87M €
		Climate Smart WATER Management and Sustainable DEvelopment for food and agriculture in East Africa (WATDEV) - Food, Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) Partnership	December 2021	December 2025	EU Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA)	AICS, CIHEAM Bari (Italy)	Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt	7.50M €
	Supporting the development and scale up of efficient and sustainable management of water resources	Partnership for Research & Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)	January 2018	December 2026	Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe and PRIMA Member states Funding Agencies	PRIMA Foundation	Mediterranean Region (North Africa & Europe)	484.00M €

● [Link here](#)



Horizon Europe R&I Framework Programme (2021-2027) – 95.5 BEUR

HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

Exclusive focus on defence research & development

Research actions

Development actions

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*

Exclusive focus on civil applications

**Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE**

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures

**Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre

**Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE**

European Innovation Council

European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission


Joint Research Center

* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

Africa Initiative I

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022

- **~350 MEUR, 36 topics** under **calls for proposals**, over 2 years- period:

1. *Public Health* (40 MEUR) 

2. *Green Transition* (215 MEUR) 

3. *Innovation & Technology* (11 MEUR) 

4. *Capacities for Science* (91.9 MEUR) 

[Factsheet](#) with outcomes and [booklet](#) with projects details

Africa Initiative II

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024

- **~300 MEUR, 30 topics** under **calls for proposals**, over 2 years- period:

1. *Green Transition* (260 MEUR) 

2. *Innovation & Technology* (35 MEUR) 


3. *Capacities for Science* (9 MEUR) 

[Factsheet](#) with outcomes and [booklet](#) with projects details

Africa Initiative III

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025

- **500.5 MEUR, 24 topics** under **calls for proposals**, over 1 year- period:

1. *Public Health* (50 MEUR) 

2. *Green Transition* (241 MEUR) 

3. *Innovation & Technology* (186.5) 

4. *Capacities for Science* (3.5) 

5. *Cross-cutting issues* (19.5 MEUR) 

+ Africa Initiative IV
part of Horizon Europe Work
Programme 2026-2027



Africa Initiative IV

In Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027



- Building on the positive outcomes of the **Africa Initiative I+II+III** of **Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2021-2025**.
- **25 topics** under **calls for proposals** amounting to **~500 MEUR** boosting Africa-Europe cooperation on **Research & Innovation**.
- Enabling the implementation of the **medium-term** and **long-term actions** of the **AU-EU Innovation Agenda**, aiming to **translate R&I into tangible positive impact on the ground**.
- Publication of **Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027: 12 December 2025** (**List of topics: [EU funding & tenders' portal](#)**).
- Several information and training sessions being scheduled for **January and February 2026**:
 - [Regional webinar in English](#) (20 Jan. 2026)
 - [Regional webinar in French](#) (21 Jan. 2026)
 - Regional webinar in Portuguese + country-specific: Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, and many more.

Africa Initiative IV – Topics' overview

Public Health



- Prevention and treatment of infectious diseases (e.g. small molecules & monoclonal antibodies)
- Novel vaccines against viruses with epidemic potential
- Innovative antimicrobials for resistant pathogens
- Better understanding and anticipation of impacts of climate change on health

Green Transition



- Renewable energy & energy security in Africa
- Climate & weather models in Africa
- Africa-EU CO-FUND action on climate
- Modelling & prediction of extreme events
- AU-EU Partnership on Food & Nutrition Security & Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)
- Water-nutrition-energy nexus for sustainable & climate smart agriculture in Africa
- Food processing in Africa
- Plant health for reduction of farm & storage losses in Africa
- All-Atlantic Ocean Research & Innovation Alliance (AAORIA)

Innovation & Technology



- International cooperation in AI
- AI for early warning and preparedness

Capacities for Science



- Strengthening the international dimension of research infrastructures

Cross-cutting issues



- Democracy in LMICs
- Development aid & democratic governance
- Human rights
- Sustainable cultural tourism
- Creative alliances: global partnership in cultural policies & Cultural & Creative Industries (CCI)'s innovation
- Supporting post-conflict democracy & reconstruction



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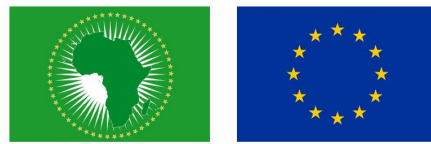
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7 May 2026

Participation of *African countries* in Horizon Europe vs Horizon 2020

(updated 19 January 2026)

Programme	Participation (unique participations)		Overall signed grants	Net EU contribution	
	Overall	Per year average		Overall (MEUR)	Per year (MEUR)
H2020	1,312 (617)	187 (88)	515	240	32.9
HORIZON EUROPE	1,508 (717)	302 (143)	533	474	94.8
% Trend	+15% (+16%)	+61.5% (62.5%)	(+3.5%)	+97.5%	+188%

Outcomes of Africa Initiative I of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022

- A total budget of ~350 MEUR through 36 topics under calls for proposals targeted at **EU-Africa R&I cooperation**, *requiring or encouraging* participation of African entities in research consortia, in the **four joint priority areas**.
- [Factsheet](#) on the outcomes of the **Africa Initiative I** of WP 2021-2022.
- [Booklet](#) on Africa-Europe collaborative R&I projects part of Horizon Europe WP 2021-2022.

	Number of projects	Net EU contribution (M€)	Number of African partners (% of total)	Number of European partners (% of total)	Number of African countries	Number of European countries	EU funding to African partners (M€)
PUBLIC HEALTH							
Africa Initiative I	8	135.5	29 (15%)	159 (85%)	15	19	18.2
GH EDCTP3 JU WP 2022	26	100	106 (53%)	94 (47%)	26	14	58
European Research Council (ERC) grants	1	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	1	1	0.57
GREEN TRANSITION							
Africa Initiative I (CCSE)	13	77	56 (23%)	183 (77%)	22	20	10.5
Africa Initiative I (FNSSA)	23	140	139 (31%)	303 (69%)	26	14	30.5
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY							
Africa Initiative I	2	8.7	10 (5%)	175 (95%)	24	12	2.5
European Research Council (ERC) grants	1	13.9	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	1	2	0.5
CAPACITIES FOR SCIENCE							
Africa Initiative I	27	82.18	32 (9%)	316 (91%)	12	35	4.4
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	57	82.16	96 (15%)	563 (85%)	23	37	2.6
European Research Council (ERC) grants	3	6	3 (43%)	4 (57%)	3	4	0.2

Outcomes of Africa Initiative II of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024



	Number of projects	Net EU contribution (M€)	Number of African partners (% of total)	Number of European partners (% of total)	Number of African countries	Number of European countries	EU funding to African partners (M€)
GREEN TRANSITION							
Africa Initiative II – Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE)	28	170.1	64 (18%)	295 (82%)	19	28	17 (10%)
Africa Initiative II – Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)	15	92.5	79 (33%)	164 (67%)	26	29	22.7 (25%)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	8	10.25	15 (12%)	68 (55%)	6	18	-
European Research Council (ERC) grants	1	11.9	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	1	3	2.2 (19%)
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY							
Africa Initiative II	9	25.1	9 (11%)	65 (79%)	5	16	1.99 (8%)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	5	4.4	6 (14%)	32 (73%)	3	15	-
CAPACITIES FOR SCIENCE / INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY							
Africa Initiative II	6	23	27 (47%)	31 (53%)	14	11	3.4 (29%)

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- [Booklet](#) on Africa-Europe collaborative R&I projects part of the “Africa Initiative II”.

The Africa-Europe Innovation Platform

New features on the digital
space



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Connect, Grow and Participate Across the Africa-Europe Innovation Value Chain



Connect to a NETWORK OF NETWORKS

 **Association of African Universities**
Academia
Operational Scope: Continental
Region: Africa & Europe
Expertise: Higher Education and Research (+5 more)
[View full profile](#) →

 **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab – Power of the Collective**
Civil Society
Operational Scope: Continental
Region: Africa & Europe
Expertise: Capacity Building (Training, Mentorship & Certification Programs) (+6 more)
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 **ENRICH GLOBAL**
Business and Enterprise Support Organisation
Operational Scope: Continental
Region: Europe
Expertise: Higher Education and Research (+9 more)
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 **European Business and Innovation Centre Network (EBN)**
Business and Enterprise Support Organisation
Operational Scope: Continental
Region: Africa & Europe
Expertise: Capacity Building (Training, Mentorship & Certification Programs) (+3 more)
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Academia
Operational Scope: Continental
Region: Africa
Expertise: Higher Education and Research (+2 more)
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Business and Enterprise Support Organisation
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Expertise: Capacity Building (Training, Mentorship & Certification Programs) (+3 more)
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OUR OBJECTIVES



Enhance dialogue



Improve access to funding



Foster inclusivity



Grow through Partnerships & Access to Opportunities

Partner Finder

Partner finder

The Partner Finder is a tool designed to facilitate connections between you and suitable individuals and organisations for potential collaboration.

Please complete the following details in order to proceed.

Organisation name

Expertise

- Higher Education and Research
- Capacity Building (Training, Mentorship & Certification Programs)
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship Support
- Youth Empowerment & Civil Society Engagement
- Policy Development
- Technology & Digital Innovation (IP related)
- Access to Finance & Investment Readiness

Here are your top recommendations

Association of African Universities

Network

Matched on:

Expertise, Category, Collaboration of Interest, Topic of Interest

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African Students and Alumni Forum

Network

Matched on:

Category, Collaboration of Interest, Topic of Interest

[View details](#) →

Ghana Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Officers Network

Network

Matched on:

Expertise, Collaboration of Interest, Topic of Interest

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KIVUTECH

Network

Matched on:

Expertise, Collaboration of Interest, Topic of Interest

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AfriLabs

Network

Matched on:

Expertise, Collaboration of Interest, Topic of Interest

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DEEP Ecosystems

Network

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Available Funding Opportunities

Submit a funding opportunity

Organiser ▾ Category ▾ Topic ▾

► Funding Opportunities



Investing in Young Business in Africa – Women Entrepreneurship for Africa (IYBA WE4A)

Organisation: Goodwell Invests

Deadline: 30 April 2026

[View details →](#)



Joint Innovation Facility (JIF) 2026 Call

Organisation: Africa-Europe Digital Innovation Bridge (AEDIB)

Deadline: 30 April 2026

[View details →](#)



EUROGIA2030 – Call 30

Organisation: eureka

Deadline: 30 April 2026

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Repository of Capacity-Building Activities and Other Innovation Stakeholders

Organiser ▾ Target group ▾ Registration ▾

► Capacity Building

Open for Registration



Writing a Grant Proposal for Scientific Research

Start Date: 30 April 2026 **Format:** Online

Duration: 1 day

Open for

**Writing a F
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Start Date: 30
Duration: 1 da

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Explore curated knowledge to support Africa-Europe innovation stakeholders.

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Category ▾ Sector ▾

Library

**Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Community of Practice (CoP) Sessions**

15/04/2026

See five sessions of the AEIP-launched
Entrepreneurship & Innovation Community of
Practice.

Published by: Africa-Europe Innovation Platform
(AEIP)

[View resource →](#)

**AEIP intellectual property management
course**

14/04/2026

Two-day intellectual property course.

Published by: AEIP

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Interact, Join, Engage, Shape the Future of Africa-Europe Innovation

CREATE YOUR PROFILE

Category Basic info Onboarding Partner Finder

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

Are you registering a single profile (person or organisation), or an umbrella network representing multiple members?

Individual organisation or Personal user

Network or Initiative

Interact, Welcome!!



Welcome Feliks Milo



Feliks Milo
Greentech

Edit profile

View profile

Get Discover

Complete your Partner Finder profile and spark new partnerships today!

Complete profile

Find partner

Contact us

Got feedback or questions for the AEIP team? We would love to hear from you!

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Quick actions

Submit your event

Submit your news

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Recent Activities

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AEIP Activities

Highlights and upcoming opportunities



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Overview

1. **Art4Change Storytelling Fellowship** (*The Youth Café*)
2. **Webinar Series: Emerging Trends in Digital Education** (*AAU*)
3. **Training for Incubators and Accelerators** (*EBN*)
4. **Capacity Building Opportunities** (*EBN*)
5. **Thematic Challenges** (*Technopolis Germany*)

Art4Change Storytelling Fellowship

Objective: Support young creatives to document and share youth-led innovation across Africa, Europe, and the diaspora.

Programme Overview

- Participate in online training (storytelling & content creation)
- Receive mentorship and editorial support
- Produce and publish stories on youth innovation
- Collaborate with peers across regions

Who Can Apply

- Young creatives (18–35)
- Based in Africa, Europe, or the diaspora

Apply Now

Submit application + short story proposal via [online form](#)



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ART4CHANGE STORYTELLING FELLOWSHIP

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Are you a young creative passionate about youth innovation?

Join a 6 months fellowship to create powerful stories through film, photography, writing, or digital art.

WHAT YOU GET

- » Training + mentorship
- » Publish your work
- » Join a global community

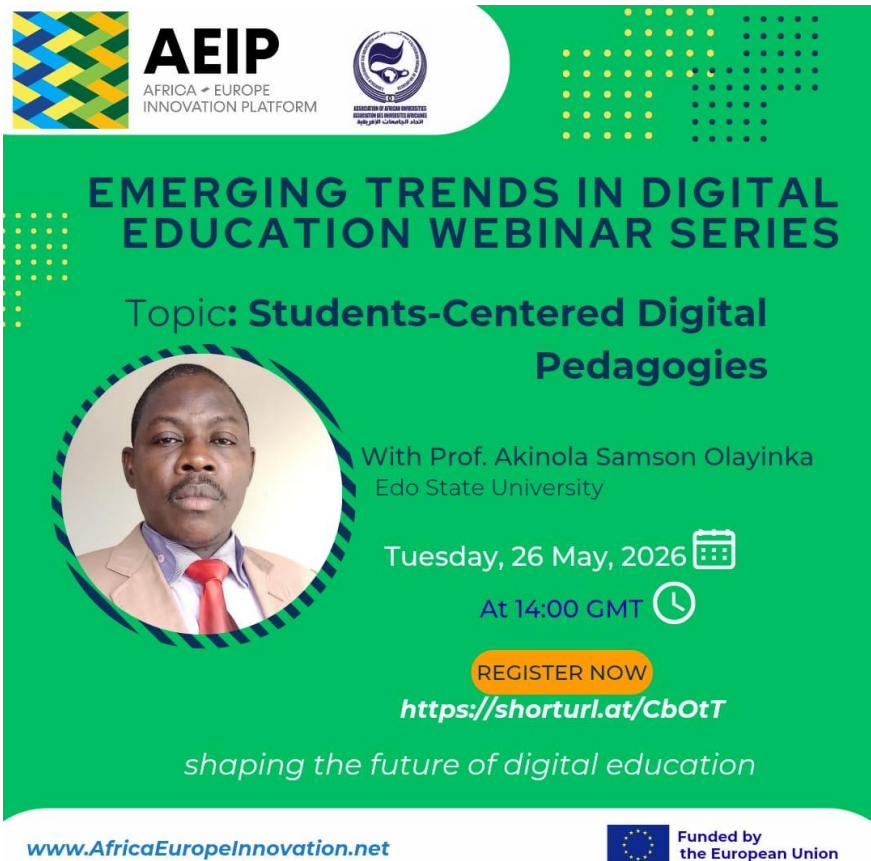
APPLY NOW



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Webinar Series: Emerging Trends in Digital Education



The poster features a green background with a pattern of yellow and white dots. At the top left, there are logos for AEIP (Africa-Europe Innovation Platform) and the African Union. The main title is 'EMERGING TRENDS IN DIGITAL EDUCATION WEBINAR SERIES'. Below it, the topic is 'Students-Centered Digital Pedagogies'. A circular portrait of Prof. Akinola Samson Olayinka is shown. The text indicates the webinar is on Tuesday, 26 May, 2026, at 14:00 GMT. A 'REGISTER NOW' button and a URL are provided. The tagline 'shaping the future of digital education' is at the bottom. Logos for the African Union and the European Union are also present.

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shaping the future of digital education

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Aim: To explore emerging trends in digital education and equip academics in Africa and Europe with practical knowledge, tools, and collaborative frameworks to enhance teaching, research, and institutional innovation.

Upcoming sessions

Date	Webinar Topic
26 May	Student-Centered Digital Pedagogies (Register here!)
2 June	Digital Tools for Collaborative Research Across Borders
4 August	Digital Skills for Academics in the 21st Century and Beyond

Training for Incubators and Accelerators

- An online capacity-building programme strengthening African and European incubators and accelerators to foster sustainable innovation ecosystems and cross-continental collaboration.
- Developed by expert practitioners from EBN and delivered by EU | BIC-certified trainers, ensuring alignment with the excellence and quality standards of the EU | BIC framework.
- **The 3 core training chapters:**

Innovation Ecosystems
ICUK - Martin Mata

Organisational Level
Central Bohemian
Innovation Center - Athziri
Moreno Romo





**Programme and Service
Offer**
Lipo.ink - Philipp Roden

Extra sessions open to all audience: Diaspora Engagement and Internationalisation

Capacity Building

Explore all past training sessions on AEIP's [YouTube channel](#)!

Join our workshop on the [Africa Initiative/Horizon Europe Calls](#) tomorrow!

- 2  **AEIP Training for Incubators & Accelerators – Ecosystem...**
Africa-Europe Innovation Platform
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- 3  **AEIP IP Management Day 2**
Africa-Europe Innovation Platform
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- 4  **AEIP IP Management Day 1**
Africa-Europe Innovation Platform
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- 5  **Intellectual Property 101 Webinar**
Africa-Europe Innovation Platform
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Thematic Challenges



Addressing societal challenges

Identifying a key issue that affects Africa and Europe, to be addressed by innovative solutions



Matching different stakeholders

BSOs, Start-ups, SMEs, corporates but also academia, policy makers, CSOs



Agile approach

The thematic challenges prioritise co-creation and agility across the multiple rounds

Thematic Challenge – Green Transition

- **Focus:** Climate change adaptation and/or mitigation and further environmental issues
- Total number of EoI submissions: 243
- Established matches: 45



Thematic Challenge – Green Transition

- ◆ AEIP Support:
 - ◆ Matching
 - ◆ Onboarding call
 - ◆ Bilateral partnership template
 - ◆ Continuous collaboration support
- ◆ Successful collaborations: 27



Collaboration

Joint vision

Activities

Success factors and challenges

Sustainability

Green Transition Winning Matches

Winning Match No. 1

Aim-Higher Youth Cooperative
(Zambia)
&
glocolearning
(Belgium)

Proposed Innovation

A social co-learning hub for youth-led green entrepreneurship that combines personalised learning profiles, two-way mentorship, and practical co-learning circles.

Winning Match No. 2

Biosphere Foundation
(Uganda)
&
Impressora
(Spain)

Proposed Innovation

A plastic waste-to-value circular economy model that uses recycled plastic and 3D printing to create furniture, future construction materials, and green jobs for youth and women.

Winning Match No. 3

Inkomko
(Rwanda)
&
Rama Impact
(France)

Proposed Innovation

An organic waste-to-biofertiliser circular agritech system that combines local modular production, digital coordination, and a women-led value chain to support farmers in displacement-affected communities.

Evaluation criteria: Commitment, Innovativeness, Youth*/women engagement, Sustainability (+ Regional/type distribution)

Launch of Thematic Challenge on Public Health

Eol Period:

7th of May – 19th of June

Who is it for?

BSOs, Start-ups, SMEs, corporates, academia, policy makers, CSOs

[Apply here!](#)



Diseases, priority health areas and public health research



Health systems strengthening



Manufacturing and access to health technologies



Digital health, data and AI



Health security, surveillance and preparedness

Breakout 1

Communities of Practise



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Speakers:



Mr. Sikho Msomi
Executive Director of City People
eThekwi



Ms. Rosemary Wolson
Research and Innovation, SARIMA



Dr. Hamed Helal
Lecturer, Al-Azhar University

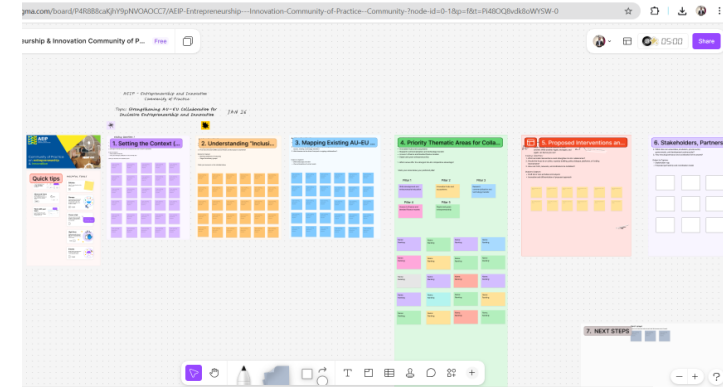
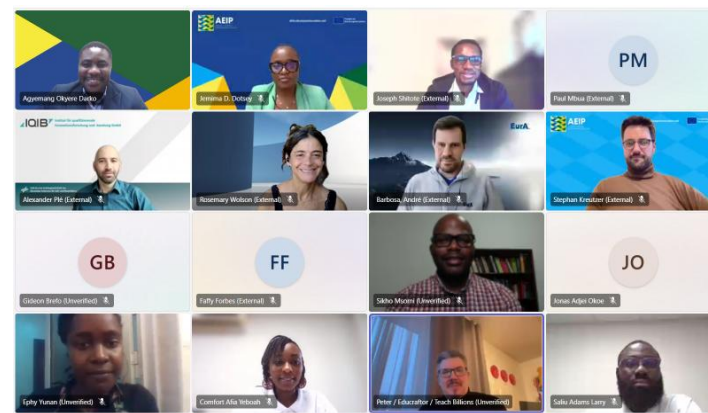
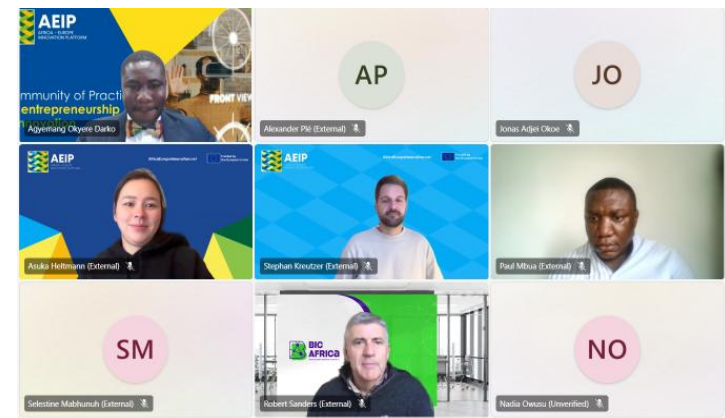
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Strengthening Africa-Europe Collaboration to Advance Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystems



Areas of Reflection

- **People experience & co-creation** (inclusion, trust, facilitation, what to keep/change)
- **Innovation enabled by the Figma platform** (what accelerated work, improved alignment, where it created friction)
- **Team-building & collaboration** (behaviours that worked, practices to carry forward, sustaining momentum)



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Strengthening Africa–Europe Collaboration on Intellectual Property (IP) for Innovation Commercialization

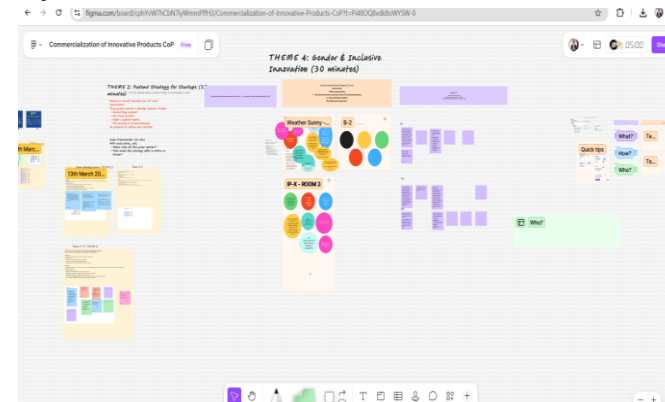
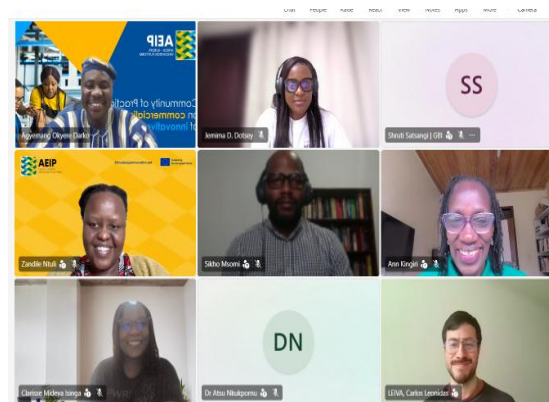
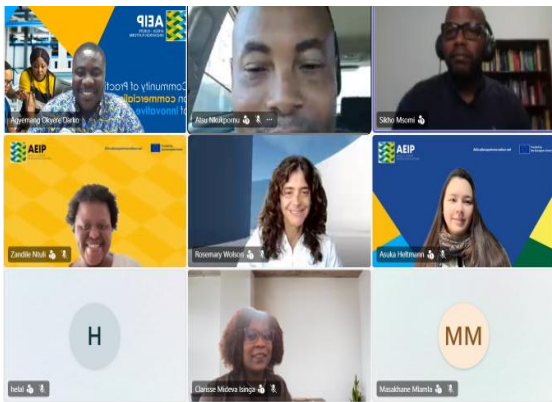


Community of Practice on **commercialisation** of **innovative products**



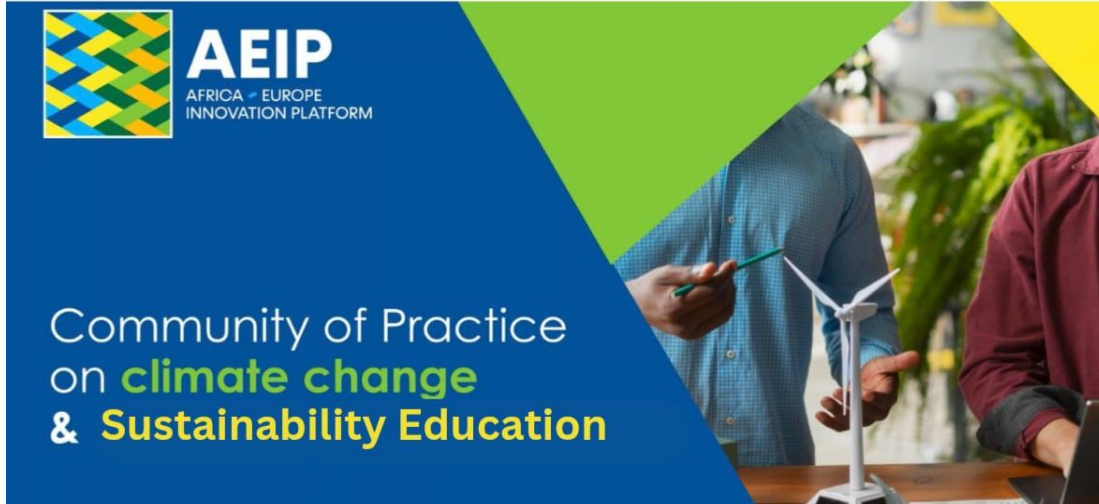
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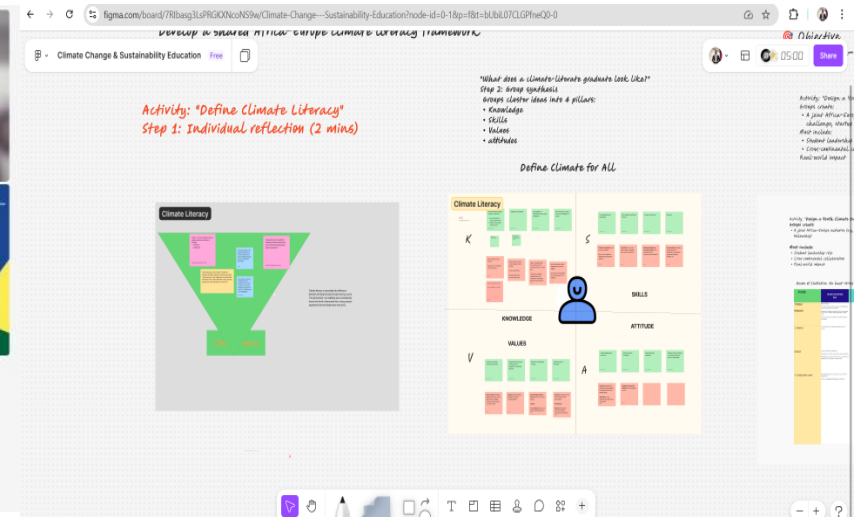
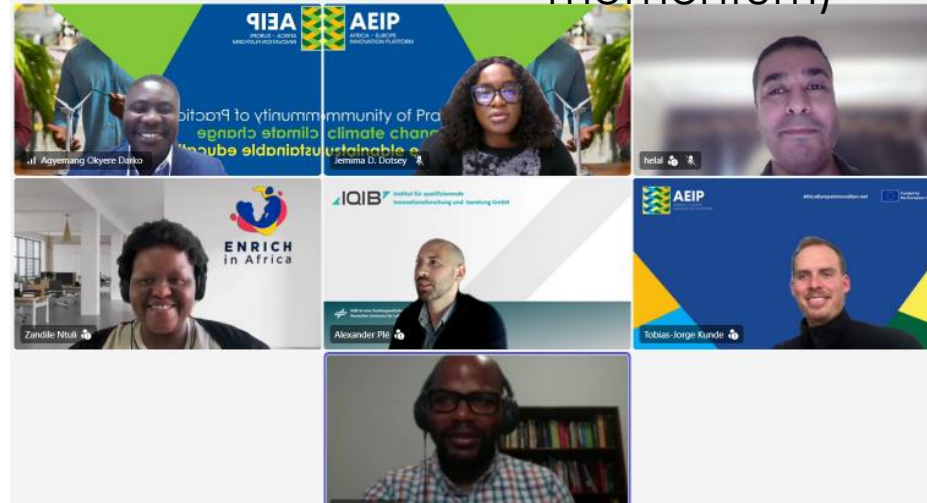
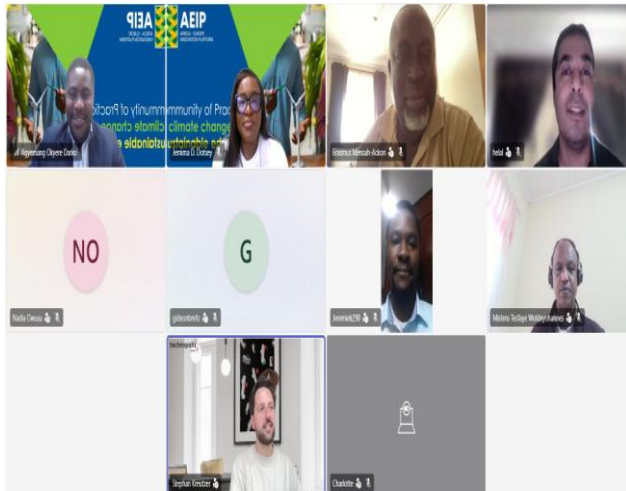
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Climate Change & Sustainability Education



Areas of Reflection

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Next COP

- The next Community of Practise will be on **smart cities**.
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Breakout 2

The AEIP BSO Twinning
Programme + Thematic
Challenges



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AEIP Twinning programme

Target stakeholders

- Business Support Organisations (BSOs)



Overview with BSOs



The BSO Twinning was conducted with the following criteria:

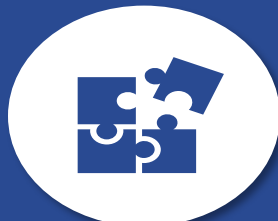


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Organisational Type
and Sector Focus

Services Offered and
Services Needed

02



03

Geographical Scope
of Operations

Complementary Goals
and Strategic Interests

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Commitment to
Collaboration

Programme snapshot and Key Highlights — BSO Twinning Programme

20
PAIRS

- 20 African BSOs
- 15 European BSOs
- Spanning 15 countries

5
Physical Meetings Held

3+
Joint Programmes Launched

1 First Physical Meetings

5 twinning pairs met face-to-face at the Afrilabs Annual Gathering to plan joint activities.

4 Women-Led Co-Development

She Leads Africa (Nigeria) + TechPark Kaunas (Lithuania) commenced co-developing women development proposals.

2 Internationalisation Programme

Innov8Hub (Nigeria) + IPN (Portugal) launched a startup expansion programme into European markets.

5 Builders Hangout Event

Boxplay Ventures (Ghana) + Go-Up Incubator (Bulgaria) co-organised a physical startup event in Ghana.

3 German Accelerator Agreement

Start2 Group (Germany) signed with iBiz Hub (Kenya) as their lead hub for the German Accelerator in Kenya.

6 Green Startup Workshop


FUNDECYT-PCTEX (Spain) + Zixtech Hub (Cameroon) planned a green technology best practices workshop.

TWINNING PAIR SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Gbenga Zaccheus 
Ventures Manager, Innov8Hub



Mr. Rui Miranda 
Business Incubation Manager,
Instituto Pedro Nunes

TWINNING PAIR SPOTLIGHT



Prompt questions:

What have you done together?

What worked well?

What challenges did you face?

What would help you go further?



Q&A



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Thematic Challenge on the Green Transition

Green Transition Winning Matches

Winning Match No. 1

Aim-Higher Youth Cooperative
(Zambia)
&
glocolearning
(Belgium)

Proposed Innovation

A social co-learning hub for youth-led green entrepreneurship that combines personalised learning profiles, two-way mentorship, and practical co-learning circles.

Winning Match No. 2

Biosphere Foundation
(Uganda)
&
Impressora
(Spain)

Proposed Innovation

A plastic waste-to-value circular economy model that uses recycled plastic and 3D printing to create furniture, future construction materials, and green jobs for youth and women.

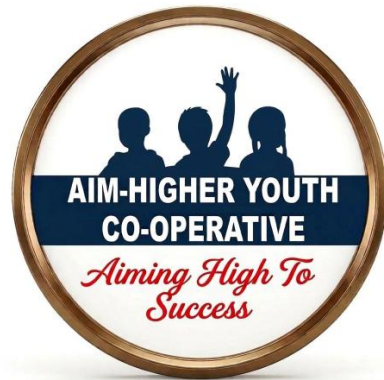
Winning Match No. 3

Inkomko
(Rwanda)
&
Rama Impact
(France)

Proposed Innovation

An organic waste-to-biofertiliser circular agritech system that combines local modular production, digital coordination, and a women-led value chain to support farmers in displacement-affected communities.

Winning Match No. 1



Winning Match

Organisation 1

Aim-Higher Youth Cooperative



Youth led cooperative, Zambia

*focusing on Entrepreneurship, Leadership,
Youth empowerment in climate,
agriculture and education*

the challenge: high youth unemployment and limited human capacities to manage green transitions

the opportunity: the energy, drive and passion of youth, the power of community and innovations through collaborative learning and systems approaches.

Organisation 2

glocolearning BV

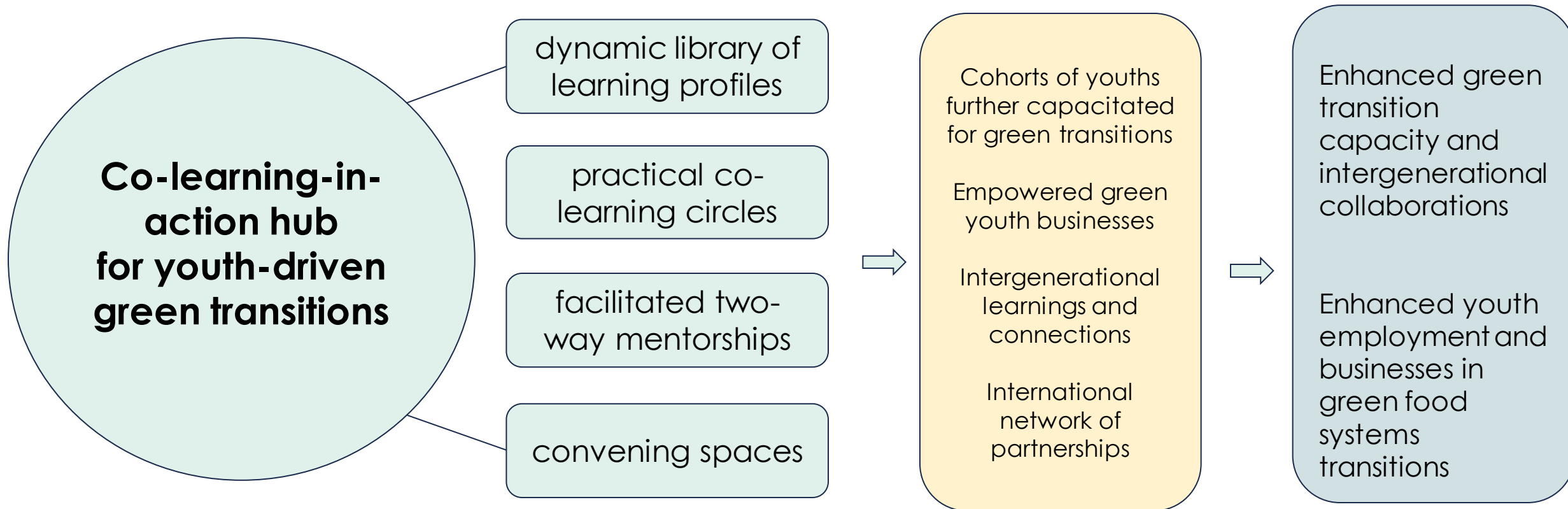


Social enterprise, Belgium

*focusing on innovative learning in action
services for managing green food system
transitions*

Winning Match

Our innovation



Team co-development



Anayawa Nyambe



Friday Chamfya



Roseline Remans



Diane Bosch



Peanos Luzendi



Hector Lopez



Njavwa Nakawala



Titus Mugala



Brandon Gift Siagumpa



Winning Match No. 2

IMPRESSORA.



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Circular Arua – Waste to Value Initiative

AEIP Green Transition | Winning Partnership



IMPRESSORA (Spain) +
Biosphere Foundation Uganda



Pilot location: Arua City,
Northern Uganda



Turning plastic waste into
circular products



Implementing with communities,
with youth and women at the core



Developing unique circular skills
for minorities



Why Arua?

The challenge and the opportunity



Northern Uganda has collection points, but no local plastic recycling factory



Collected plastic is often sent to Kampala



Plastic pollution creates environmental and economic pressure



There is a strong opportunity for local circular jobs
community implementation
and value addition



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Our pilot-first solution

From waste collection to first demonstrators



Collection, sorting and basic pre-processing of plastic waste



First demonstrator products: desks, chairs and small tables



Biosphere leads local delivery, community implementation and stakeholder engagement



IMPRESSORA provides technical expertise and prototype guidance



Training communities and building unique skills for youth, women and minorities



Impact and next steps

What success looks like



Validate a bilateral waste-to-value model in Arua



Build green skills and livelihood opportunities for youth, women and minorities



Develop stakeholder traction, community ownership and follow-up funding pathways



Create a pathway toward local transformation capacity in Northern Uganda

Pilot first. Prove the model. Scale with purpose.



Winning Match No. 3





Breakout 3

Youth Entrepreneurship



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YOUTH INNOVATION PLAYBOOK

A flagship resource developed by AEIP to bridge high level policy frameworks with grassroots impact.

- ❑ **Strategic alignment:** Rooted in AU Agenda 2063, STISA-2024, and the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.
- ❑ **Economic Driver:** Transforms youth from job seekers into **job creators** to tackle unemployment and poverty.
- ❑ **Inclusive Design:** Tailored for entrepreneurs, BSOs, and policymakers across Africa and Europe.

HOW TO USE THIS PLAYBOOK

This playbook uses a three-step methodology: Identify, access and Play, to solve systemic challenges on youth innovation and entrepreneurship across Africa and Europe.

Six key steps should guide you on how to use the playbook:

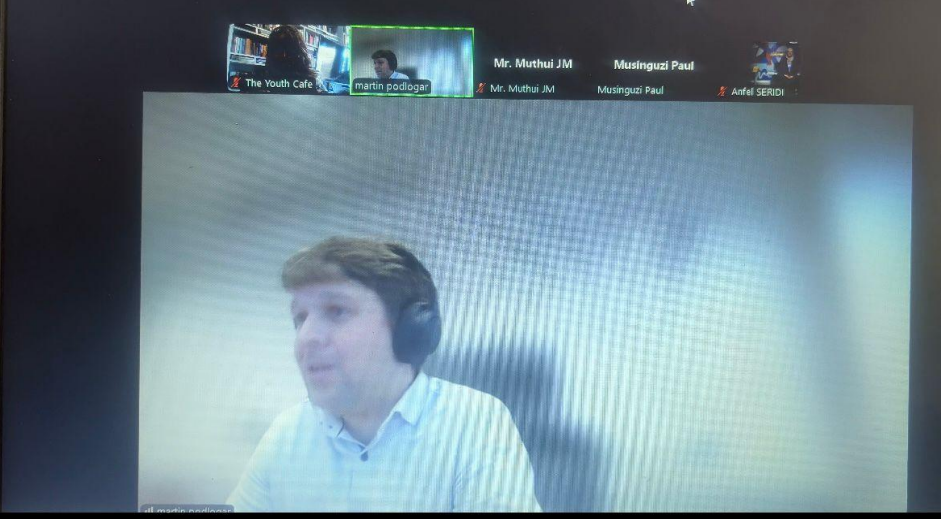
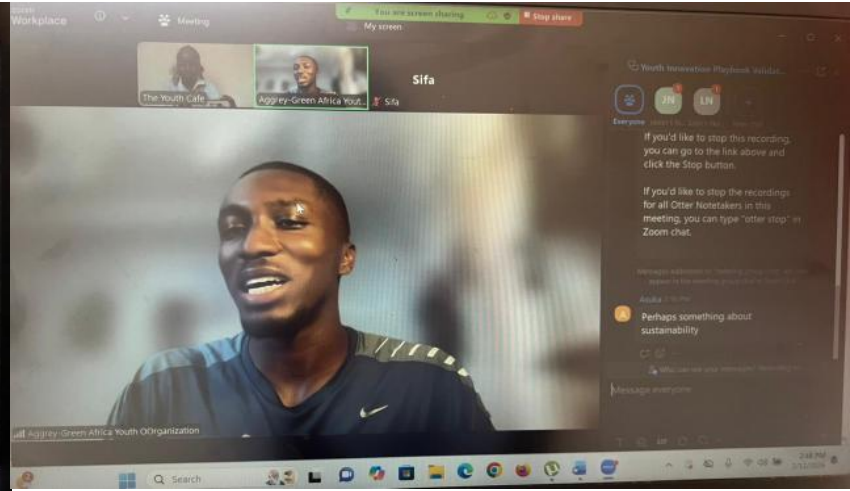
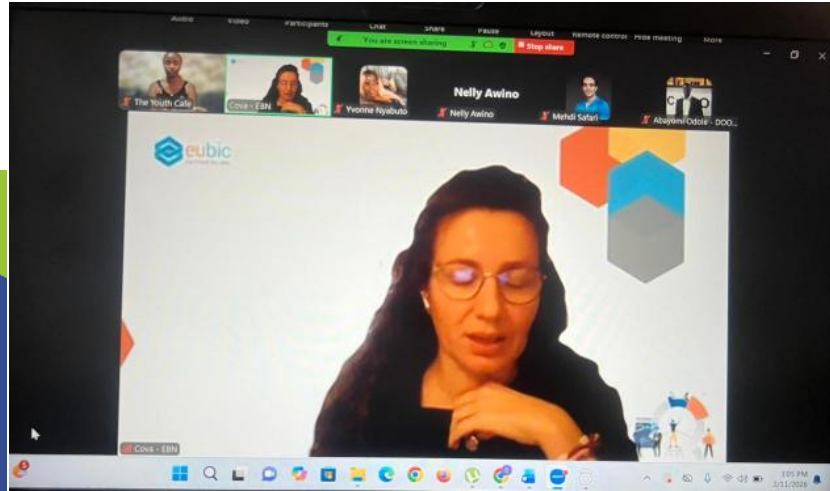
- ❑ Pick one challenge at a time
- ❑ Use the assessment questions to reflect honestly
- ❑ Select a small number of plays you can test quickly
- ❑ Use the toolkits to structure your work
- ❑ Deep dive into case studies for practical examples and inspiration
- ❑ Return to the playbook when a new challenge appears.

PLAYBOOK VALIDATION WORKSHOP SERIES



Youth Innovation Playbook Validation Workshop Series Final Report

6th -13th February, 2026



Hearing from the participants



Elizabeth Zewdu
Youth specialist



Mandilakhe Somdle
Marketing and Ecosystem Lead at
AfricArena

Closing Remarks



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Road to the next Stakeholder Meeting...



AfriLabs Annual Gathering x AEIP Innovation Dialogues

Early October, East Africa

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- Thematic Challenge on Public Health: [Expressions of Interest](#)
- Emerging Trends in Digital Education Series (Students-Centered Digital Pedagogies on 26 May: [Registration link](#))
- [AEIP Stakeholder Meeting](#) - Innovation Dialogues !

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