



African Incubator Network

Growing Africa through Incubation

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Overview & Background



- Global Incubation Support
- African Incubator Network
 - On the Ground
 - Face to face
 - Online

Global Incubation Support



The [iDISC Global Network of Business Incubators](#) includes 308 organizations in 88 countries worldwide.

- 44 organizations in 14 countries throughout Africa.

African Incubators on the Map

Country	No
South Africa	49
Nigeria	27
Kenya	16
Ethiopia	8
Mozambique	8
Uganda	7
Tanzania	7
Botswana	6
Mauritius	6
Senegal	5
Zambia	4
Ghana	4
Algeria	2
Angola	2
Rwanda	2
USA	2



Country	No
Benin	1
Burkina Faso	1
Cameroon	1
Cape Verde	1
Caribbean	1
Chad	1
Congo	1
Egypt	1
Ivory Coast	1
Madagascar	1
Mali	1
Mauritania	2
Morocco	1
Namibia	1
Tunisia	1
UK	1
MAPPED	173

Click on map to drill down to Country / City / Street

African Incubator Network

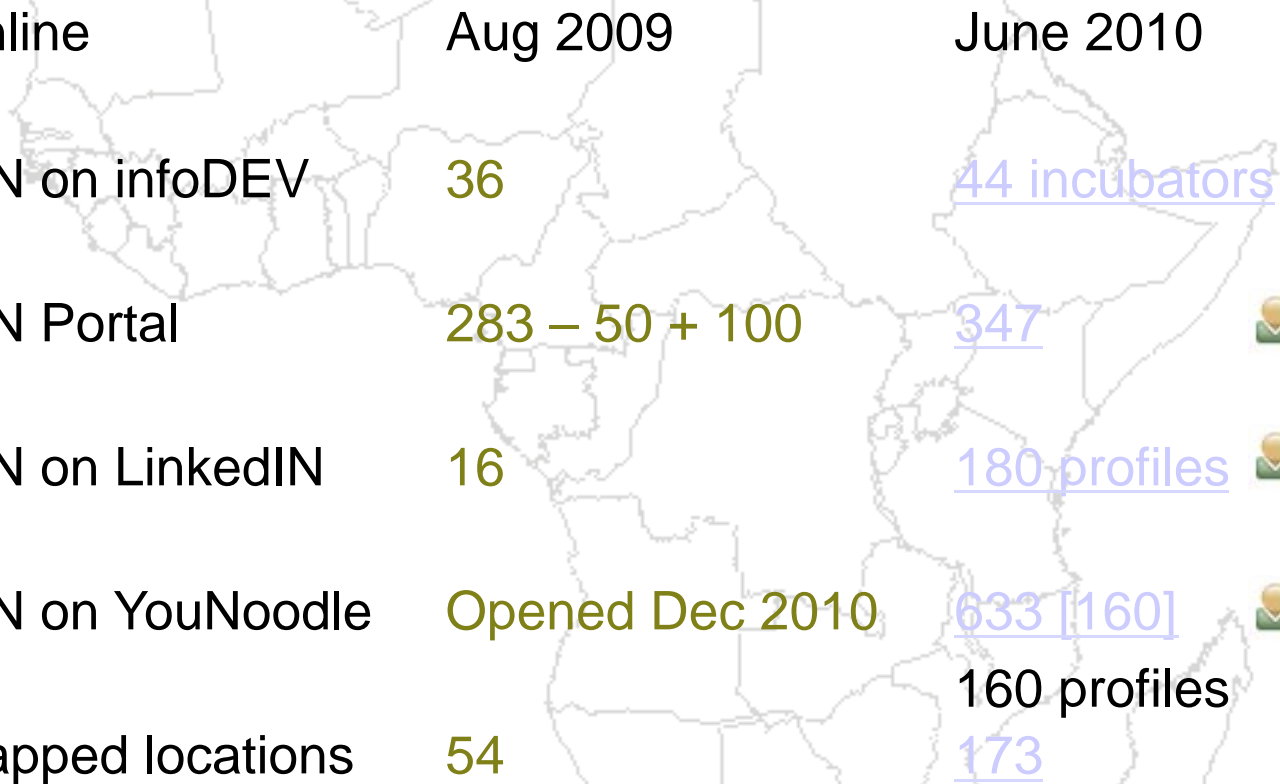





Michael Reddy, AIN Chairperson, RSA

•Dr. Julie Momah, AIN Vice Chairperson, Nigeria

- **Dr. Mbarou Gassama Mbaye, Senegal**
- **Chris Vermeulen, RSA**
- **Tessema Geda, Ethiopia**
- **Rajeev Aggraval, Rwanda**
- **Jayesh Ravjee, Past Chairperson, RSA**
- **Steve Giddings, InfoDEV Facilitator, Sub Sahara**
- **David Cromar, Webmaster**

African Incubator Network



Online	Aug 2009	June 2010	
AIN on infoDEV	36	44 incubators	
AIN Portal	283 – 50 + 100	347	
AIN on LinkedIN	16	180 profiles	
AIN on YouNoodle	Opened Dec 2010	633 [160]	
Mapped locations	54	173	

Inspiring Role Models



TED is a small nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading.

It started out (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from three worlds:

Technology, Entertainment, Design.



Our AIN Scorecard

- AIN conferences & workshops
- Incubation Training materials & events
- AIN Monthly newsletter
- Sharing Best Practice
- Sharing Knowledge & Tools
- Sharing Incubatee Success stories



AIN Community

Managing the AIN membership is like herding cats.

- Access to the Internet [speed & reliability]
- Raising awareness [who?, where?, when?]
- Reading rather than writing posts [what?]
- Sharing rather than taking [how?]
- Sharing knowledge & incubator tools
- Sharing Success

Why is AIN on LinkedIn?

NETWORKING

- Member Profiles & Bios
- Incubatee referrals and recommendations
- Building your support network
 - Incubation – Academia – Industry
 - Venture Capital – Mentors
 - Expats – Diaspora
 - Government – Multi National Corps
- News-Discussions-Events-Jobs-Polls



Why is AIN on YouNoodle?

- Profiling yourself & your start ups
- Predictive Analytics – Startup >>YR3?
- Business Plan Competitions
- AIN Newsletter & Events
- AIN Subscriber Database



The screenshot shows the YouNoodle interface for the African Incubator Network (AIN) group. The page features a navigation bar with options like Home, My Profile, Browse Startups, Find People, Startup Predictor, and Add a Startup. Below the navigation, there are tabs for Group, Members, Startups, Needs, Comments, and Admin. The main content area displays the group's name, a description, and various group details. On the right side, there are action buttons for editing the group, involvement, and leaving the group, along with a search bar and a list of members.

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Home My Profile Browse Startups Find People Startup Predictor Add a Startup

Group Members Startups Needs Comments Admin Search YouNoodle Search

African Incubator Network (AIN)

AIN is founded on the belief that we all have something to contribute and that we need to share our learning, support each other and build the African continent through our own endeavours. Our development funding is provided by infoDEV and SEDA.

Group type: Class
Focus: Ideas
Organizer: Non-profit
Funding: Corporate Sponsors, Government Grants, Self-generated Revenue, University Support
Industries: Biotech, Cleantech, Computing, Education, Entertainment, Financial, Food and Drink, Health, Information Technology, Internet, Lifestyle, Media, Mobile, Real Estate, Retail, Sports, Travel
Location: Sub Saharan Africa
Website: <http://www.aiportal.org/>

ABOUT US

The goal of AIN is to develop a collaborative network of African incubators and other business development service providers, and to facilitate the provision of appropriate knowledge to support the development of innovative small enterprises.

African Incubator Network
solutions through networking

- + Edit group and picture
- ↻ Edit my involvement
- ✉ Message all members
- ↓ Leave the group

http://younoodle.com/groups/african_incubat

Members (633) View all

Wilson Kutegeka
B.Sc. PGD from Makerere University; 2 years as IT Manager at Postec Uganda; Presently IT Consultant at Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) since February 2004.

AINPORTAL.ORG

African Incubator Network solutions through networking

infoDev Information for Development Program

seda SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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AIN Portal - Disc - eLearning Centre Africa AIN - AIN Login Page

REGISTER TO JOIN AIN KNOWLEDGE PORTAL
AIN PORTAL LOG IN
AIN BLOG
AIN on LinkedIn
AIN on YouTube
AIN on DISC

African Incubator Network

the Learning centre

Welcome to the eLearning Centre for African Incubation Network

The African Incubation Network eLearning Centre proudly offers a comprehensive collection of online courses. From the top providers and authors, we offer self-study courses with open enrollment in nearly every subject imaginable. Click to review the on-line catalog.

AIN on youmoodle

African Incubation Network Map

SME Toolkit West Africa

SME Toolkit Kenya

SME Toolkit South Africa

Document Manager

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Recently Added Documents

- + Clusters A framework for Incubation Western Cape
- + The Smart Guide to Innovation-Based Incubators (BI)
- + AIN Address - NEC, Economic Development and Tourism, Michael Mabuyakhulu
- + Conference Welcome from Programme Director Kugan Naidoo
- + Business Incubation as a Tool for Technology Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development
- + STP Incubators in Comparison Internationally
- + Growing the African Incubation Network
- + ENTERPRISE INCUBATION Development Strategy, Tivshane LED, RSA
- + RISE INCUBATION Development Strategy, Tivshane LED, RSA
- + Seda Sugar Cane Incubator and Agriviz, Maléane, RSA

Stat Counter

Welcome to the African Incubation Network Portal where you can collaborate and share knowledge with other members.

If you have already been given a UserID and Password click on **Login** and access this Portal.

If you wish to collaborate with Incubation Managers and Incubation specialists and supporters across Sub Saharan Africa - click on **Register** and submit your details and request for access. This is normally approved within 24 hours.

Gatlin Online Certificate Courses

Quick Poll

Have you joined our LinkedIn AIN Group yet?

YES

NO

AIN News

- + Africa - Cycling out of poverty
- + Commission launches latest push on ICT
- + 10 Reasons to Consider Online Training
- + South Africa: Goldeneye; Cannabis robot helps to map deepest gold mine in the world
- + China is Africa's No. 1 fan

More News

News Archive

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Thank You for listening

- Please ask questions.
- Please take the opportunity to speak with us during our time together.
- Give us details of any incubators we have not found yet!
- We invite you to register online and tell us your thoughts and your successes.

David

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A faint, light-colored outline map of the African continent is centered in the background of the slide. The map shows the borders of all African countries. The text and other elements are overlaid on this map.

AINPortal.org

Online Resources

Sharing Knowledge – Downloads & linkages to best practice and resources:

- **iDisc.net**
- **NBIA + UKBI**
- **SPICE**
- **Gatlin International**

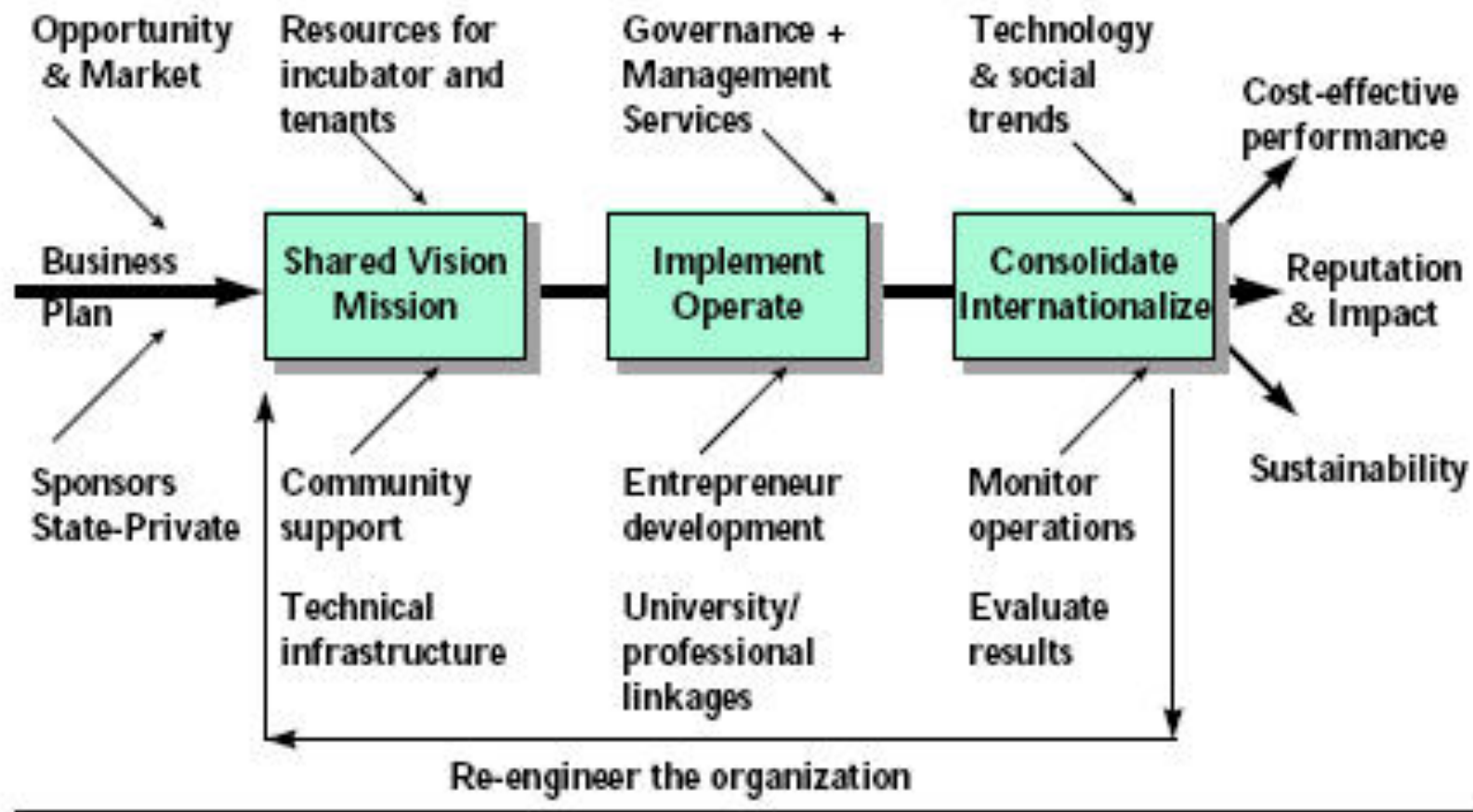
Why build an incubator?



- ✓ **Motivation for the creation of a business incubator**
 - ✓ **new jobs and skills in a community**
 - ✓ **the economic promotion of a region**
 - ✓ **the diversification of the local economy**
 - ✓ **the transfer of technology**

Incubating Incubators

Figure 1: Incubating the Incubator





AIN Partners / Linkages

Collaboration Offers on the table

- <http://africa.thelearningcentre.co.uk/>
 - distance learning courses [6000+ inc F / P]
- <http://satnetwork.org/> Southern Africa
 - Internet access, rural training and incubation
- <http://www.safri.de/> Germany
 - entrepreneurial training workshops
- [LEDNA](#) – economic development
- <http://www.younoodle.com/>
 - startup competition tools



Start Up Backpack

Are African startups different?

What basic technology package
does your emerging
entrepreneur need in Africa
today?

In 2011?

In 2015?