THE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

2023 June Convening

Session 3:

Innovation Hubs as Catalysts for Entrepreneurial Success and Innovation:









71,000+ students

15 institutions

12 Innovation centres, makerspaces and incubators

10 countries

32 cities

70+ campuses

420+ degrees, **10+** verticals

190+ academic partners

25 Digital and physical career spaces











Honoris leverages technology and digital tools to equip students with the skills needed to thrive in the digital economy and seize emerging opportunities.





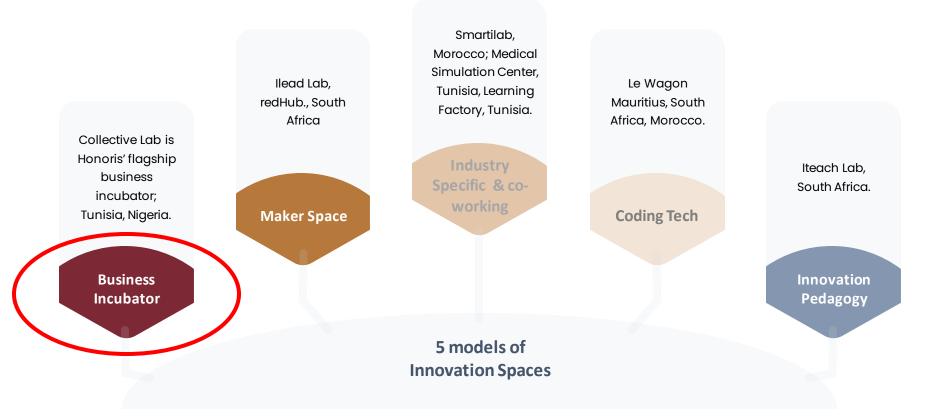








Innovation hubs are fueling job creation, driving economic growth, and fostering technological advancement in Africa







Flagship business incubator in Tunisia University Centrale





Newest business incubator in Nigeria: Nile University

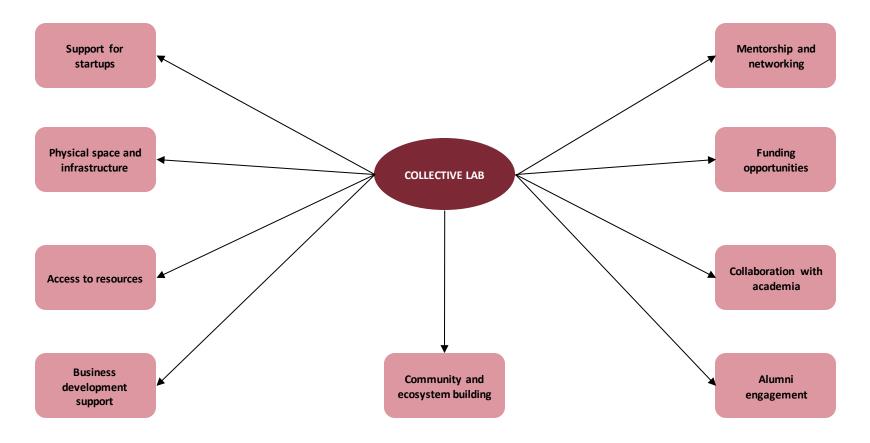








Collective Lab serves as a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship by providing startups with the necessary resources, guidance, and connections to increase their chances of success.

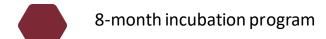




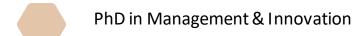










































































Venture Capital: USD \$150,000 (Oman Technology Fund)

Market: Tunisia, Saudi Arabia & Egypt

Project: Sghartoon

Founder: Ms Hidayet Ayadi

Sector: EDUTECH

Activity:

- Turn learning disabilities into a superpower
- Detect signs of learning difficulties with fun digital activities/games.













Venture Capital: 60,000 Euros from Afrilabs; 35,000 Tunisian Dinars from Freeoui

Project: Blue Jet Engineering Founder: Mr. Esmail Thabet

Sector: AGRITECH

Activity: Creating advanced agriculture machine for smart

irrigation













100+ diverse projects in service industry, agritech, tourism, edtech, and cosmetics

Incubated Projects	Number of participants	Cohorts 4	Busine	ss Plans/Cohort 15	Scalable Proje	ects	Workshops
118	1988	4		13	26		79
Bootcamps		Job by Sector					
13		Job status	E-Comm	Green Economy	Manufacturing	Edu-Te	ech E-Health
		Permanent	56	24	14	11	. 10
Competitions won & Venture Capital Raised		Seasonal	213	49	37	19	17
11 Competitions		Alumni	19	9	4	2	9
App. USD\$ 300K in VC							
		Summary of Jobs Created			New High-potential Sectors Added		
		Permanent	115		EduTech		
		Seasonal	33	5	E-Health		
		Alumni	43	3	Green Economy		



5 Imperatives to drive innovation ecosystems in Africa:



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Embrace Collaboration: Higher education institutions and the private sector must come together to foster a culture of collaboration and partnership in order to drive innovation and entrepreneurship in Africa.



Invest in Infrastructure: Prioritize investing in state-of-the-art facilities and resources that support innovation and provide a conducive environment for startups to thrive within African universities.



Support Incubation Programs: Actively support and contribute to the establishment of incubation programs within African universities, providing startups with mentorship, access to funding, and necessary resources to accelerate their growth.



Create Industry Partnerships: Work towards creating a supportive ecosystem that nurtures startups, offering networking opportunities, access to experts, and a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices.



Promote Access to Funding: Explore and promote various funding mechanisms, including venture capital, grants, and seed funding, to ensure that promising startups have the financial resources they need to grow and scale their businesses.

