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Innovators Programme

The AfriCircular Innovators Programme, funded by the African Development Bank's Africa Circular Economy Facility (ACEF) and in collaboration with the African Circular Economy Alliance, **incentivizes circular initiatives across Africa to drive the continent's transformation through the circular economy**, fostering sustainable and inclusive growth.

The programme bolsters **Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**, which comprise 80% of the continent's businesses by providing financial aid and technical assistance. **It also empowers the burgeoning youth entrepreneurship sector**, which is crucial to Africa's transformative circular journey.



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30 MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

3 HUBS established in **3 COUNTRIES**



SUPPORT PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAMME

- ✓ Circular Economy & Business support trainings
- ✓ Tailored coaching sessions
- ✓ Financial grants
- ✓ Peer-to-peer learning
- ✓ Market linkages and industry connections
- ✓ Regional demo day



Impact Hub is implementing the AfriCircular Innovators programme as the selected provider after a competitive process.



PROGRAMME TIMELINE

PHASE I: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Evaluations and selection



APR-JUN 24

PHASE II: CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



JUL-NOV 24

PHASE III: GRANT DISBURSEMENT AND FURTHER BUSINESS SUPPORT*



NOV- JAN 25

PHASE IV: REGIONAL DEMO-DAY AND LAUNCH OF CE TOOLKIT



JAN-FEB 25

*Further business support :

- Market Linkages & Industry Connections)
- Circular Economy and Business Support
- Peer-to-Peer Learning
- Workshops and Coaching



INSIGHT SUSTAINABLE CONSULTING

Biogas Production: Design biodigesters that produce biogas for cooking energy and digestate that supports sustainable agricultural production

CÔTE D'IVOIRE RECYCLAGE (CIREC)

Addresses the challenge of premature obsolescence by collecting and refurbishing used equipment to reduce environmental and health pollution

ECO AP

Transforms plastic waste into eco-friendly, cost-effective, and durable construction blocks for construction companies. These innovative blocks are designed like Lego pieces, allowing them to be easily assembled during construction, significantly reducing the use of cement

AFRIKI FOODIES

Provides a sustainable solution for maraîchers by converting perishable tomatoes into a long-lasting, marketable product: Tomatoes in Powder

SIBORÉ LUXURY HAIR

Produces biodegradable hair extensions from banana fibers, providing a sustainable alternative to traditional beauty products. This approach supports local agricultural communities, reduces environmental impact, and minimizes plastic waste through natural decomposition

BIOMASSIVOIRE

Produces organic fertilizers specifically formulated to enhance the fertility and rejuvenation of agricultural soils, ensuring that essential nutrients are restored and maintained for optimal crop growth

AJLUS

Transform organic waste into high-quality organic fertilizers, enhancing soil health and fertility without chemicals, providing a sustainable alternative to traditional fertilizers

AVEOLA ÉCOBATI SARL

Turn recycled plastics into eco-friendly prefabricated buildings like kiosks and urban toilets, catering to businesses, governments, and NGOs

AGRIBANANA

Develops 100% biodegradable and recyclable vegetable paper bags to combat climate change driven by deforestation and plastic pollution. It utilizes underused banana tree trunks post-harvest as the primary raw material

LA DAME QUI RANGE

Enhances space utilization and orderliness. Its unique recycling and upcycling efforts transform unwanted or recyclable materials into innovative products, reducing waste and preserving resources while offering creative solutions to consumers



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SELECTED MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN GHANA

ECOVON LIMITED

Ecovon Limited tackles deforestation by creating a naturally flame retardant, anti-fungal, and binder-free alternative to wood from coconut husk.

COUNTDOWN CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS

Collaborates with and trains university students to upcycle plastic bottles on campus into round tables, chairs, bags, and stationery, mitigating plastic pollution.

KODU TECHNOLOGY

Kodu Technology develops sanitary pads from banana husks to substitute non-biodegradable pads and mitigate "period poverty."

MUS PLASTICS

Community based plastic pyrolysis venture that turns plastic waste into petrol and diesel to be used by rural farmers, fishermen and transportational workers.

APPCYLERS

An online marketplace where users can buy and sell used electronic devices, upcycled arts, and recyclable raw materials such as copper, aluminum, PCB boards, etc.

ECO-SOLVE INNOVATIONS AFRICA

Eco-solve innovations creates a biodegradable and hot-water-soluble substitute for polyethylene shopping bags using cassava starch.

GREEN HOPPER (FITA AUTOTECH)

An online autoservice marketplace that facilitates recycling of car parts and environmentally friendly diagnostic practices for new and used vehicles.

GREEN HEART SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Greenheart transforms agricultural waste into soil conditioners and animal feed enhancers, aiming to increase farmers' productivity and reduce costs.

SABON SAKE

Sabon Sake focuses on regenerative agriculture, carbon sequestration, and increasing smallholder farmers' access to finance in Ghana and across Africa.

ECOLUXURY FURNISHING

Ecoluxury Furnishing transforms plastic waste into boards that are customized for unique furniture and stationery.



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SELECTED MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN RWANDA

AFRI-FARMERS

Afri-Farmers leverages technology to bridge the gap between smallholder farmers and consumers, train farmers on best agricultural practices help them access farm inputs.

CLENVILLE

Clenville addresses high construction costs and inadequate housing by using plastic wastes to create affordable, durable interlocking building blocks.

CHANELS INNOVATION

Chanel's AI-driven firmware enhances energy distribution efficiency and reliability, enabling micro-utilities to manage resources more effectively, thereby lowering operational costs and improving service delivery in underserved communities.

REBANATEX

Rebanatex recycles banana trunks and transforms them into biodegradable leather products.

INDINTAMBWE FEEDS LTD

Indintambwe Feeds utilizes insect known as maggots as an alternative source of protein for animal feed to ensure their affordability to small and medium farmers.

FRUITFRESH

The FruitFresh charcoal cooler offers an eco-friendly solution by using charcoal leftovers as a cooling medium in a zero-energy cooling system.

SOUTH CIRCLE

South Circle addresses the glass waste problem by transforming it into valuable, eco-friendly construction materials such as tiles, terrazzo, and countertops.

UZA

UZA is a platform that facilitates to sell and purchase second-hand / 'pre-loved' items hassle-free and easily.

INCUTI FOODS

The enterprise tackles post-harvest loss of chili peppers among Rwandan smallholder farmers, offering them a market for their produce.

AGRITECH BOOSTER

Offers biodegradable packaging and seedling racks made from cassava peels, reducing plastic waste and soil pollution.