

**Sous l'égide de M. Mohamed Fadhel Kraiem,
Ministre des Technologies de la Communication et de la Transformation Digitale**

**Présentation en avant première des
résultats de l'étude
« Potentiel et performance des écosystèmes d'innovation en Afrique »**

HOTEL LAICO TUNIS

27 JUIN 2020

De 8h:30 à 10 h:30

contact:

Mondher Khanfir

Mondher.khanfir@gmail.com

Agenda

1) General context & Introduction

2) Innovation ecosystem landscape in Africa

- **The major enablers of the African Innovation Ecosystem**
- **Venture capital investments in Africa in 2019-2020**
- **Effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the Africa Startup scene**

3) Startup Ecosystem potential and performance

- **Key findings from the survey**
- **The concept of potential and performance**
- **Measuring African Startup Ecosystem Performance**

4) Tunisia case study

5) Q&A

General context & Introduction

- *54 countries, but only few are in the race of innovation*
- *Total continent GDP = US\$ 3000 Bn (4% WGDP)*
- *Foreign exchanges = US\$ 1065 Bn*
- *Infrastructure investment needs = US\$ 2400 Bn*
- *Alternative finance is emerging with Diaspora*
- *The first successes are still very fragile*

General context & Introduction

- *In most countries, health care systems were not well prepared to face a global sanitary crisis*
- *Fighting the pandemic involved different industries, including the startups*
- *Innovation ecosystem maturity was a decisive factor in organizing the technological response*

Agenda

1) General context & Introduction

2) Innovation ecosystem landscape in Africa

- The major enablers of the African Innovation Ecosystem
- Venture capital investments in Africa in 2019
- Effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the Africa Startup scene

3) Startup Ecosystem potential and performance

- Key findings from the survey
- The concept of potential and performance
- Measuring African Startup Ecosystem Performance

4) Tunisia Case study

5) Q&A + Wrapp up

Innovation ecosystems landscape in Africa

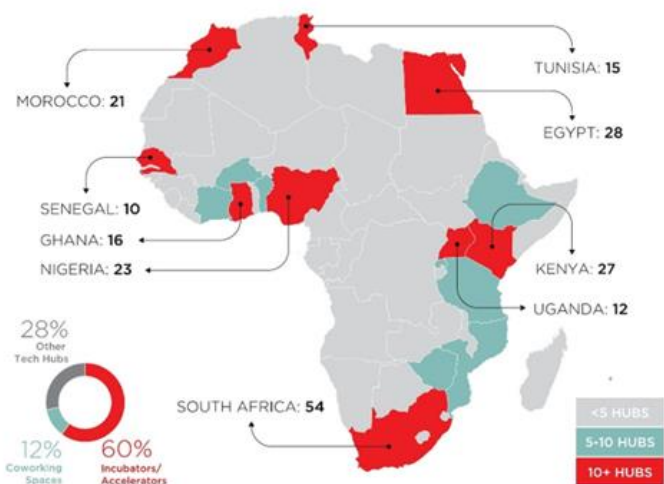
2016: 314 active tech hubs

2018: 442 active tech hubs

2019: 618 active tech hubs

GSMA Ecosystem Accelerator
A few figures on tech hubs in Africa

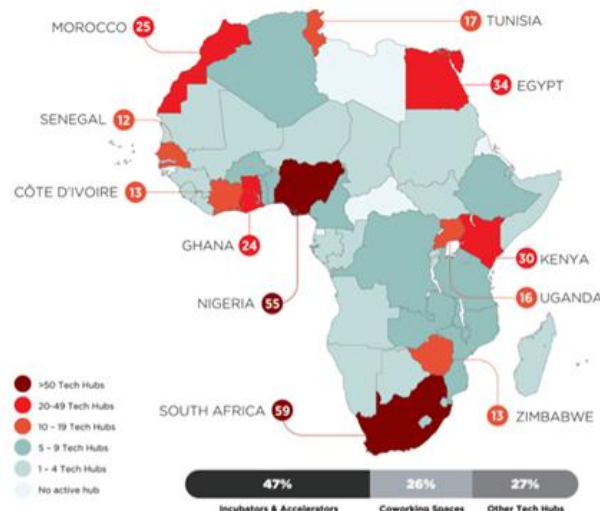
AFRICA: 314 ACTIVE* TECH HUBS IN 93 CITIES IN 42 COUNTRIES



- 5 Countries:** South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt and Morocco totalise 50% of the tech hubs in Africa.
- 4.3 years old:** Average age of tech hubs is 4.3 years old (average launch date: 2012).
- 13% of Tech hubs:** 13% of tech hubs have partnerships with mobile operators. Orange, MTN and Vodafone are the most represented.
- 49% of Tech hubs:** 49% of tech hubs have partnerships with non telecom corporations. Microsoft, Google and Ashoka are the most represented.
- 1.5 millions followers:** Tech hubs Facebook pages have more than 1.5 million followers.
- 600 thousand followers:** Tech hubs Twitter pages totalise more than 600 thousand followers.

<http://gsma.com/ecosystemaccelerator>

GSMA Ecosystem Accelerator AFRICA Tech Hubs Landscape 2018
442 ACTIVE TECH HUBS*



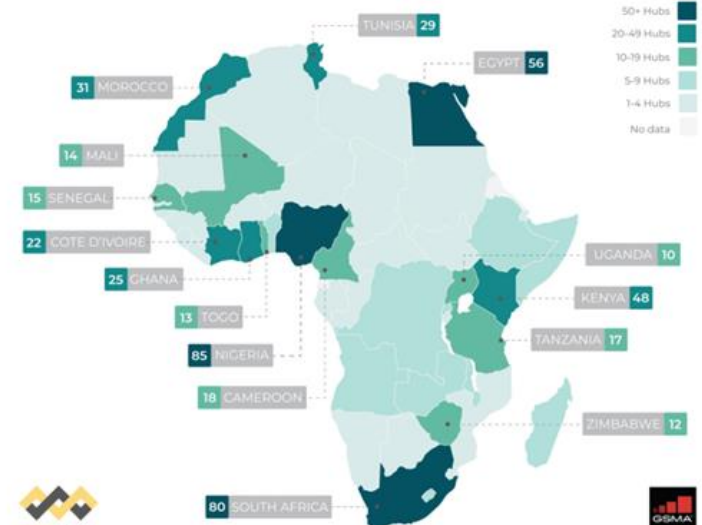
- 5 Countries:** South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco totalise over 45% of all hubs.
- 5 y/o Hubs Maturity:** Average age of active tech hubs is 5 years - launched in 2013.
- Social Media Reach:** 1.4 Million Followers, 4 Million Likes.

Main tech hub alliances: Afrilabs, IMPACT HUB, THE INDEPENDENT TRUST, FAB LAB, jokkolabs

*Tech Hubs are defined as physical spaces designed to foster and support tech start-ups. These include incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, fab labs, makerspaces, hackerspaces, and other innovation centres. Active tech hubs are defined as hubs that have shown active digital presence (website, news, social media) since October 2017.

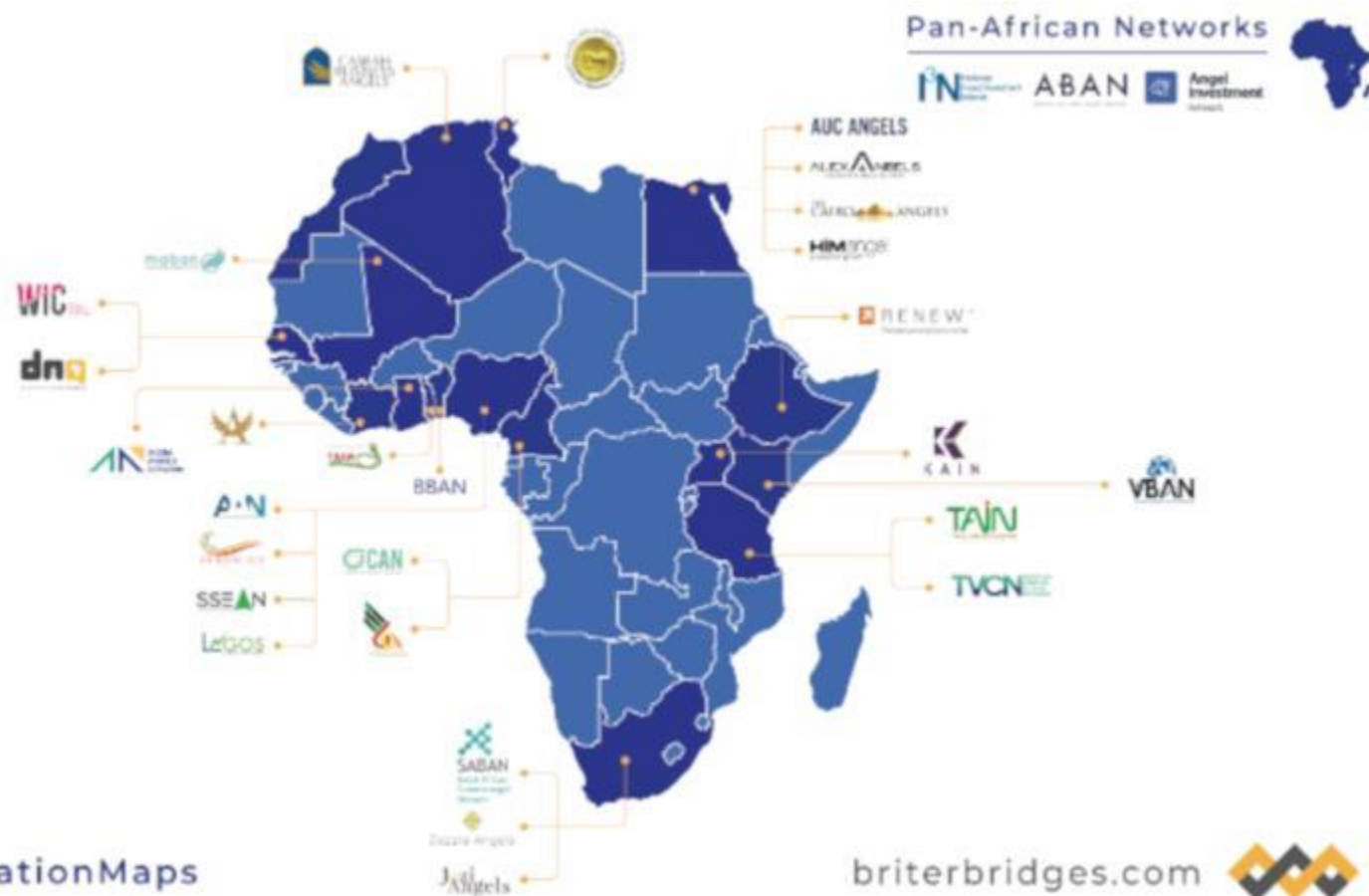
gsma.com/ecosystemaccelerator

618 TECH HUBS
A mapping in collaboration with the GSMA Ecosystem Accelerator programme



- Global and corporate hubs:** Google AI, Microsoft Azure, IBM, SAP, Oracle, etc.
- Hubs distribution:** The top 10 cities in Africa are home to 250 hubs, accounting for over 40% of the total.
- Tech hubs mapping since 2016:** 314 (2016), 442 (2018), 618 (2019).
- Major networks and alliances:** Afrilabs, jokkolabs, FLATLABS, iStock, etc.
- Categories:** 24% Coworking space only, 52% Incubator or accelerator, 6% Maker spaces.
- Key and definitions:** Tech Hub: organisation with physical address, offering facilities, financial or in-kind support to tech entrepreneurs. Active: active digital presence over the past 2 quarters. Coworking: facilities but no specific support programme. Incubator: facilities, in-kind support at incubation stage. Accelerator: facilities, short-term funding and support.

Innovation ecosystems landscape in Africa



Innovation ecosystems landscape in Africa

Here is a break-down of the 15 main tech cities:

Lagos, Cairo, Cape Town, Nairobi, and Johannesburg belong to Tier 1, with 20 to 40 hubs each;

Casablanca, Accra, Abidjan, Tunis, and Abuja follow suit as Tier 2 cities, with 15+ hubs each; and **Dakar, Bamako, Kampala, Dar Es Salaam, and Lomé** with 10+ hubs are the latest emerging cities.

It is worth noting that many of the above-mentioned emerging cities have recently launched angel networks and have joined regional or international tech alliances.

→ +250 investment Firms are directly operating in Africa

Innovation ecosystems landscape in Africa



African venture investments records **USD 1.340 Bn** through **427 deals** in equity and debt financing in 2019.

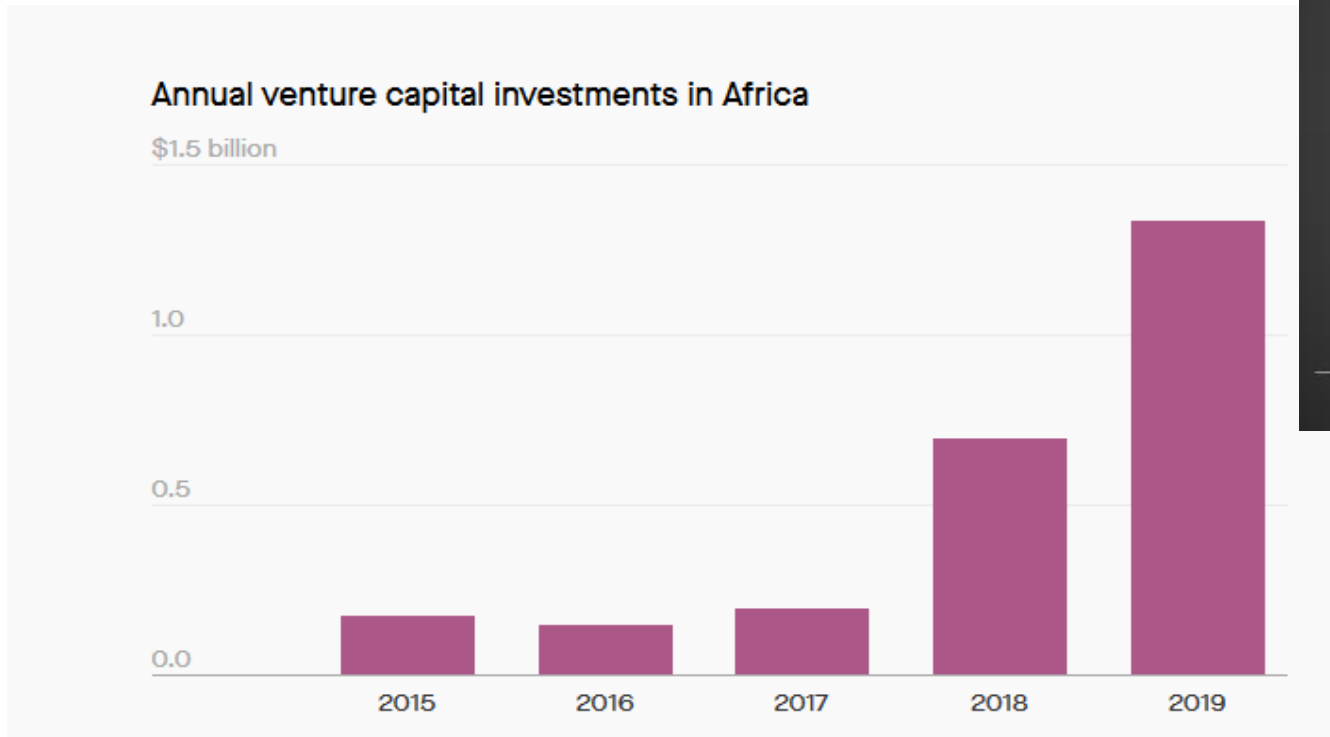
The year was especially great for the **Nigerian** ventures that raked in **USD 663.24 Mn**, highest amount of venture capital money secured by a country in 2019.

Kenya had a super growth year netting **283.64%** growth over the previous year's funding amount.

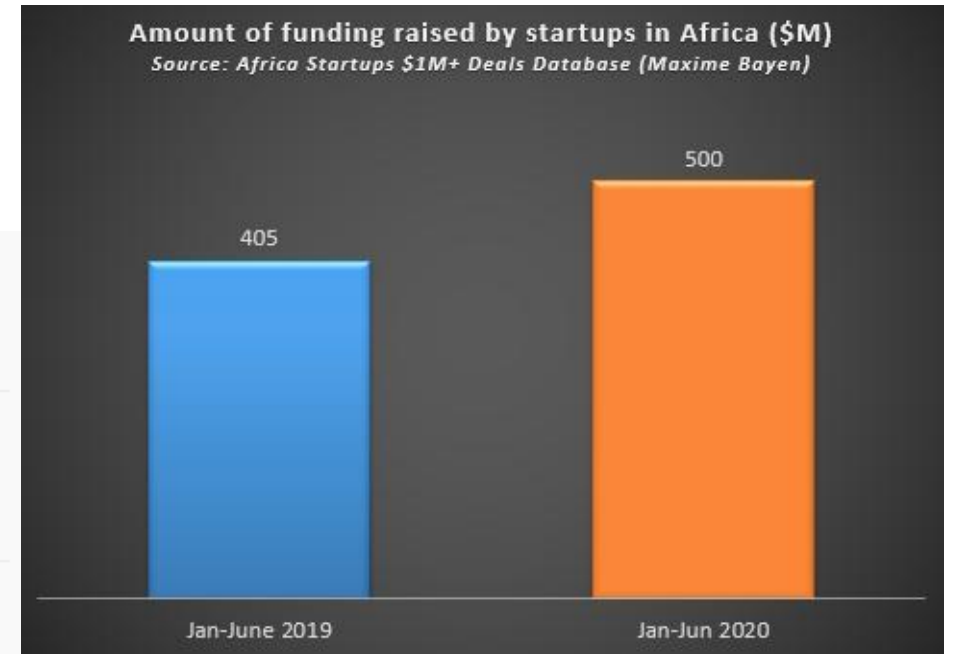
South Africa took the third position as per funding amount.

Fintech secured **USD 678.73 Mn**, witnessed a spectacular growth of **138.48%** over the previous year.

Evolution of venture capital Investments in Africa fundings in Africa 2015-2020

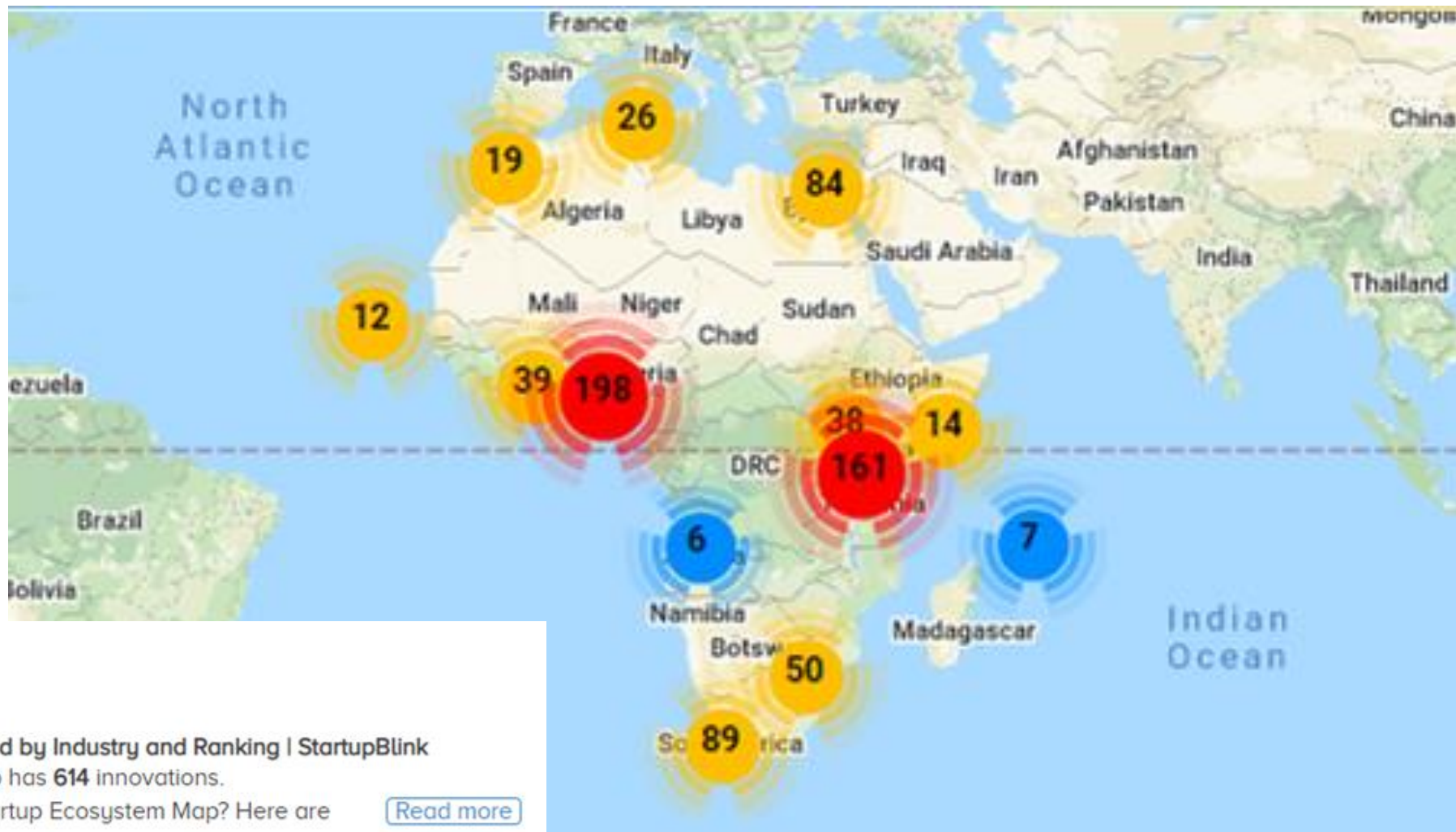


Source: WeeTracker Report, 2020



Source: Maxime Bayen, 2020

The number of startups in Africa is growing fast...



STARTUP
Blink

Map of Startups in Africa, listed by Industry and Ranking | StartupBlink

Africa Startup Ecosystem Map has 614 innovations.

Want to explore the Africa Startup Ecosystem Map? Here are [Read more](#)

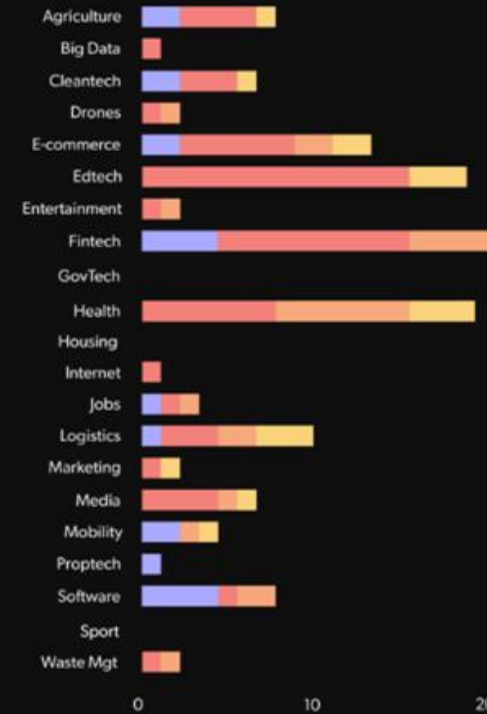
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY BY SECTOR

3 SECTORS PER MONTH BY N° OF DEALS: BREAKDOWN AND HIGHEST ACTIVITY

\$310 million
Total funding Jan-April 2019

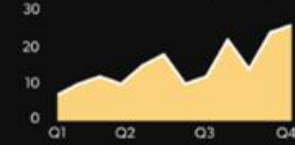
+20%

\$378 million
Total funding Jan-April 2020



3B OVERALL TREND - 2019

2nd SEMESTER OF 2019 REGISTERED A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER N° OF DEALS THAN THE 1st.



January
February
March
April



Clustering & Specialization

ADOPTING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AFRICA

75+

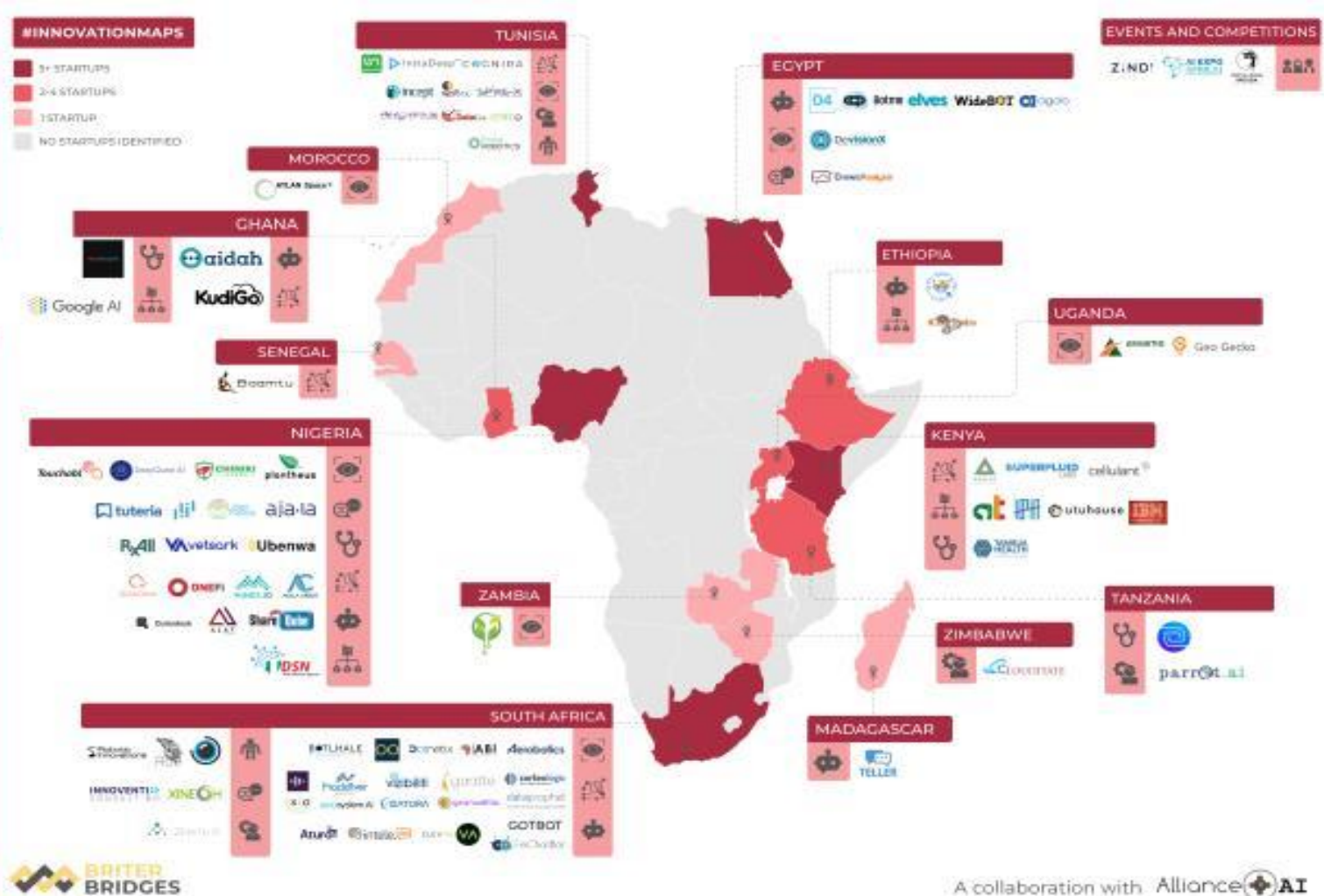
VENTURES USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

INCLUDED

DATA AND ANALYTICS Organizations that build or use data and analytics products	22
BOTS, CHATBOTS, AND VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS Organizations that build or use chatbots, virtual assistants, and other AI-powered assistants	16
VISION Organizations that build or use computer vision systems such as facial recognition	16
LANGUAGE OR TEXT RECOGNITION Organizations that develop or use systems powered by AI	7
HUB OR AI CENTRES Organizations that build or use hubs building AI-powered products or services	7
HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTICS Organizations that provide or build healthcare solutions	4
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AI DEVS Organizations that provide or build AI-powered professional services	6
ROBOTICS Organizations that build or use robots and other AI-powered machines	4

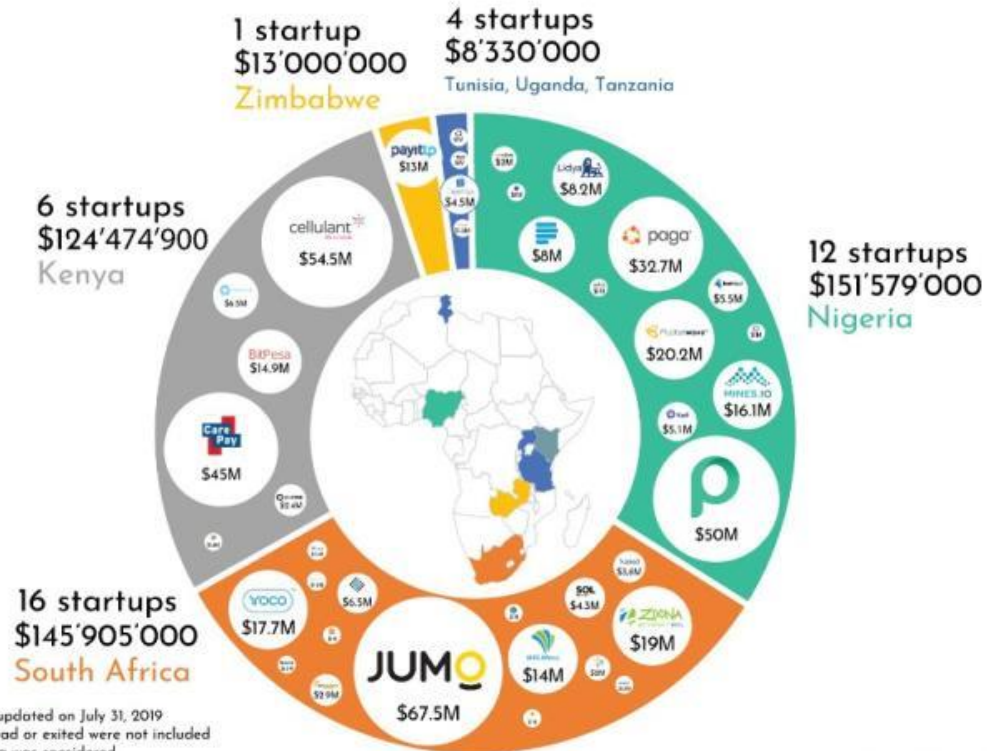
NOT INCLUDED

DRONES Organizations that build or use drone services or apps	0
---	---



Clustering & Specialization

da AFRICA'S FINTECH VENTURES WITH \$1M+ TOTAL VENTURE FUNDING



Notes:
 • Data used was last updated on July 31, 2019
 • Startups that are dead or exited were not included
 • Only venture funding was considered
 • Visit www.digestafrica.com/methodology for more about our criteria

The major ecosystem enablers ...



→ US\$ 2.5 Billion growth projection for africa's crowdfunding market potential by 2025

Telco, Tech companies, Banks and Universities are interconnecting local ecosystems to global ones...

<https://www.orangefab.com/>

Orange Fab

<https://tshimologong.joburg/>

TSHI
MOLØ
GONG

<https://www.liquidtelecom.com/about-us/news>

LIQUID
TELECOM

<https://developers.google.com/community/accelerators/>

Google Developers

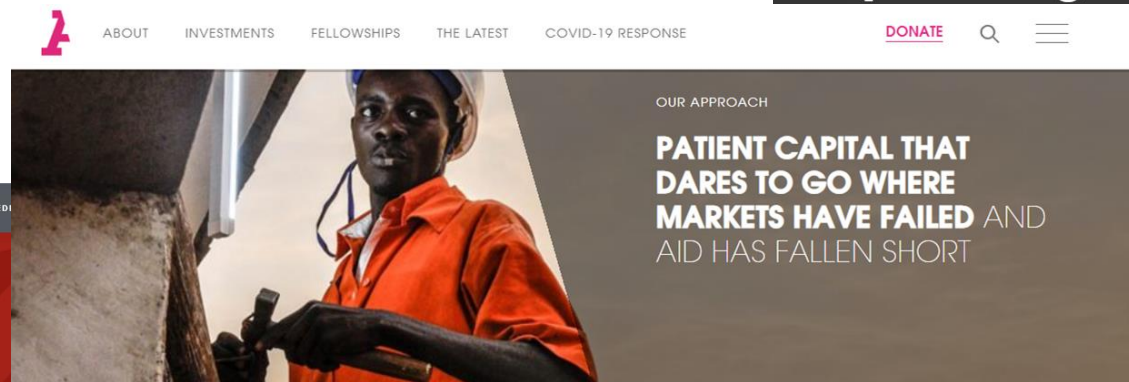
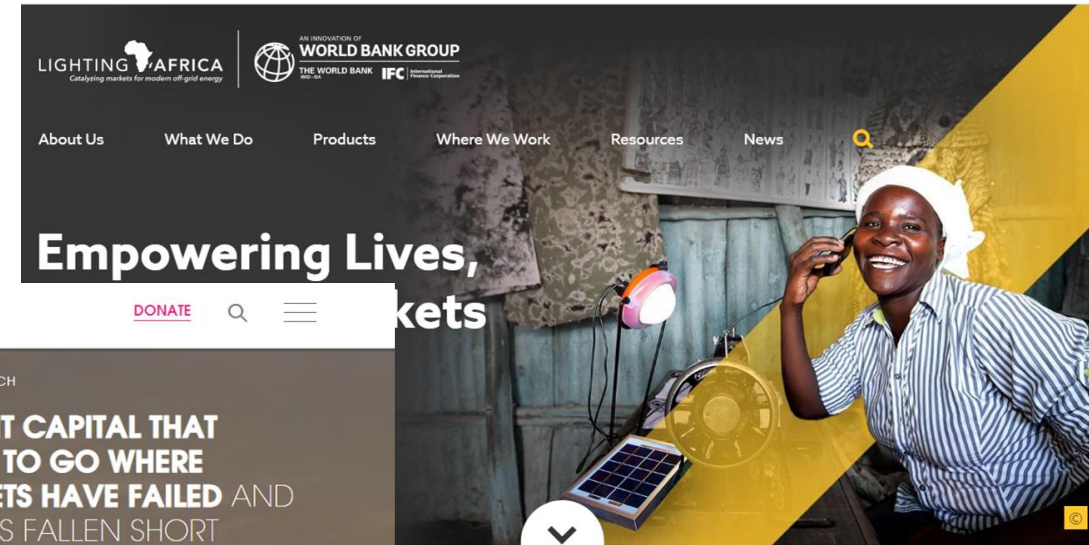
<https://ecobankfintech.com/>



Institutionalizing Impact investing in Africa

Impact Investing funds are multiplying in Sub Saharan

Our estimation* of available impact funds > US\$ 1 Tn



WE INVEST IN INTREPID ENTREPRENEURS AND EARLY STAGE INNOVATORS TACKLING THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY

The markets alone cannot solve the problems of poverty; nor are charity and aid enough to tackle the challenges faced by over two-thirds of the world's population living in poverty. Patient capital is a third way that seeks to bridge the gap between the efficiency and scale of market-based approaches and the social impact of pure philanthropy.



(*) Based on different sources including <https://www.africaglobalfunds.com/>

Agenda

1) General context & Introduction

2) Innovation ecosystem landscape in Africa

- The major enablers of the African Innovation Ecosystem
- Venture capital investments in Africa in 2019
- Effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the Africa Startup scene

3) Startup Ecosystem potential and performance

- Key findings from the survey
- The concept of potential and performance
- Measuring African Startup Ecosystem Potential & Performance

4) Tunisia case study

5) Q&A + Wrapp up

Innovation ecosystem

Innovation is driven by a dedicated ecosystem, centered on sustainable development goals



Innovation Ecosystem policy covers a large chapter on the startup industry

- Making all actors agree to commit with the final objective of sustainable development
- Setting up favorable conditions for actors to interact and undertake risk
- Accompany the rise of a new wealth creation agent the “Startup”

The Instruments of Public Policy

CAPITAL

KNOWLEDGE

MARKET / ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Tax discount for investors	Clustering & specialization	Ideation programs with academia & enterprises
Tax discount for startups	IP protection facility	adapted judicial framework
Easy operations on the capital	researchers secondments	Innovation incubation
access to international capital market	Access to Technological Infrastructure	Startups - Technoparks collaboration
sophistication of the financial instruments	Tech Transfer assistance	Acces to international markets
Financing all the stages of the startup	Open Data & eGov	Transparent public bids and procurement process
Direct funding of the entrepreneurs	Open Innovation	Startup acceleration
Dedicated room for startups in the local capital market	Research Based SpinOff	Economic holding
Simplified procedure for bankruptcy	Collaborative research projects PPP	Technology Hubs

African Innovation ecosystem at a glance (2019)

203 investors

618
Active Innovation
Hub

427 deals

\$1.340 Bn of
venture capital

N°1 sector :Fintech



Survey Participants

Innovation actors from the following 13 countries :

Angola
Burkina Faso
Ghana
Kenya
Madagascar
Mozambique
Nigeria
Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania
Tunisia
Zimbabwe

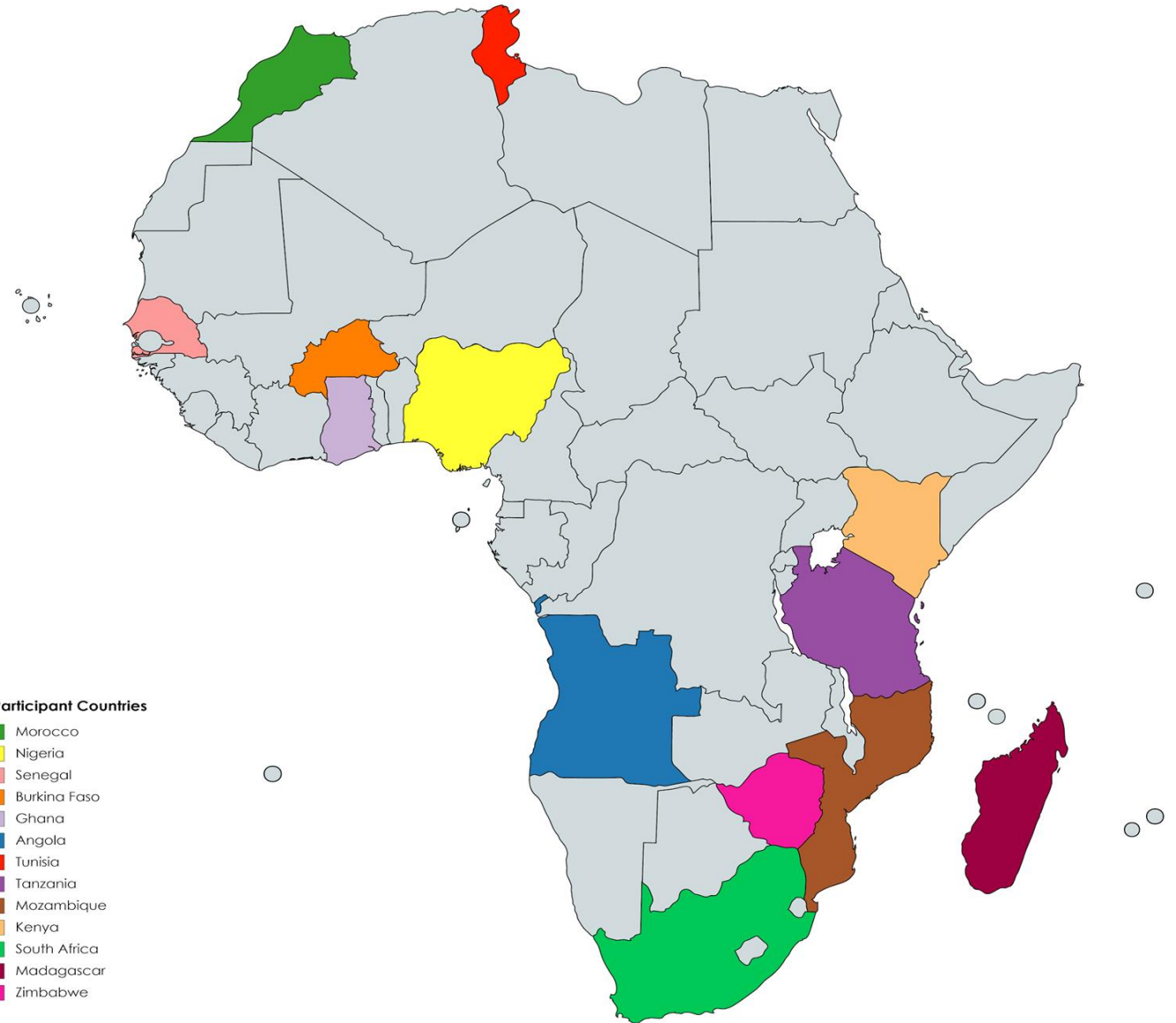
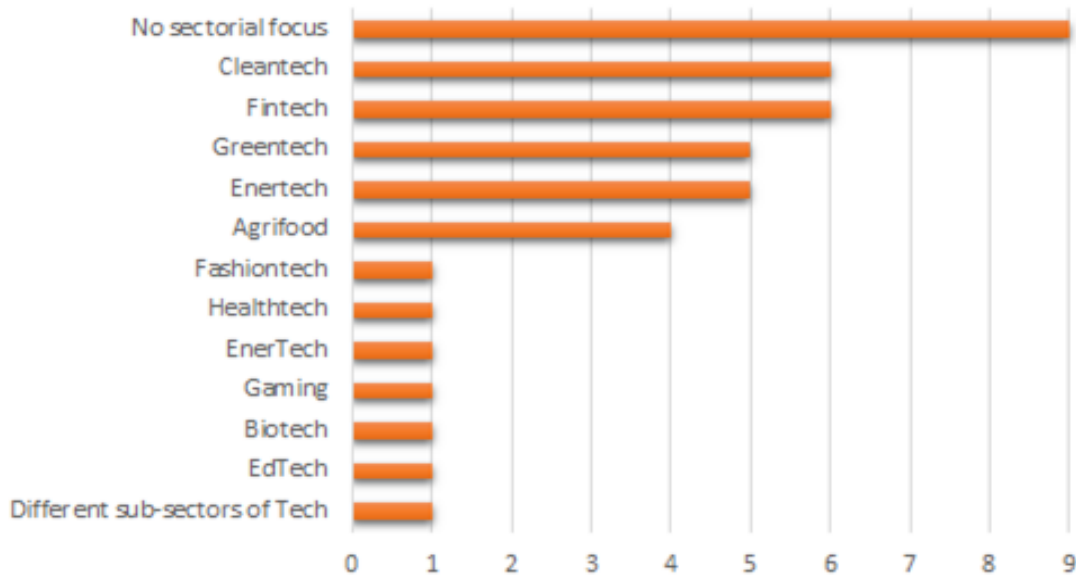


Chart 3: Survey participants per sector

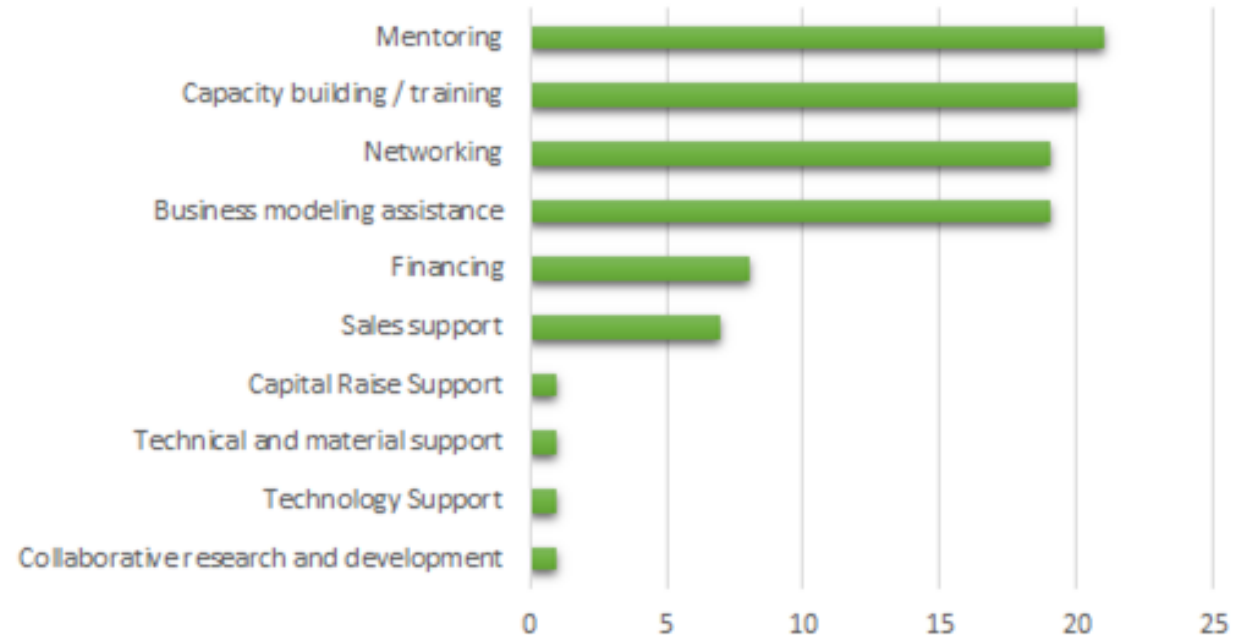


The top 5 sectors in which participant actors operate are cleantech ,fintech followed by greentech ,enertech and agrifood

95% offer mentoring and capacity building services

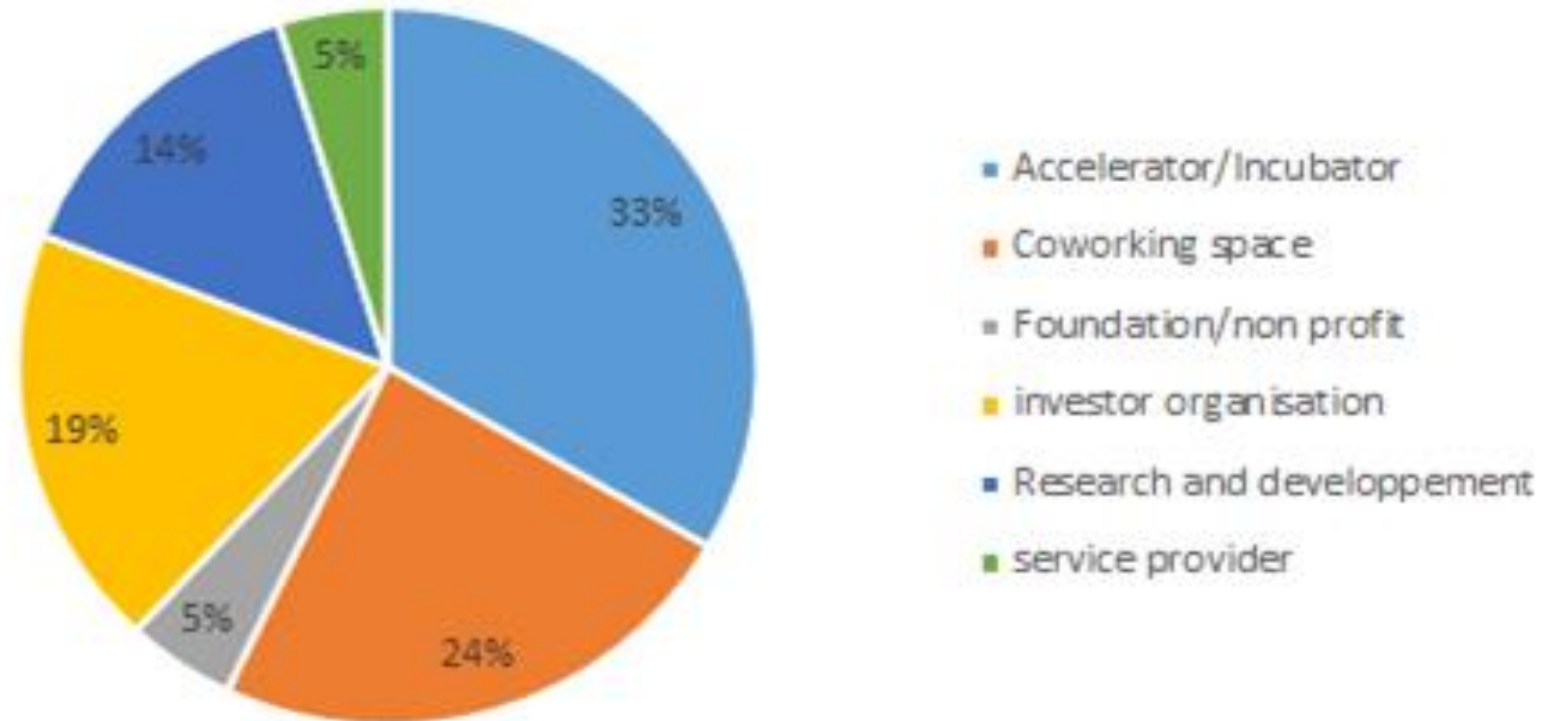
86% work provide Networking and business model assistance

Only 36% provide financing support



GRAPH 3: Survey Participants Per Service

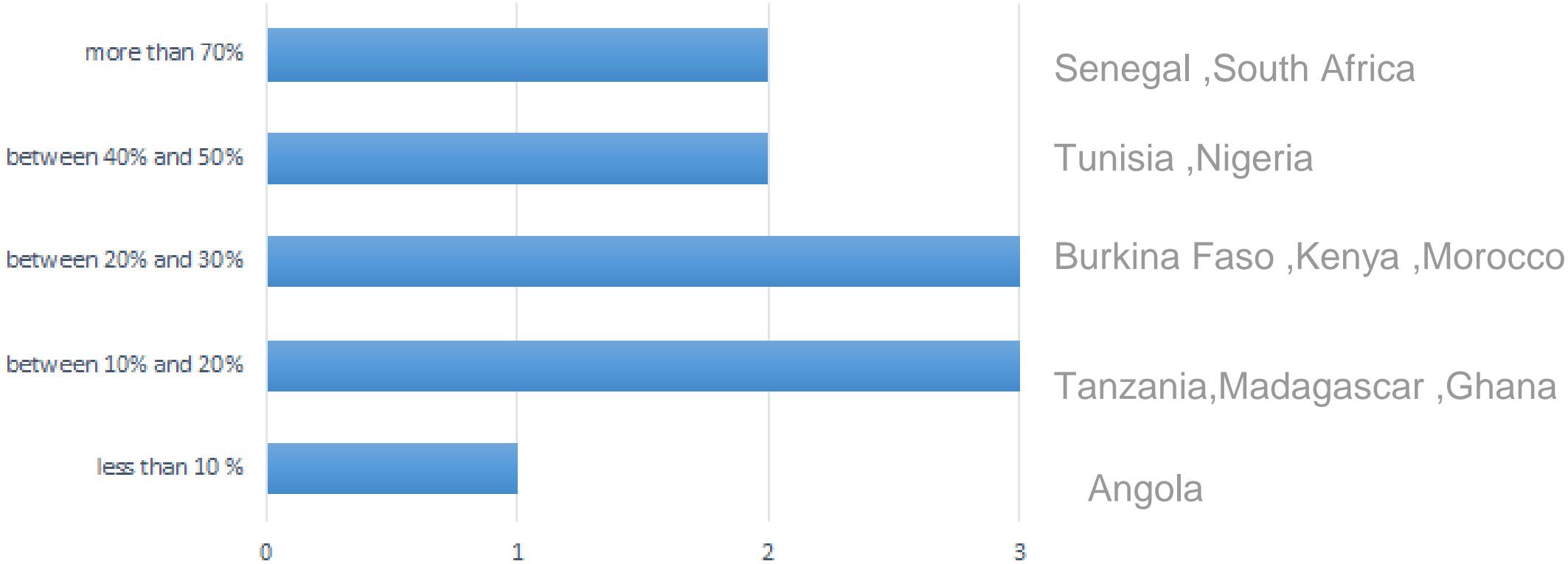
GRAPH 1: Survey Participants Per Category



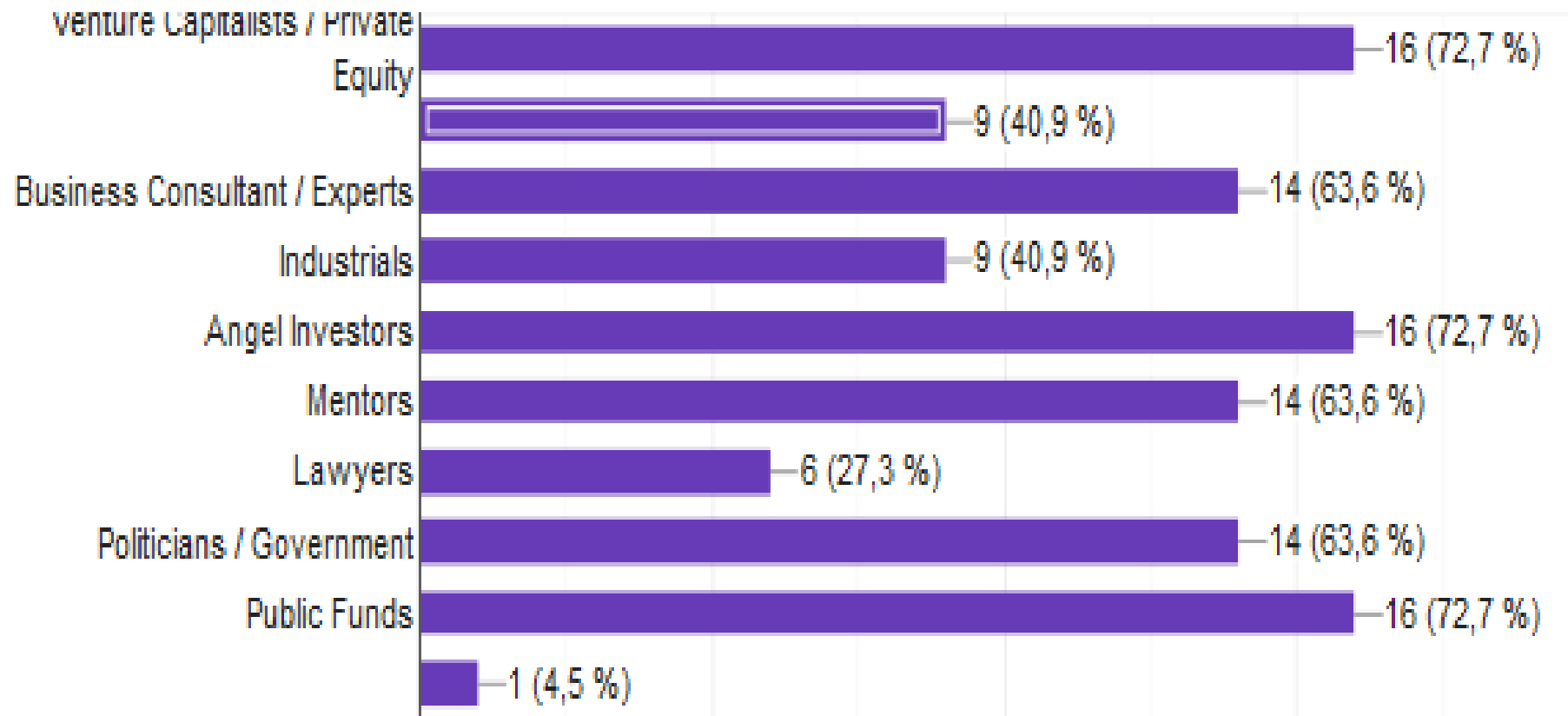
The questionnaire brought together different actors of the innovation ecosystem from all over the continent making it possible to look at the african image from different angles

GRAPH 7: Venture Survival rate after 3 years period

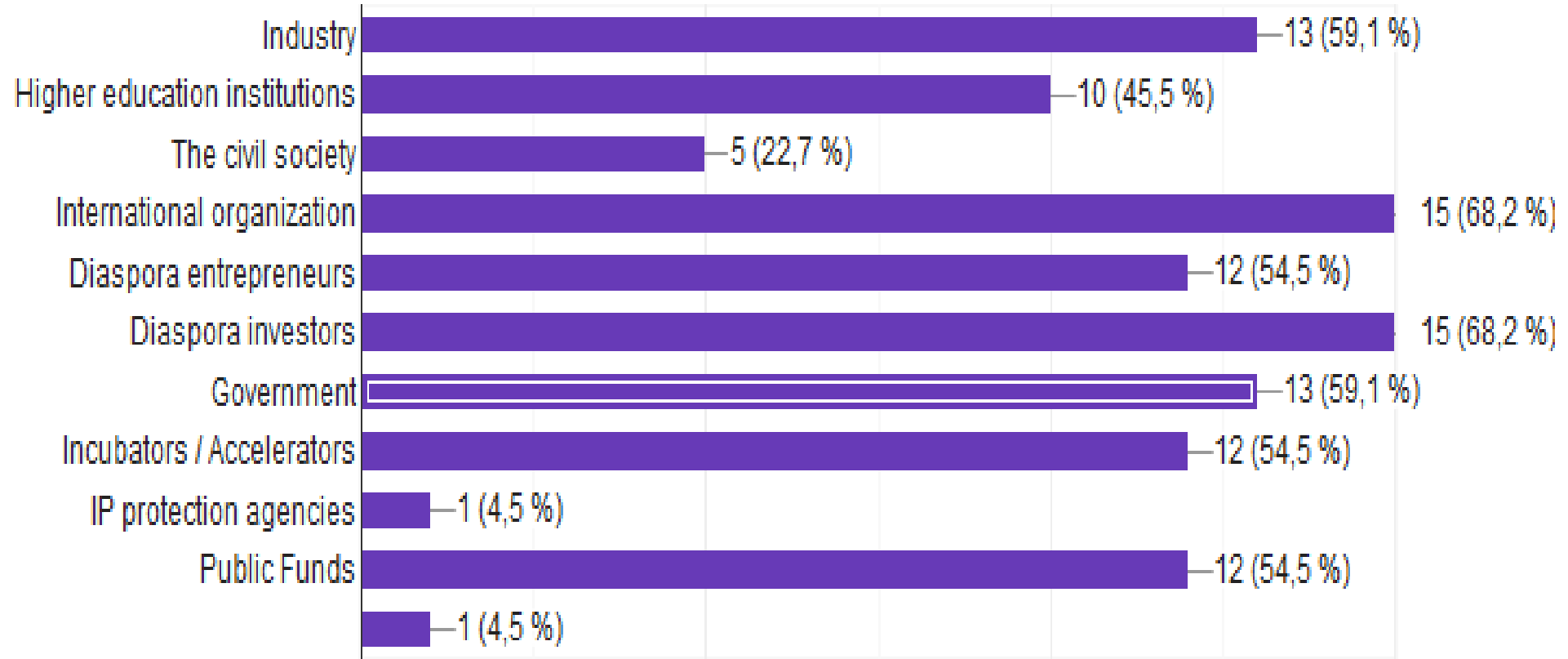
N=22



Who are the actors who need to be more involved to enhance the innovation ecosystem performance?



With whom do you need to improve the interaction to better achieve your objectives?



How to improve these numbers?

All 13 participant countries pointed the necessity to improve the following in order to achieve better results and improve their performance:

- Develop sector specific mentoring
- Conductive legal and regulatory policies
- Availability of Venture Funds
- Larger angels network
- Improve supply chain management
- Technology valorisation

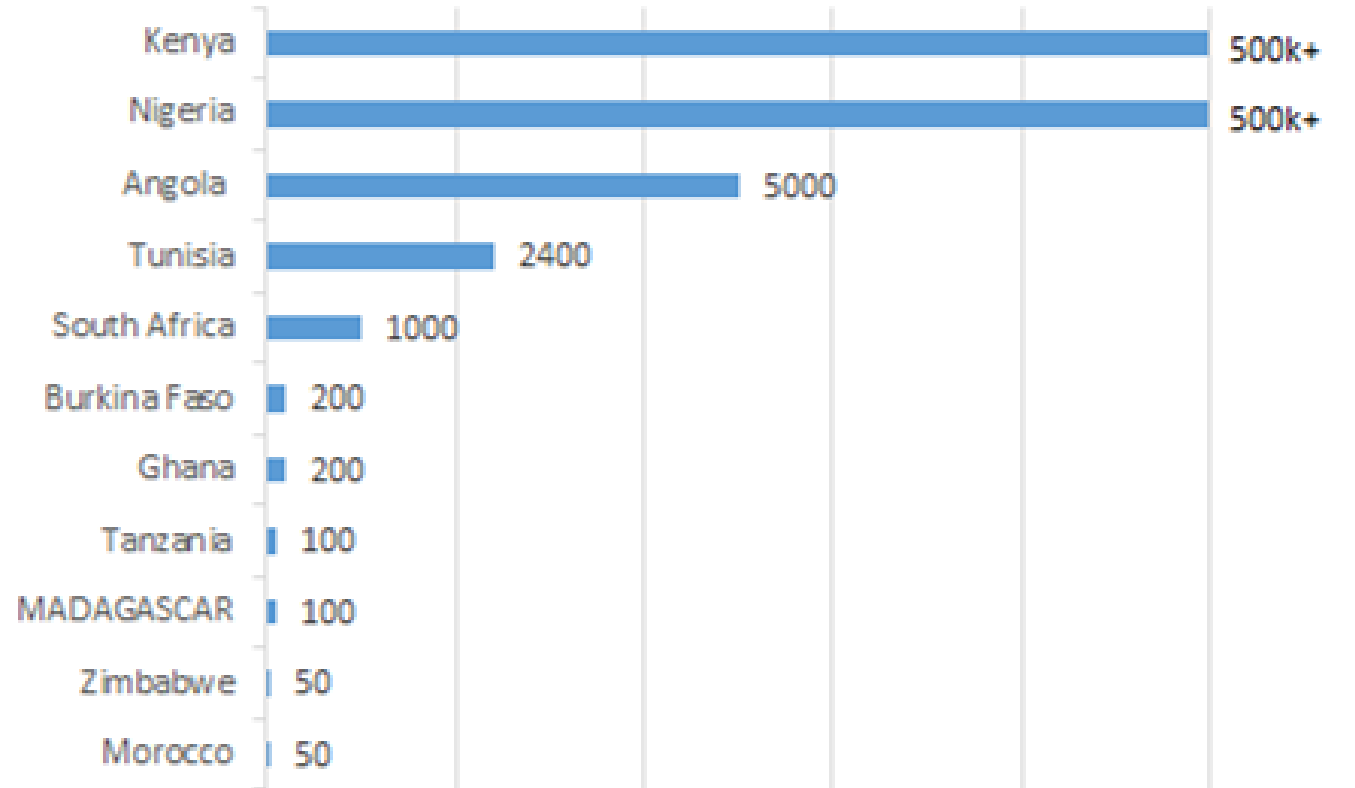
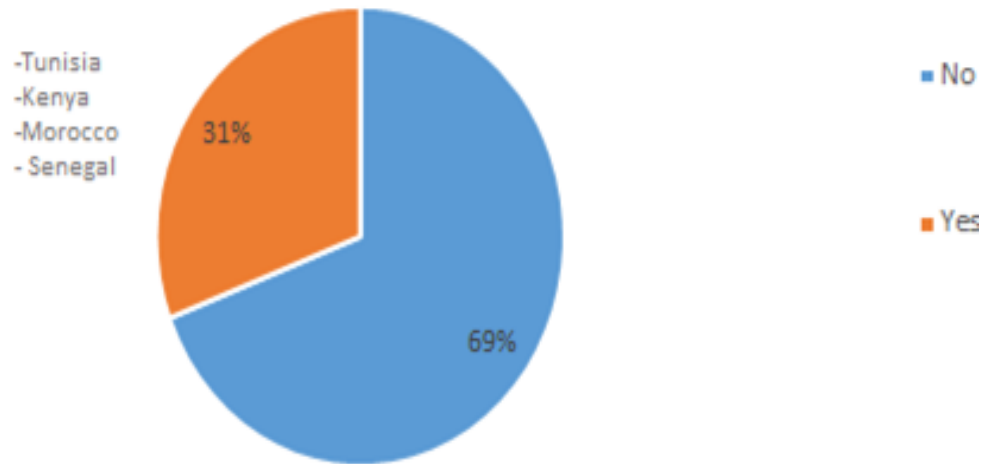


Chart : **Participants Ability to generate startups in optimal conditions**

GRAPH 9: Are your government priorities in terms of innovation clear for everyone?



Innovation policies

Tunisia: Startup Act

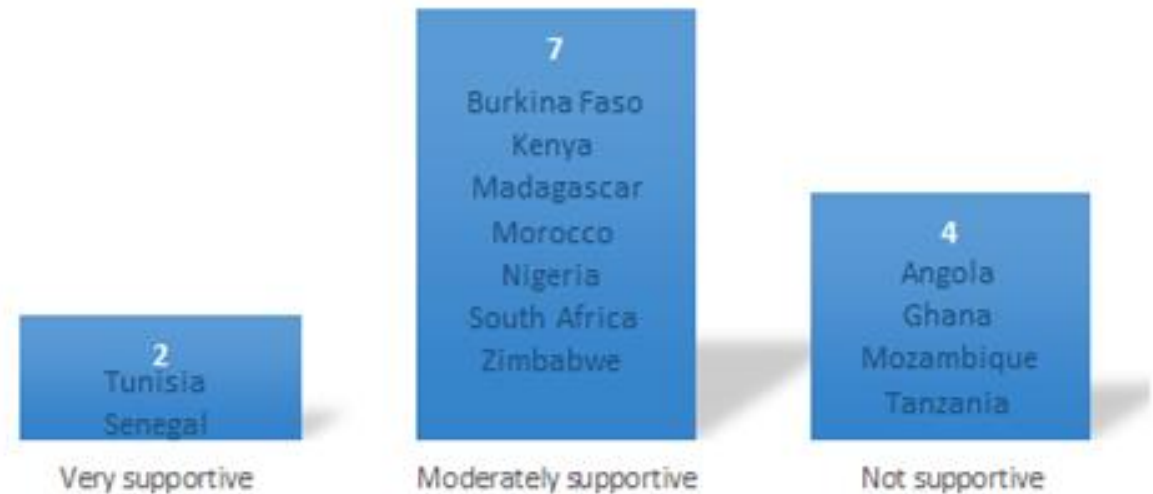
Kenya: Innovation support for Big 4 Agenda

Morocco: Startup support; Technology transfer, Custer building

Madagascar: Fihariana Project

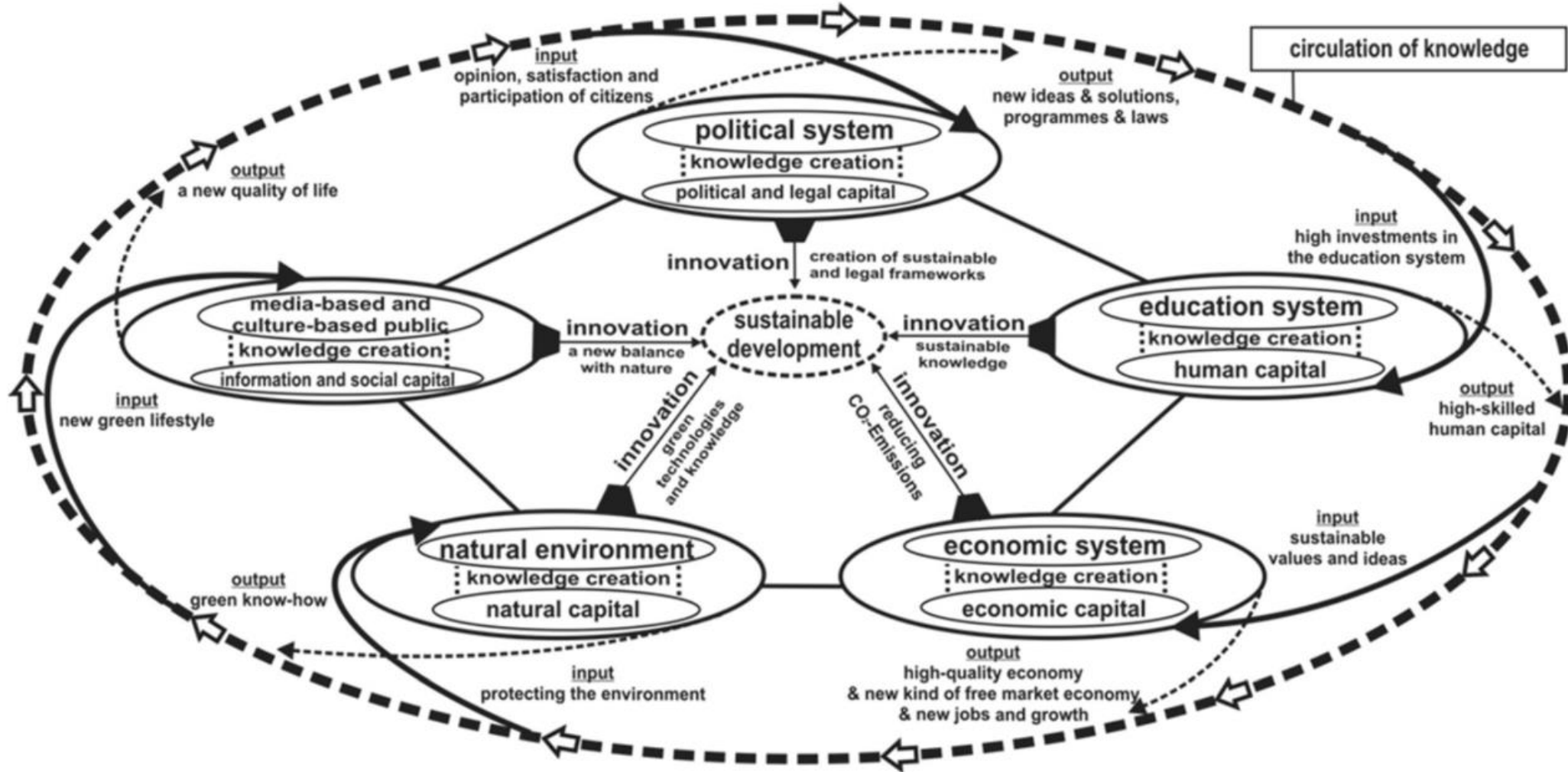
Senegal : Smart city project

GRAPH 10: Government Support to startup development



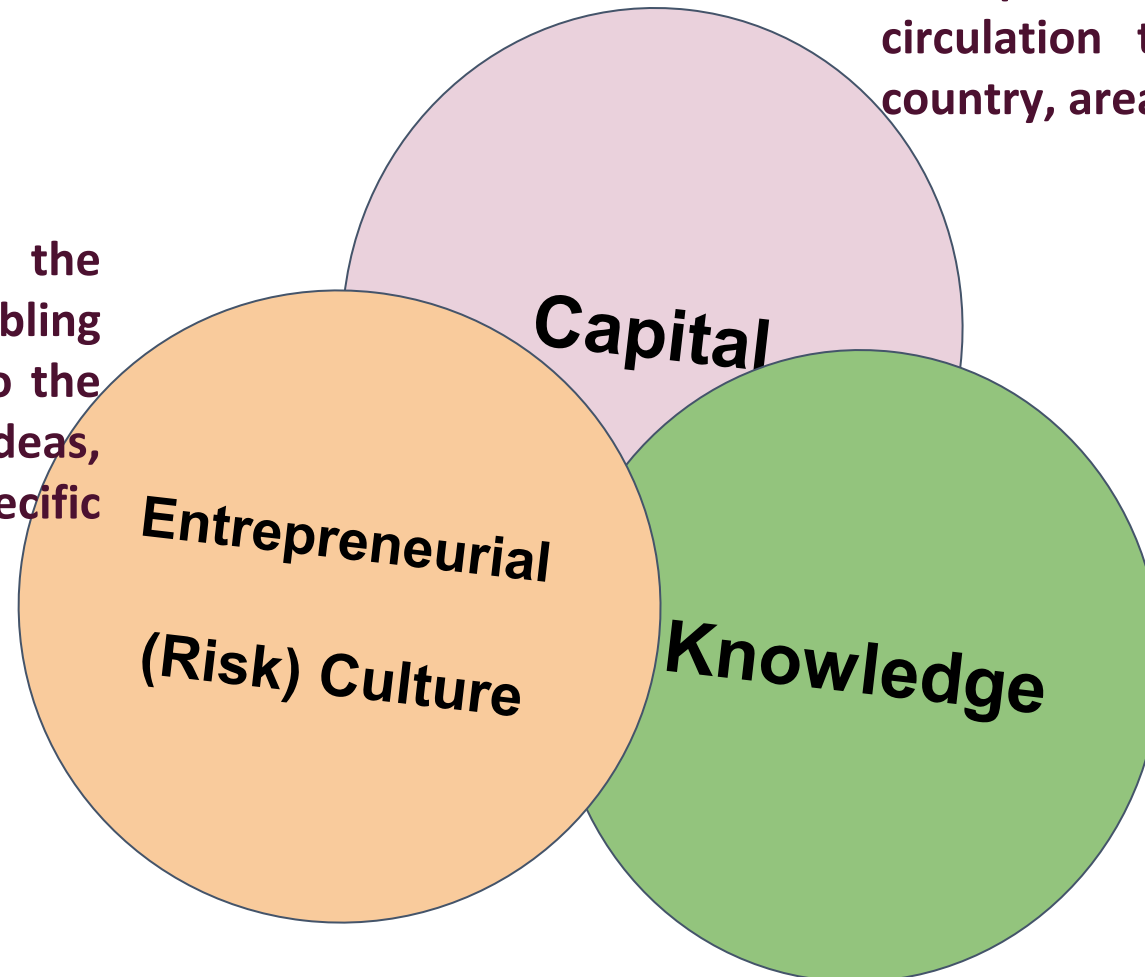
As countries develop and move closer to the technological frontier, governments are undoubtedly showing an interest in the development and diffusion of innovations, but public policies must evolve. They need to focus more on helping the ecosystem improve its capacity to create knowledge and value by facilitating financing .

The quintuple helix model for Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



The 3 sphères model

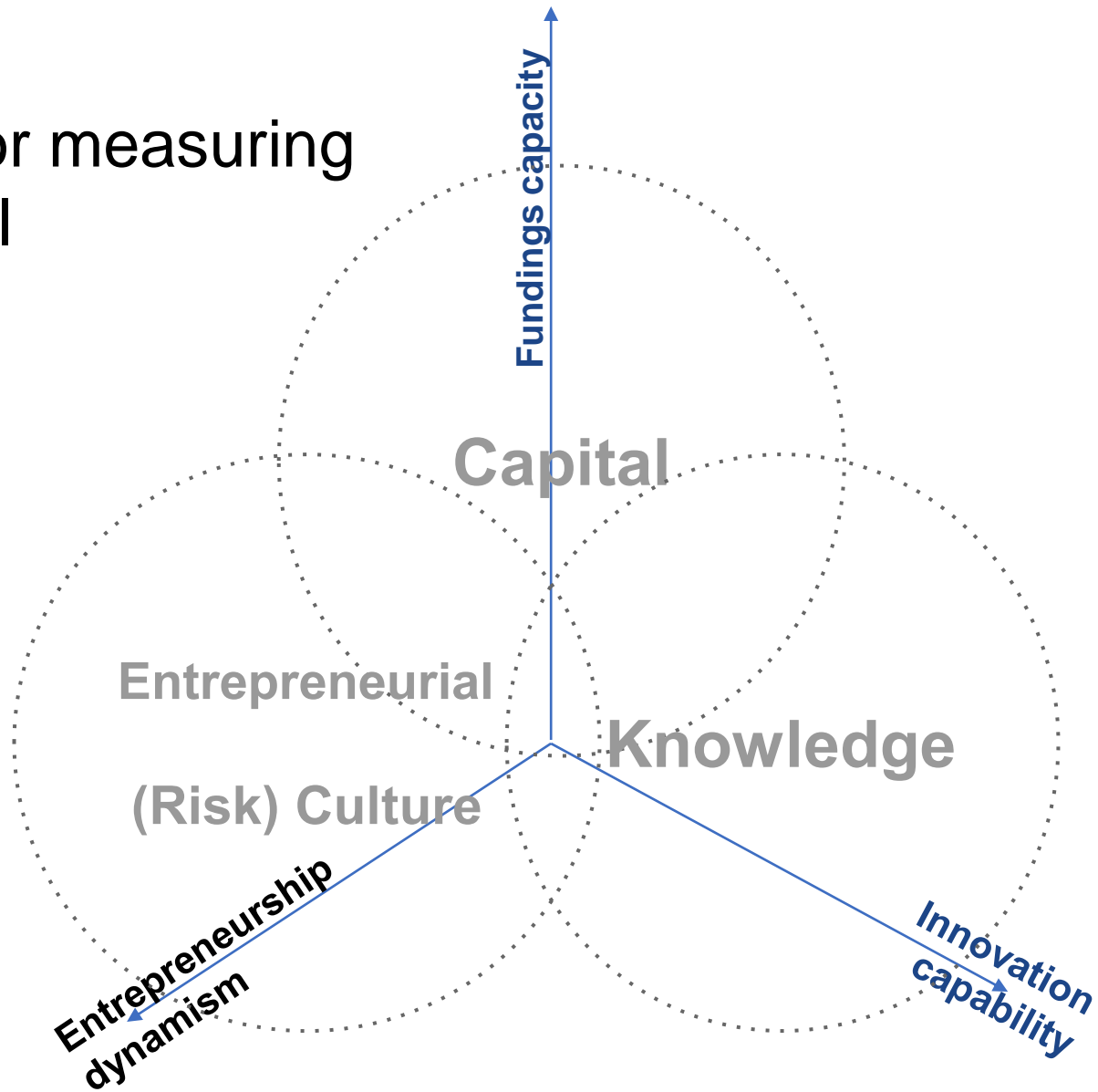
This sphere includes all the initiatives and enabling engagements that contribute to the proliferation of new business ideas, projects and people in a specific country, area or sector.



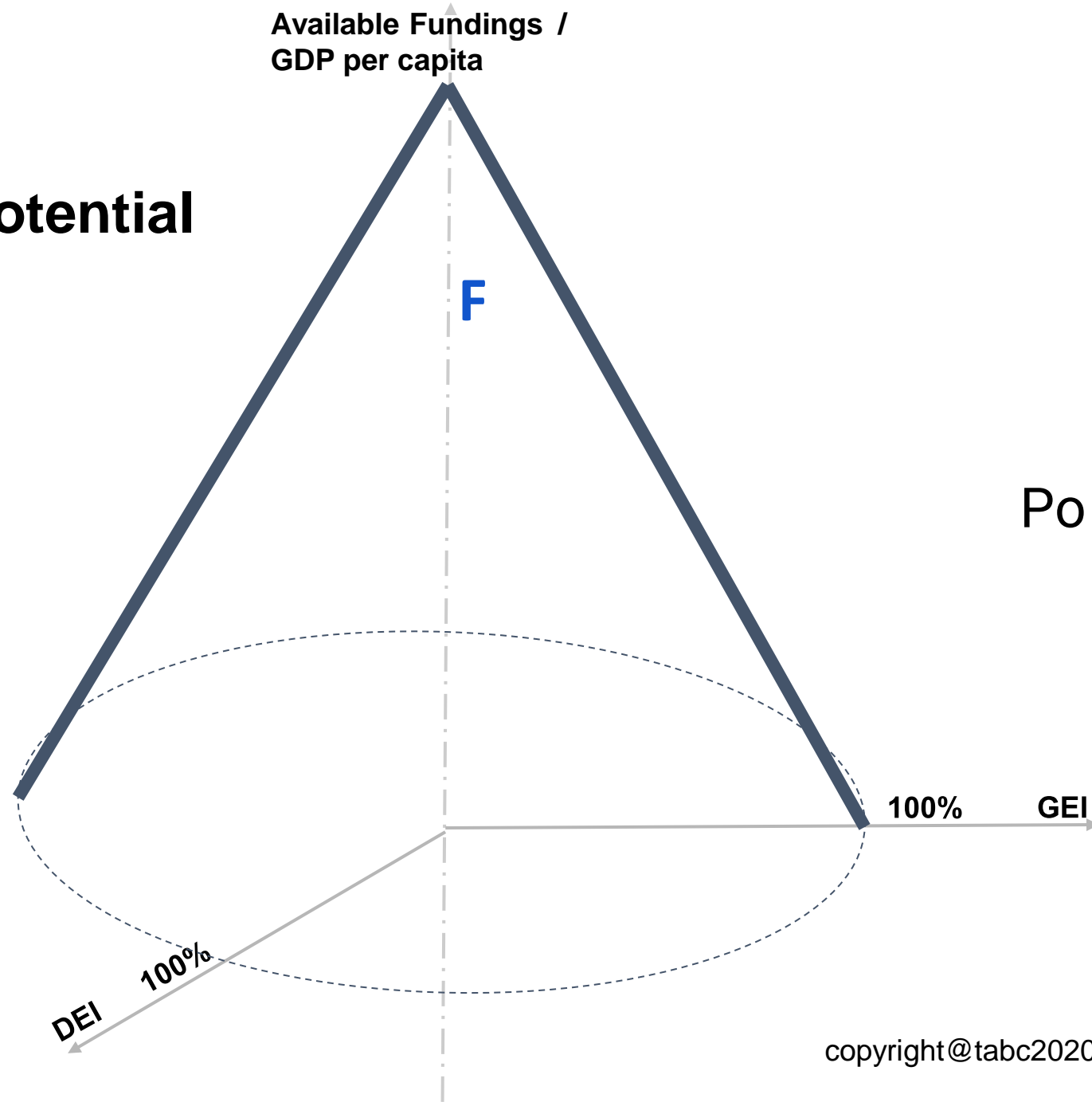
This sphere includes all the flows of capital in circulation to fund startups in a specific country, area or sector.

This sphere includes all the flows of knowledge under the form of science and technology that irrigate the startup industry in a specific country, area or sector.

Approach for measuring the potential

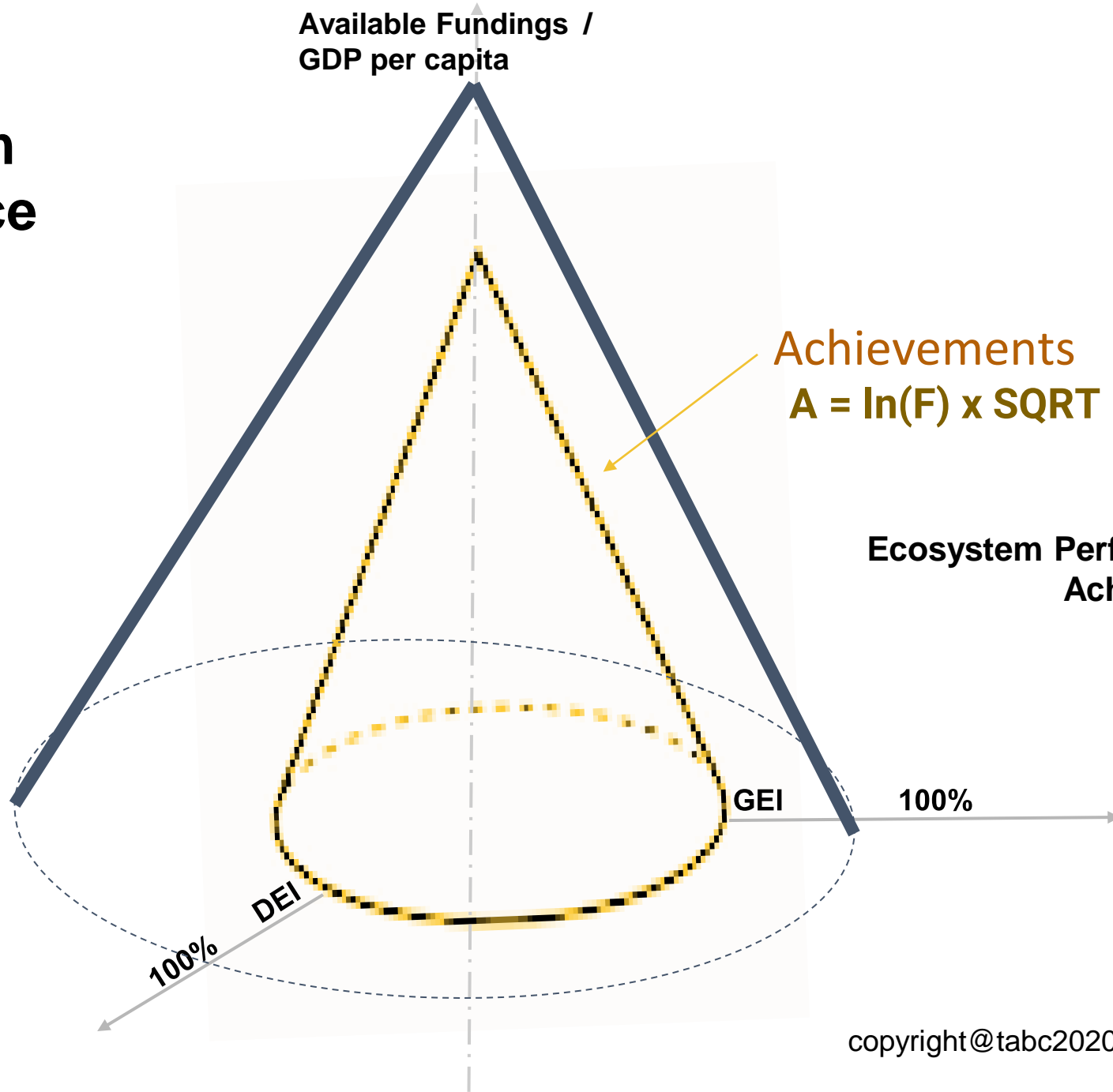


Ecosystem potential



$$Po = \ln (F) \times Pi / 3$$

Ecosystem performance



Achievements
 $A = \ln(F) \times \text{SQRT}(\text{GEI}^2 + \text{DEI}^2) \times \text{Pi} / 3$

Ecosystem Performance = Volume of Achievements / Potential

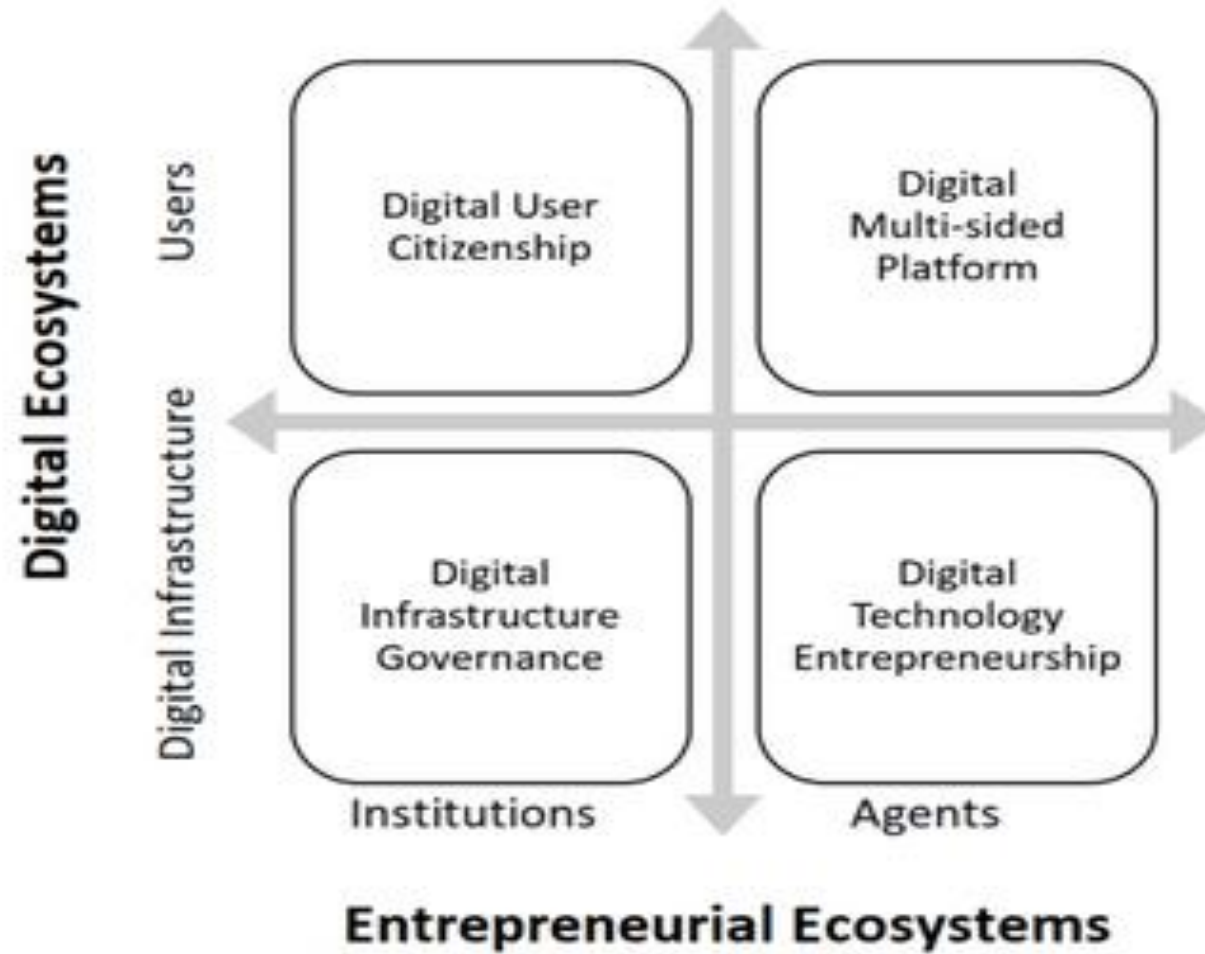
1. Funding capacity

The **Funding Capacity or dry powder for the startups** is the capacity to support startup ecosystem with fundings. It stands for the Logarithm (Ln) of the dry powder in a given country or region adjusted by its GDP/capita.

2. Knowledge and technological capability

The Digital Entrepreneurial Index (DEI) fits the second sphere and attempts to measure the digital entrepreneurial ecosystem. The DEI framework includes Digital Infrastructure Governance, Digital User Citizenship, Digital Multi-sided Platform, and Digital Technology Entrepreneurship. 12 Pillars are identified as the most important constituents of the model and measured by the authors .

Pillars are comprised from 24 variables, representing digital ecosystem (12) and entrepreneurship ecosystem (12).



All pillars contain two types of variables: One is representing the Digital Ecosystem (Digital infrastructure and Users) and the other representing the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem (Institutions and Agents). The overall influence of these two types of variables is captured by multiplying the two components leading to the DEI

The table below summarizes and describes the 12 pillars

DEI Structure

Sub-indexes	Pillars	Ouvrir avec ▼	Variables (entrepreneurship/digital)
Digital Infrastructure Governance	Digital openness		Digital Openness Institutions
			Digital openness Digital Infrastructure
	Digital freedom		Digital Freedom Institutions
			Digital Freedom Digital Infrastructure
	Digital protection		Digital protection Institutions
			Digital protection Digital Infrastructure
Digital User Citizenship	Digital literacy		Digital literacy Institutions
			Digital literacy Users
	Digital access		Digital access Institutions
			Digital access Digital Infrastructure
	Digital rights		Digital rights Institutions
			Digital rights Digital Infrastructure

Digital Multi-sided Platform	Networking	<i>Networking Agents</i>
		<i>Networking Users</i>
	Matchmaking	<i>Matchmaking Agents</i>
		<i>Matchmaking Users</i>
	Financial facilitation	<i>Financial facilitation Agents</i>
		<i>Financial facilitation Users</i>
Digital Technology Entrepreneurship	Digital adaptation	<i>Digital adoption Agents</i>
		<i>Digital adoption Digital Infrastructure</i>
	Technology absorption	<i>Technology absorption Agents</i>
		<i>Technology absorption Digital Infrastructure</i>
	Technology transfer	<i>Technology transfer Agents</i>
		<i>Technology transfer Digital Infrastructure</i>

3. Market and Entrepreneurship ability

The third component is captured by the **Global Entrepreneurship Index**. The GEI combines a set of values, norms, attitudes, competencies and behavior related to risk awareness and risk taking (active business decisions) that determines the entrepreneur's commitment to and style of risk management. Hence, it is the entrepreneur who drive the trial and error dynamic

It notes “the dynamic, institutionally embedded interaction between entrepreneurial attitudes, entrepreneurial abilities, and entrepreneurial aspirations by individuals, which drives the allocation of resources through the creation and operation of new ventures.”

Source : Global Entrepreneurship Index Report (2019)

→ The 3 building blocks composing the GEI fit the risk culture sphere where nascent and new entrepreneurs are at the core of the system.

1. **Entrepreneurial Attitudes:** reflects the **potential of the opportunity recognition and perception** with respect to the property rights and the regulatory difficulties that could obstruct the realization of the opportunity.

It is also about **skills perception**. The potential entrepreneur should have the adequate startup skills to launch a business. In developing countries skills are usually acquired through workplace trial and error in relatively simple business activities. In developed countries, business formation & operation require skills that are acquired through formal education and training.

Risk Acceptance: Aversion to high-risk enterprises and fear of failure attitudes can impede entrepreneurial action.

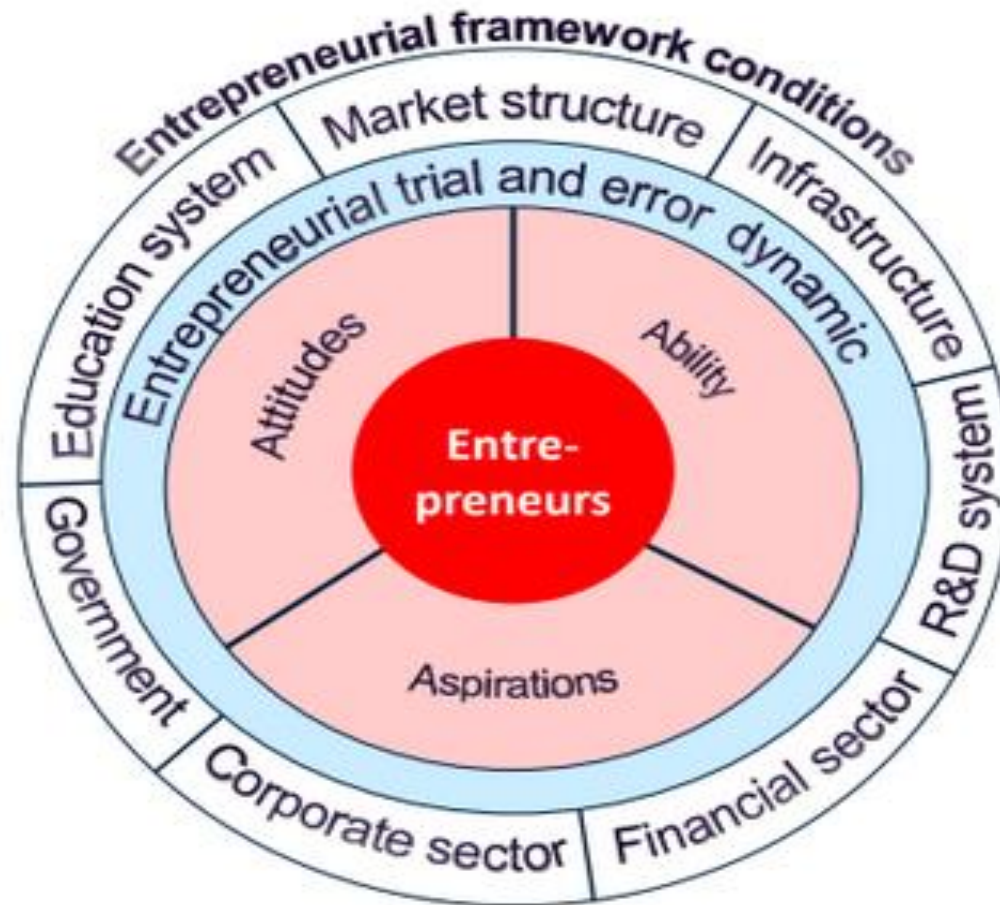
Networking Entrepreneurs who have better networks are more successful, can identify more viable opportunities, and can access more and better resources

cultural support how a country's inhabitants view entrepreneurs in terms of status and career choice, and how the level of corruption in that country affects this view

2. Entrepreneurial abilities : Combines **opportunity startups** by people who are motivated by opportunity as an important signal of quality. **Technology absorption** indicates that ICT provides better chances for businesses to survive and or their potential for growth.

The prevalence of high-quality **human capital** is vitally important for ventures that are highly innovative and require an educated, experienced, and healthy workforce to continue to grow and finally **competition**.

3. Entrepreneurial Aspiration: Product innovation (Potential to generate new products), process innovation (Applying and/or creating high technology), high growth business (10 people at least and intend more), internationalization (Exporting demand capabilities) and risk capital (The availability of risk finance) are the last four pillars that define the third sub-index



Source: GEI Report, 2020

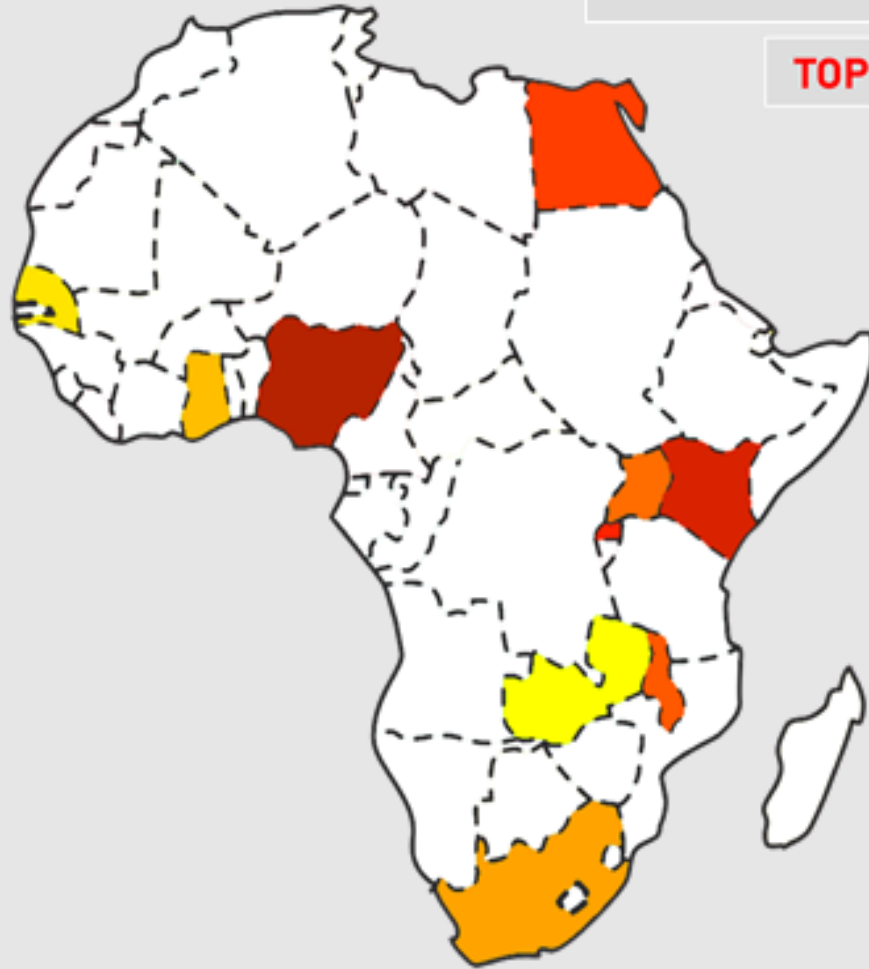
Global Startup Ranking: The Potential Score

Rank	Country	Potential Score
1	Nigeria	14.53
2	Egypt	13.78
3	Ethiopia	13.72
4	South Africa	13.32
5	Tanzania	13.17
6	Kenya	13.14
7	Algeria	13.08
8	Uganda	12.81
9	Morocco	12.75
10	Rwanda	12.49

Rank	Country	Potential Score
11	Cameroon	12.41
12	Malawi	12.13
13	Zambia	12.12
14	Mali	12.08
15	Senegal	12.02
16	Tunisia	11.66

Global Startup Rankings: The Potential score

TOP 10 COUNTRIES



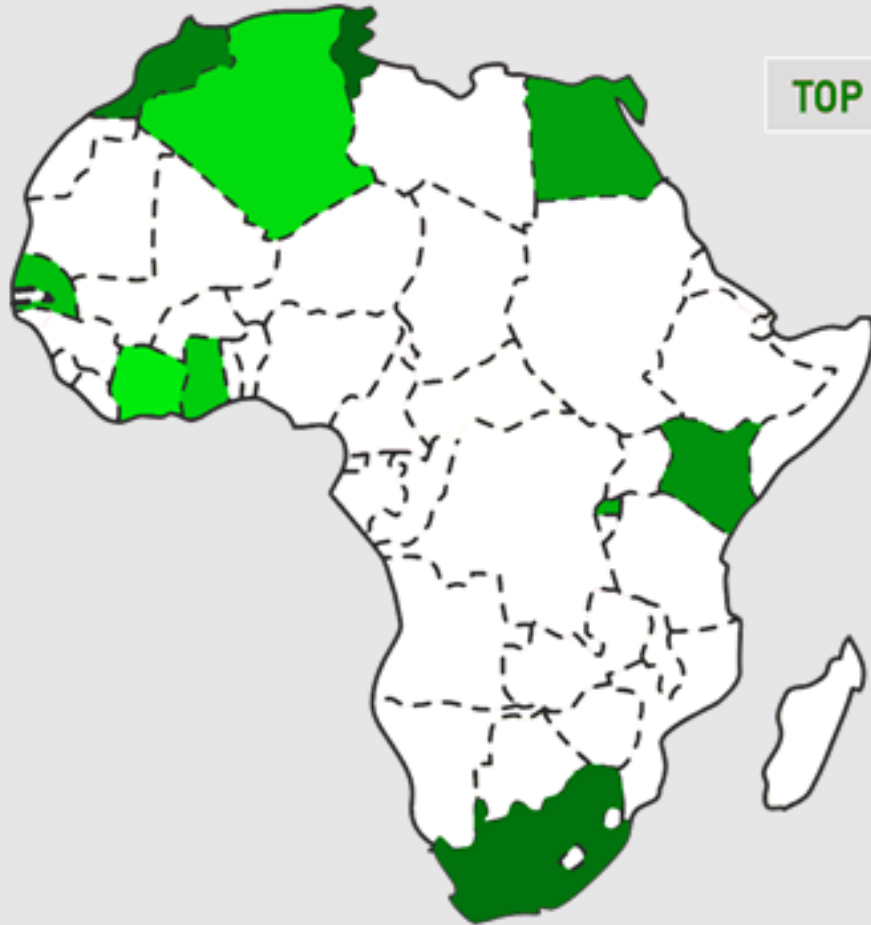
1. Nigeria
2. Egypt
3. Ethiopia
4. South Africa
5. Tanzania
6. Kenya
7. Algeria
8. Uganda
9. Morocco
10. Rwanda

Global Startup Performance Score

Rank	Country	Performance Score (%)
1	South Africa	41.17
2	Tunisia	36.24
3	Egypt	32.07
4	Kenya	31.19
5	Morocco	30.46
6	Rwanda	27.76
7	Nigeria	26.95
8	Senegal	25.14
9	Zambia	20.97
10	Uganda	19.75

Rank	Country	Performance Score (%)
11	Algeria	18.91
12	Malawi	17.58
13	Mali	16.55
14	Cameroon	16.29
15	Tanzania	15.04
16	Ethiopia	12.87

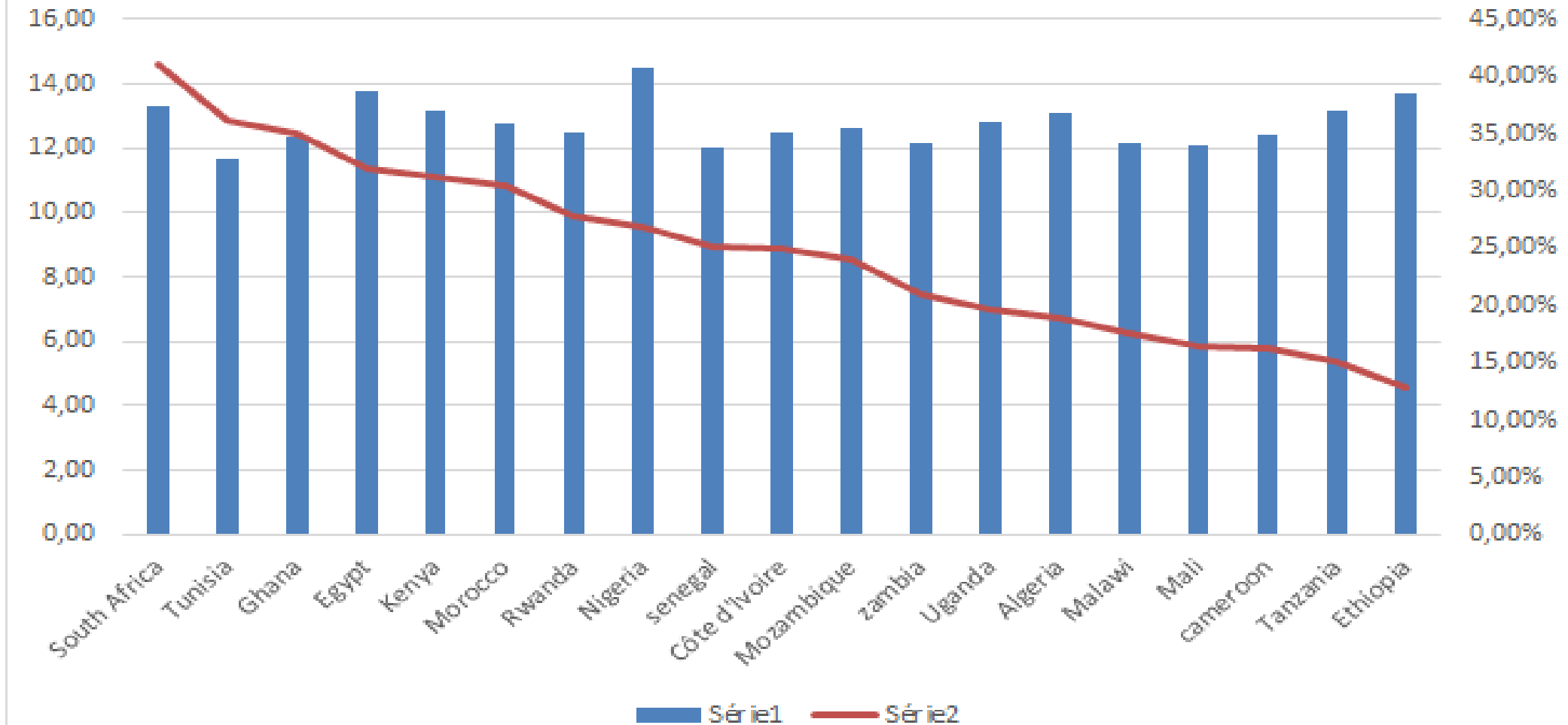
Global Startup Performance Rankings



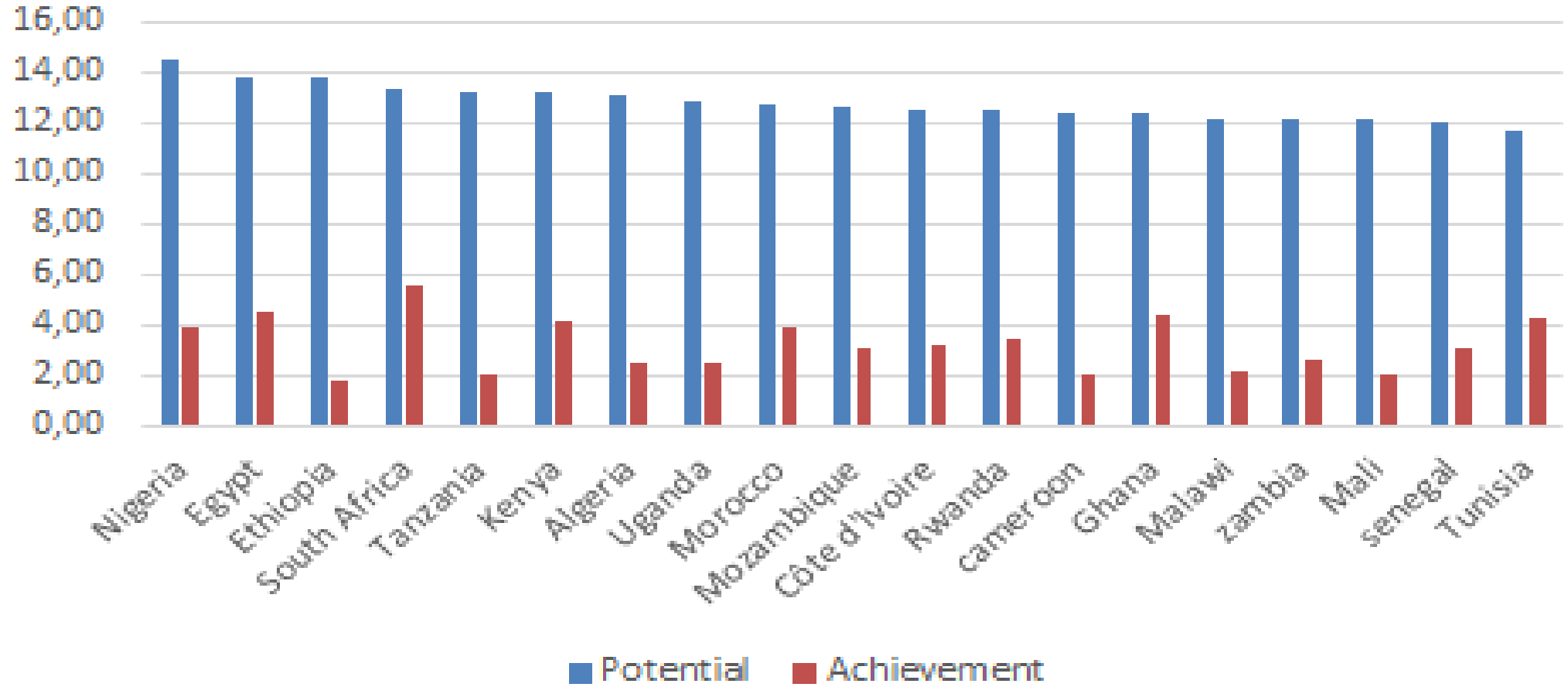
TOP 10 COUNTRIES

1. South Africa
2. Tunisia
3. Egypt
4. Kenya
5. Morocco
6. Rwanda
7. Nigeria
8. Senegal
9. Zambia
10. Uganda

Performance v/s Potential



Potential & Performance



Agenda

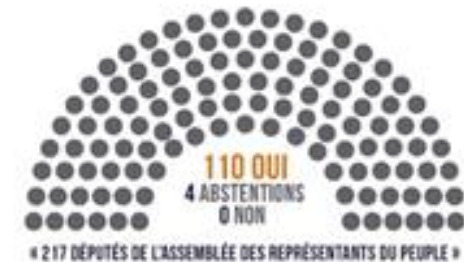
- 1) General context & Introduction
- 2) Innovation ecosystem landscape in Africa
 - The major enablers of the African Innovation Ecosystem
 - Venture capital investments in Africa in 2019
 - Effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the Africa Startup scene
- 3) Startup Ecosystem potential and performance
 - Key findings from the survey
 - The concept of potential and performance
 - Measuring African Startup Ecosystem Performance
- 4) Tunisia case study**
- 5) Q&A + Wrapp up

Le contexte et les contingences locales

- La Révolution de 2011 n'a pas apporté de fruits en matière de développement économique, et ce malgré les fonds de soutien abondants qui ont été mobilisés à cet égard, par les pays partenaires et les institutions financières internationales.
- Le marché des capitaux a faiblement bougé pour rattraper quelques retards, et n'a produit qu'une dynamique d'investissement timide dans les nouveaux compartiments (Micro, PME, Mezzo Finance, PPP,...)
- En particulier, l'innovation en Tunisie connaît des barrières réglementaires, technologiques et financières. La création de Startups se fait en explorant le champs du possible, et souvent en outrepassant les limites fixées par les autorités. D'où l'importance d'une révision complète des politiques publiques, en plus des appels à projets à lancer dans le sillage de la crise du COVID19.

2018: l'an zéro de la « Startup Institutionnelle » en Tunisie

Un ensemble de textes de loi et d'application matérialisant un politique publique plus engageante en faveur de la Startup innovante en Tunisie!



- 1) Absence d'un tableau de bord pour l'écosystème des startups
- 2) Une partie des décisions de Startup Act non encore actée
- 3) Autres futures améliorations
 - Article 7.1 obligation de réaliser ses objectifs
 - Article 7.2 Comptabilité simplifiée
 - Article 7.3 Contrôle de conformité par convocation « physique »
 - Article 12 Décaissement des frais de prise en charge des brevets à l'international

La mesure d'impact de la politique publique n'est pas formellement établie

Perception de l'efficacité des politiques publiques d'innovation en Tunisie



Premières recommandations :

- 1- Réformer le code des sociétés commerciales pour acter certaines mesures édictées par le Startup Act comme la SAS**
- 2- Instaurer un tribunal de commerce en charge exclusivement des litiges commerciaux et aussi en charge de faciliter les reprises, la transmission et les faillites des entreprises.**
- 3- Ouvrir un compartiment pour les Startups à la Bourse des valeurs mobilières de Tunis**
- 4- Réformer le code des sociétés d'investissement et des gestionnaires d'actifs et permettre plus d'instruments financiers et accélérer les Société d'Investissement des BA**
- 5- Lancers des clusters d'innovation en partenariat public privé et multiplier les projets de recherche collaboratif en mode « open innovation »**
- 6- Donner la priorité aux startups locales pour répondre aux appels d'offres « digital »**
- 7- Créer un corps de métiers spécialisé en protection de la propriété intellectuelle et le transfert de technologies**

Agenda

1) General context & Introduction

2) Innovation ecosystem landscape in Africa

- The major enablers of the African Innovation Ecosystem
- Venture capital investments in Africa in 2019
- Effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the Africa Startup scene

3) Startup Ecosystem potential and performance

- Key findings from the survey
- The concept of potential and performance
- Measuring African Startup Ecosystem Performance

4) Tunisia case study

5) Q&A + Wrapp up



Thank you for your attention !