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KTN Global Alliance Africa

Creating diverse connections
to drive positive change

PROGRAMME INTERVENTIONS



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Programme-Level Interventions

KTN Global Alliance Africa programme interventions will develop over time in response to barriers identified at both ecosystem and challenge levels. Five programme-level interventions have been designed for delivery over the first 6-12 months of the implementation phase, during which time they will be continuously reviewed and adapted depending on their success, to country-level contexts and partnership opportunities.

Intervention Summary



Strengthening the Investment Pipeline

KTN Global Alliance's initial research and stakeholder engagement has highlighted access to finance as a major barrier to innovation on the African continent. Closer investigation of this challenge suggested that it is less to do with a lack of funding, rather than a lack of visibility and understanding between sources of funding and innovators seeking that funding. Our Strengthening the Investment Pipeline intervention will work to improve mutual understanding of needs and opportunities between investor and innovator communities through a combination of community building, training, technical assistance and match-making activities.

Open Innovation

KTN Global Alliance's review into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on African innovation ecosystems highlighted supply chain disruption as a significant barrier to a rapid response. Success stories in responding to the pandemic often result from a culture of open innovation and collaboration within the supply chain. By applying KTN's well-established methods for supporting open innovation we will develop and maintain a collaborative culture between major industry stakeholders and their associated supply chains. The intervention will provide a safe space for diverse collaborators to identify areas for improvement, share ideas, find collaborative solutions and together face current and future challenges as part of a more resilient ecosystem.

Place-Based Innovation

Much of the historic support to innovation in our partner countries Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya has concentrated upon particular urban centres. However, pan-African and many African national innovation strategies cite regional self-sufficiency and resilience as a top priority. Our own research reinforces that there is a strong demand for the shortening of supply chains, promotion of circular economies and better links with the informal sector on a regional scale. Our Place-Based Innovation intervention will strengthen the capacity and resilience of local innovation ecosystems through first working to better understand regional challenges, capabilities and potential for innovation, and then supporting action-orientated local innovation networks in areas of high potential.

Innovation Enablers Alliance

Through initial engagement with key stakeholders, KTN Global Alliance Africa has received a clear message on the need for stronger communication and coherence of innovation supporting programmes. That the impact and sustainability of individual innovation projects can be maximised through managed and interlinked networks is central to KTN's added value to the innovation ecosystem in the UK. It is an approach we aim to apply in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa through our Innovation Enablers Alliance. The alliance will bring together diverse innovation enabling organisations within a mutually agreed framework for decision making and agenda setting. Pathways to impact will then be facilitated by the KTN team, who will provide a secretariat to the alliance.

Innovation Governance Knowledge Exchange

Respondents to our COVID-19 review frequently pointed to heavily bureaucratic, or ineffective support structures inhibiting a quick response under changing circumstances. If innovation governance systems are unable to respond and adapt quickly, they are under prepared to facilitate the kinds game-changing innovations needed for rapid development impact. Through our international work, we have discovered that, while no country can claim a perfect response to the pandemic, there are many examples of best practice in enabling innovation systems to adapt at pace. Our Innovation Governance Knowledge Exchange intervention aims to ensure a strategic, coherent and demand-driven approach to linking African innovation policy stakeholders to international sources of best practice.



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KTN Global Alliance Africa Cross-Cutting Values

A partnership of equals: KTN Global Alliance Africa understands knowledge to be distributed, and intelligence collective. All opinions and contributions will be respected.

A collaboration towards sustainable development: KTN Global Alliance Africa is collaborative and participatory. It will focus on areas of mutual benefit to UK and African partners whilst prioritising sustainable development.

A champion of equality, diversity and inclusivity: KTN Global Alliance Africa will embed EDI best-practice at all levels. An EDI framework and indicators will be established and reviewed as part of the project governance.

A network building trust: KTN Global Alliance Africa recognises that its success will be dependent on relationships of trust between all stakeholders. Measures to ensure quality, integrity and transparency will be established and reviewed as part of the project governance.

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