



Global  
Alliance

Africa

Connecting for  
Positive Change

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# KTN Global Alliance Africa

Creating diverse connections  
to drive positive change

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



In partnership with:





**KTN is the UK's largest innovation network. Our diverse connections span business, government, funders, research and the third sector. KTN exists to connect innovators with new partners and new opportunities beyond their existing thinking – accelerating ambitious ideas into real-world solutions. We actively build communities around emerging innovations and sectors to prepare markets for the global opportunities and challenges ahead. Our aim is to establish a network of innovators so powerful its ideas will change the world. [www.ktn-uk.org](http://www.ktn-uk.org)**

KTN's Global Alliance Africa is a six-year project co-funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) with the strategic partnership of Innovate UK to drive networking and knowledge exchange activities that can help foster long-lasting, strategic partnerships between **Nigeria**, **Kenya** and **South Africa**, the UK and across sub-Saharan Africa.

The overall objectives of KTN Global Alliance Africa are to develop stronger UK-African and Pan-African knowledge and innovation networks that are capable of promoting inclusive economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction. Over the coming years, the project will take a market-focused approach, viewing issues through a pragmatic business lens to:

### Coordinate



in helping investors, innovators and governments to connect, the Global Alliance Africa will open new doors for job creation and economic growth in Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa.

### Connect

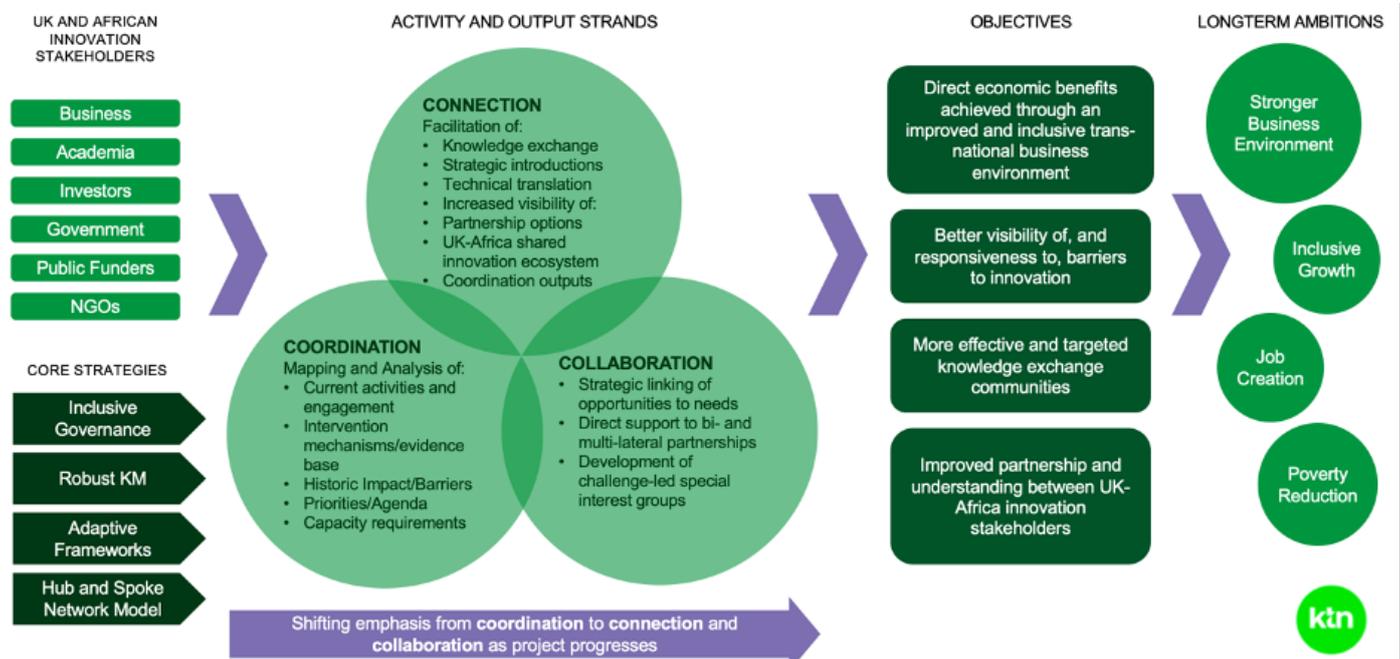


by hosting networking and training events, KTN will create opportunities for champions of innovation to share their work with one another. Global Alliance Africa will not only facilitate new connections but will allow them to grow organically.

### Collaborate



KTN will work closely with other initiatives from the UK Government to ensure a more aligned approach to UK support for innovation in Africa.



# Our Vision

We seek a shared UK-Africa innovation ecosystem:

- With improved **visibility and clarity** of UK-Africa and pan-African innovation pathways.
- Where local and international partners work closely to ensure interventions are **contextualised and coordinated**.
- That is capable of realising knowledge-led solutions to **socio-economic development** challenges in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Which draws upon KTN's expertise and experience to create an **enabling environment** for accelerating technological innovation relevant to UK and African businesses.
- That demonstrates to African partners the value of **engaging with the UK** through science, technology and innovation.
- Where **direct economic benefits** are achieved, such as job creation, improved adoption for incipient technologies, new business opportunities, and improved availability of human and financial resources.
- That embeds **equality and inclusivity** of participation, and access to outcomes.

## Programme-Level Objectives

The KTN Global Alliance Africa Vision will be realised through our programme-level objectives as follows:

**1) To improve trust and understanding between individual UK-Africa innovation stakeholders, and between innovation stakeholders and the support systems available to them.**

*Success measure – An increase in partnerships and access to funding for UK-Africa stakeholders.*

**2) To create more effective knowledge exchange communities, capable of translating and combining elements of the knowledge base into impact.**

*Success measure – An increase in adoption and commercialisation of development-related technologies, products and services through collaborations.*

**3) To generate better visibility of, and responsiveness to, barriers to innovation in challenge areas.**

*Success measure – The deployment of multi-stakeholder interventions responding to project-defined barriers to innovation in challenge areas.*

**4) To release direct economic benefits through an improved and inclusive transnational business environment.**

*Success measure – The creation of jobs and more inclusive growth opportunities in supported businesses and communities.*



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