Data Governance in Africa Initiative

Looking to scale up a digital social innovation?

Think Like an Investor
Private Sector Call for Proposals

Our goal is to encourage the use of data across borders and create social value through data-driven Digital Social Innovations (DSIs) in Africa's digital space, while also providing information on regulations specific to different sectors. This entails aiding African businesses in reaching investment readiness through training, mentorship, and networking with investors from Africa and Europe. Additionally, we facilitate partnerships between European and African stakeholders to drive sustainable social and economic development.

Countries
South Africa, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, Kenya, Senegal

Participants
Data-driven startups and small- and medium-sized companies

Duration
06/2024 - 12/2025

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We Offer

Investment Readiness
Receive personalized coaching for impactful meetings with European and African investors and explore market access opportunities, with timing tailored to your project's needs.
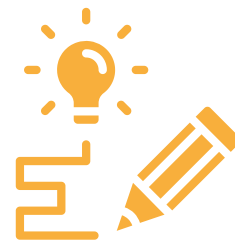
Matchmaking & Networking
Participate in key events across Europe and Africa, connecting with potential investors at gatherings relevant to the project needs e.g. Slush Helsinki in Finland, Latitude59 in Estonia and Kenya, Viva Technology in Paris, and more.

Mentoring
Gain expert mentorship from industry leaders to support your scaling and growth needs.

Where
Activities occur in African and European countries with some online components.

We're Looking For

10 scalable data-driven DSIs with social impact from African enterprises.

Primary applicants must be registered corporations in designated countries. Consortia from other African nations and Europe, including NGOs, academia, and the public sector, are welcome.

Businesses should ideally have at least 2 years of operation. No turnover or staff requirements.

Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals

THE GLOBAL GOALS

D4D HUB
EU INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
DIGITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT HUB

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Data Governance in Africa Initiative
Human-Centric Data Economy

Digital Social Innovation

Data-driven digital social innovation uses data and analysis to develop innovative technology-driven solutions, enhancing decision-making and progress. It addresses societal challenges and achieves positive impacts through digital implementation, skill enhancement, and data optimization, ultimately driving sustainable economic growth. Here are potential themes it could address:

E-Health
E.g. cross-border health data sharing

Digital Inclusion
E.g. addressing youth & gender gaps, digital rights, education

Climate Change
Energy, waste management, climate-smart agriculture

Other themes
Financial Inclusion & Open Banking, Connectivity Solutions, Governance Enhancement

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Timeline

3 JUNE - 4 AUGUST 2024	AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024 - DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY - JULY 2026
Launch of the 'Think Like an Investor' Call	Evaluation and Selection of 10 DSIs	Investment readiness training, mentoring, matchmaking & networking	Wrap up and reporting, packaging of good practice

All activities take place in English, so proficiency in English is needed.

The Data Governance in Africa Initiative aims to foster a development-oriented and human-centric data economy and society in Africa, in collaboration with the African Union and European Union's broader strategic partnership on Digital Cooperation.

This call, falling under the Initiative, is part of a collaboration between Enabel, HAUS, and ESTDEV, the Belgian, Estonian, and Finnish development agencies respectively, supporting the scaling up of data-driven Digital Social Innovations.

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