

University of Nairobi ,City University of London and
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Innovation For African Universities (IAU) Programme
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About IAU Programme

The Innovation for African Universities programme is designed to support the development of Africa – UK University Partnerships that build institutional capacity for Higher Education engagement in entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems in selected African countries.

The £1.2m, 18-month programme seek to strengthen the role of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in African entrepreneurship ecosystems and facilitate the development of skills required to build industries, companies, products, and services.

The desired results and impact include a strengthened entrepreneurship ecosystem and improved support for young people seeking to develop job creation entities and sustainable enterprises.

By leveraging institutional partnerships, the IAU programme will create and implement 20 funded entrepreneurship projects in the next 15 months. HEIs drawn from Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and the UK will be eligible to apply for participation in the program. The programme targets applicants with expertise in designing and delivering activities that support entrepreneurship engagement by students, entrepreneurs, and faculty.

Universities from SSA countries are required to identify a UK university partner and a local entrepreneurship ecosystem player (Ecosystem Player could be but not limited to Technology Hub, Entrepreneurship Support Organisation) to partner with and together determine an entrepreneurship and/or innovation challenge to jointly address.

The call for applications is now open and accessible via <https://bit.ly/2SDhS9o> on the British Council website.

Programme Overview

Innovation for African University (IAU) Programme is a platform which has been built to facilitate institutional partnerships between UK and African (HE) providers to strengthen the role of universities in African Entrepreneurship Ecosystems

