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Call for Applications

BIC Africa Online Acceleration Programme for Women Entrepreneurs 2024

Are you a woman startup founder from Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Somalia or from other sub-Saharan African country? And willing to boost your venture?

Application Deadline: 19 March 2024

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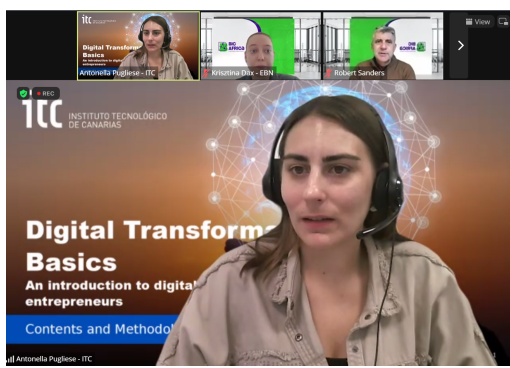
We're very excited to announce the call for applications for this year's edition of our online acceleration programme for women, after three very successful past editions.

This fourth edition of the BIC Africa Acceleration Programme 2024 will support 20 women entrepreneurs in total, including 15 from the country projects Angola, Comoros, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Somalia and 5 others from other Sub-Saharan African countries willing to scale their businesses while contributing to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The programme will run from April to July 2024 for 4 months, and it will focus on established post-revenue women entrepreneurs with a registered startup or business, across all sectors and business types through a combination of online training modules, coaching sessions, individual exercises, and a networking session with women experts from Africa and Europe with relevant experience in supporting innovative entrepreneurs and start-ups.

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BIC Africa activities updates and events



The Learn Africa initiative online session: Digital Transformation aimed at African women

On the 9th of February 2024, BIC Africa participated in the Learn Africa initiative online session, organised by the Women for Africa Foundation in partnership with Instituto Tecnológico De Canarias, with a focus on Digital Transformation aimed at African women.

The main aim of the event was to share real cases of successful African digital entrepreneurs, who shared their firsthand experiences with the participants, to share their knowledge, to create connections and to encourage them to continue advancing in the digital entrepreneurship field.

The session started with a short presentation by ITC, followed by a presentation on BIC Africa and specifically the Acceleration Programme for Female Entrepreneurs by Krisztina Dax. Following, Eden Tadesse Eden Tadesse and Afomia Andualem, who are the BIC Africa acceleration programme for women entrepreneurs' alumni from the 3rd cohort, presented their entrepreneurship journeys, their businesses and their experience of the BIC Africa acceleration programme.

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Ethiopian Startup Ecosystem Festival

On the 23rd and 24th of November 2023, the vibrant city Addis Ababa played host to the first Ethiopian Startup Ecosystem Festival, a collaborative effort organized by BIC Ethiopia, a EU co-financed project, and the PSD-E programme by GIZ.

Held at the venue of the "African Mosaïque" the event served as a nexus for discussions, ideation, and celebration, bringing together the diverse tapestry of Ethiopia's startup ecosystem.

The festival's core aim was to unite the Ethiopian entrepreneurial community, fostering collaboration and steering the ecosystem towards greater heights. All incubators affiliated with BIC Ethiopia and the PSD-E project of GIZ were instrumental in nominating startups and MSMEs to participate in this grand event.

Through the BIC Ethiopia project, BIC Africa the regional network also participated in the festival and reinforced the ongoing cooperation and collaboration with the Ethiopia ecosystem players. In which BIC Africa shared the collaborative effort and brought in the important role of BIC Africa's regional network to strengthen and boost regional collaboration as well as regional collaboration to build Ethiopia's ecosystem in Africa. Moreover, bridge cross continental linkage between African and European startup ecosystems.

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BIC Africa Annual Gathering 2024

We are excited to announce the 3rd edition of BIC Africa Annual Gathering 2024 (#BICAfrica2024) will be held on

Thursday the 24th of October in-person in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Mark your calendar and Stay tuned for more updates!



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