# PLATFORMS TO GROW INNOVATION

A coders4africa's perspective

A combination of:

Smart learning

**Problem Solving** 

**Build Capacity** 

## This is what innovation looks like



## REINVENT AFRICA

Innovation centers in Africa



#### Northern Africa

WikiStartp.tn Flat6Labs.com PlugAndPlayEgypt.com Tahrir2.com

#### Western Africa

JokkoLabs.net iLabLiberia.org MobileWebGhana.org mFriday.org CCHubNigeria.com WennovationHub.com ActivSpaces.com

#### Eastern Africa

IceAddis.com iHub.co.ke NaiLab.co.ke HiveColab.org TheHubKampala.com kLab.rw Teknohama.or.tz

#### Southern Africa

mLab.co.za
Google.co.za/Umbone
BongoHive.com
i-Hub.ma

healthcare / mobile tech / emerging countries

@mHealth\_Africa mHealthAfrica.com

## The African Digital Frontier

#### INTERNET PENETRATION PERCENTAGE BY REGION

77.4% NORTH AMERICA 29.8% MIDDLE EAST 61.3% OCEANIA / AUSTRALIA 21.5% ASIA 58.4% EUROPE 10.9% AFRICA 34.5% LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

#### 500 million + mobile phone subscribers 246 million in 2008 INCREASE OF OVER 100%

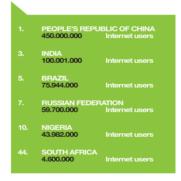
#### 110 million + Internet Users in 2010

4.5 million in 2000 INCREASE OF OVER 2357.3%

The four biggest mobile phone markets are Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Ghana

The largest fixed line broadband market is South Africa, followed in order of market size by Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia

### International Internet Usage



#### TUNISIA Internet users 10.300.000 Internet users Facebook users 12.600.000 2.573.080 Internet users Facebook users nternet users acebook use Internet users Facebook users In 2009, there were 17 million subscribers to 3G/3.5G handsets and data cards across Africa. In total, 4.54 Terabytes of cable capacity is available across 13 submarine cables on the African continent - expanding to 24.5 Terabytes by 2011. South Africa had 4.5 million 3G 10.8% SOUTH AFRICA 4.600.000 Internet users 2.389.560 Facebook user SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNET

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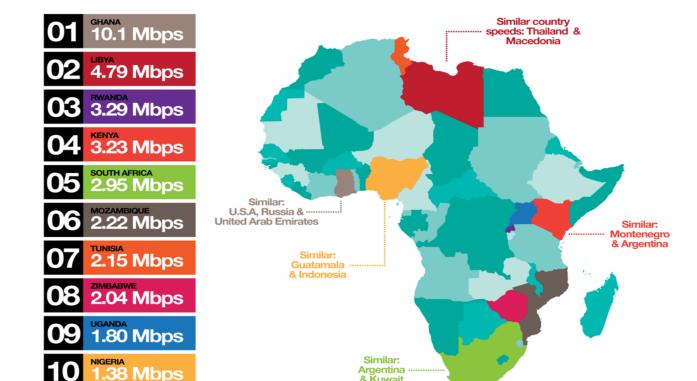
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#### MORE COOLNESS?

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### **African Broadband Download Performance**



1 Megabit Unit measuring network 0.128 kiloBytes **Unit measuring** 

& Kuwait

**DATA SIZE** 

Average worldwide 8.48 Mbps (April 2011)

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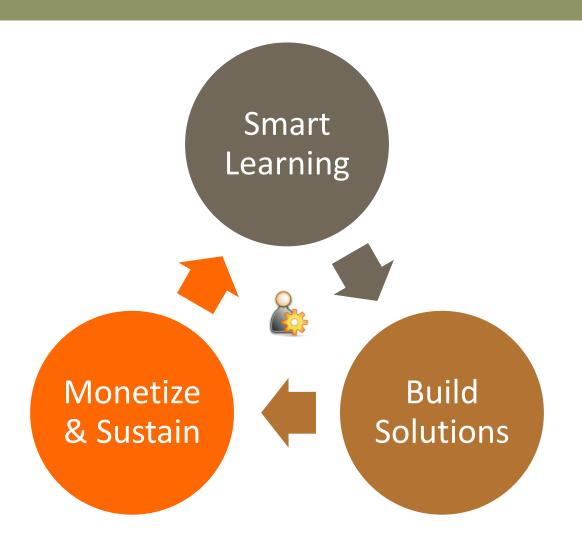
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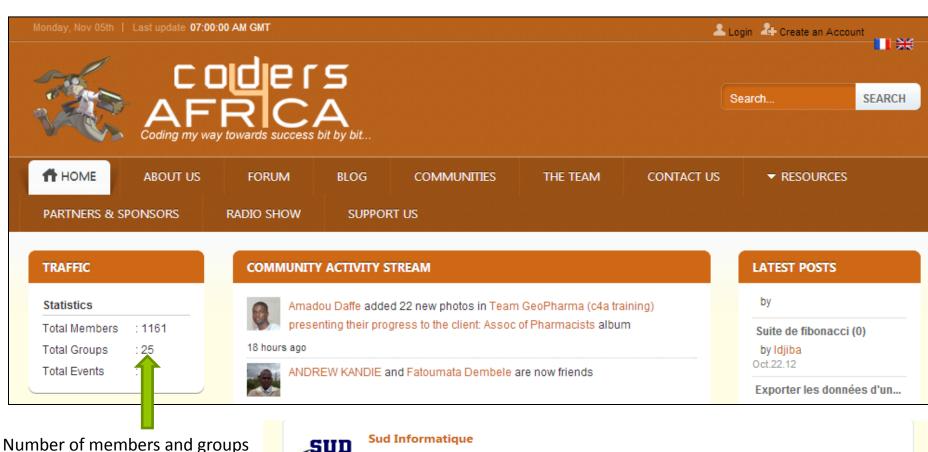
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**#ODMACT** afrographique.tumblr.com

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### Coders4Africa formula to insure innovation growth





Ex. of groups



The "Sud Informatique" Institute was created since 1994. The Institute enjoys an excellent reputation, a seriousness and a quality. Their students meet everywhere in Senegal. He is the main supplier of middle managers to the companies of Ziguinchor.

Created on: Sunday, 27 November 2011

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#### EUCOSSA(KENYA)

Egerton University Computer Science Students Association.

Created on: Saturday, 22 October 2011

8 Members 🗼 1 Discussion 📄 9 Wall Posts



#### KUZABIZ

KuzaBiz is a web application with a mobile interface that allows SMEs to record their business transactions that is, goods sold and their prices, their expenses and thus track both their sales and calculate their profits.

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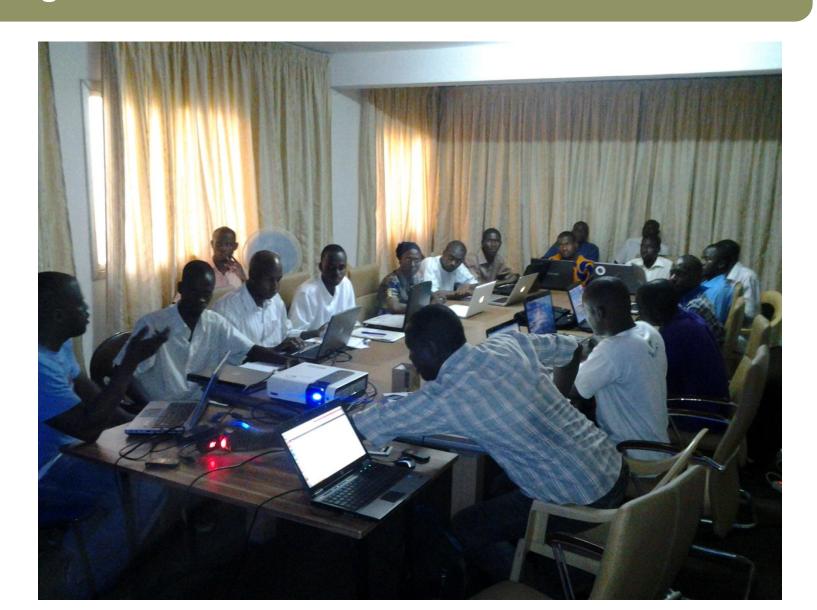
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## Smart Learning

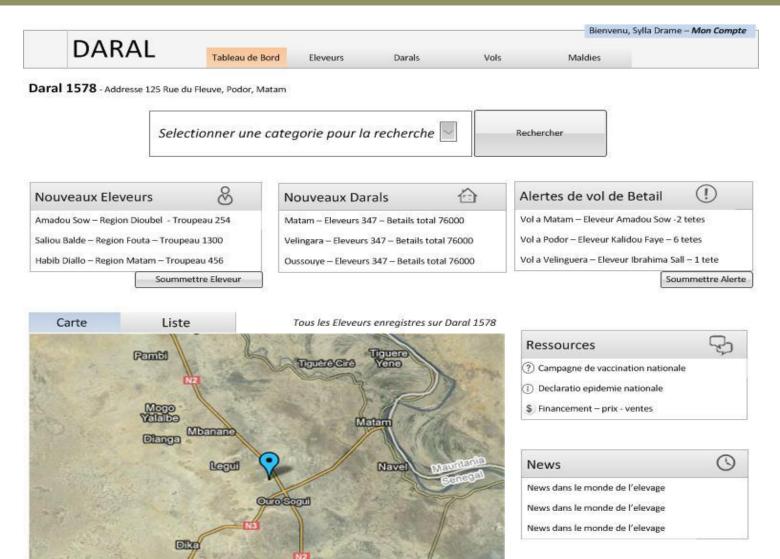
- Coders4Africa practical project training model
  - Real Projects
  - Real Clients
  - Learn by doing
  - Currently taking place in Senegal
  - Training program starts
    - Kenya in February 2013
    - Ghana in March 2013

## Project based training Happening right now in Dakar, Senegal



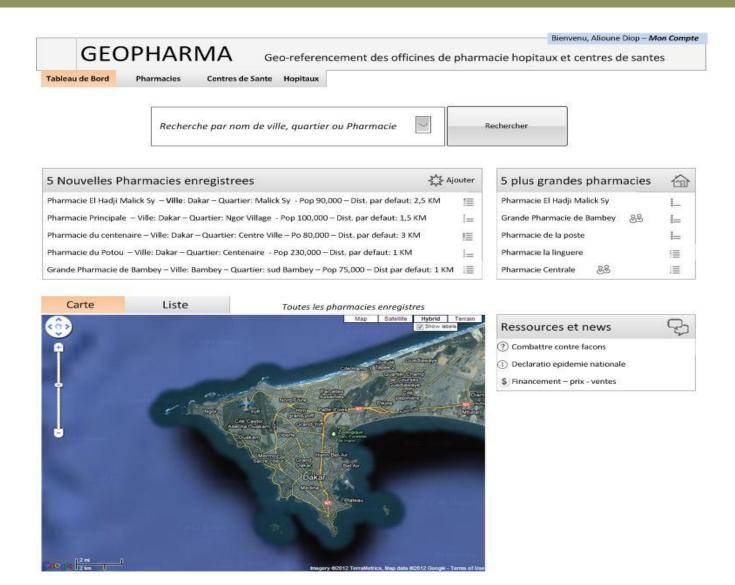
### Example of products being built:

**Daral**: Farmers and Cattle herding management system - Client: Amadou Sow (Secretary of the Union of farmers of Fatick, Senegal)



## Example of products being built:

**GeoPharma: Management of** Pharmacies and health facilities in Senegal - Client: Senegalese Association of Pharmacies



## Monetize & Sustain

- ICT Hub
- Fuel the ideas
- Focus on mobile and web
- Focus on Young start-ups
- Access to knowledge, networks and financial resources

#### **African Strengths**

- Growing ICT infrastructure (Broadband connections & Mobile)
- Strong understanding about importance of using ICT4Dev
- Growing entrepreneurship
- Growing Investor Interests
- Closer integration within continent
- Unified Market of ~1 billion people

#### **African Opportunities**

- Global growth of ICT industry (\$500+ Billion market)
- Africa as an Economic Bloc (pop ~1 billion)
- Growing interest in ICT applications to address challenges of the continent
- ICT Centers of Excellence popping up across Africa (Rwanda, Carnegie Mellon University)

#### **African Weaknesses**

- Non-ICT infrastructures still under development
- Better business environment still under development
- Lack of skilled labor force to fuel growth
- Lack of international recognition

#### **African Threats**

- Increased Global competition
- Pace of human capacity development not meeting growing needs
- Slow expansion of intra-African markets
- International Internet bandwidth growth below global standard
- Cost of Internet is high
- Regulation, taxes, other costs—a burden

## How does initiative like C4A scale?

### Funding

- To strengthen the capacities of its 4 current chapters in Senegal, Ghana, Kenya and Burkina Faso
- To spread to more African countries in 2013 as well as attract more members/students
- To create hub/lab in each country we operate in
- Partnerships with private and public agencies
  - To bring us more visibility, capability and innovative projects.

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