

# Airbus launches its second edition of #Africa4Future

Airbus is set to foster new aerospace business models with African startups, with the launch of the second edition of #Africa4Future.



Launch of the 2nd Edition of Airbus Bizlab Africa4Future initiative, in Toulouse, France

Airbus announced the launch of its second edition of #Africa4Future, a joint accelerator programme between Airbus' global aerospace accelerator BizLab and Make-IT in Africa, a programme by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit German (GIZ), the German agency for International Cooperation.



## Aerospace accelerator Airbus Bizlab launches #Africa4Future challenge in Southern Africa

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First launched in 2017, the #Africa4Future initiative was created by Airbus BizLab with the objective to encourage and support entrepreneurship in Africa. The continent's young and increasingly techno-savvy population is likely to be the driving force behind Africa's socio-economic development.

Setting up an entrepreneurship eco-system requires investment and collaboration. Through #Africa4future, Airbus seeks to build bridges between the aerospace industry and the different players in Africa.

For this second edition, Airbus calls for African tech start-ups that are actively working on solutions related to unmanned logistics and remote sensing technology, including automation and drones, electrification, blockchain, artificial intelligence, data analytics and material composites and manufacturing.

The joint programme will be implemented by the MEST and Innocircle consortium - two organisations with a significant presence and deep knowledge of entrepreneurial ecosystems in Africa.

Startups can submit applications for the programme via [www.airbus-bizlab.com/africa4future](http://www.airbus-bizlab.com/africa4future). **Deadlines for applications close on 30 November 2018.**

Following a review, ten applicants will be chosen to receive the opportunity to join #Africa4Future, a six-month acceleration programme, starting on 7 January 2019.

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