





Opportunities for Youth Employment

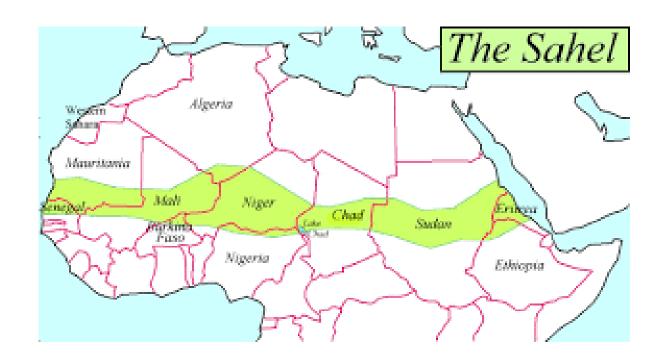
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Sahellnnov Innovate for a sustainable development in Sahel



Sahel is a semi-arid region with an average rainfall between 300 and 500 mm per year, spread over 9 countries on more than 7 million square kilometers.





With a population estimated at nearly 400 million in 2050, the development of the Sahel is characterized by colossal challenges.



Human development: Feeding caring and educating a growing population in search of opportunities.



Adaptation to global warming: the temperature of the Sahel will increase by 3 to 5 degrees Celsius by 2050 and possibly even 8 degrees Celsius in 2100.



Political and security stability: the whole area is gangrened by the activity of terrorists and smugglers.



Job creation: the tax base of the Sahel countries represents barely 20% of their GDP.



Sahelinnov aims to shape the future of the Sahel through innovative and sustainable entrepreneurship.

Detect and popularize innovations with high social and environmental value creation for the Sahel;

Helping to scale up the offers and solutions of Sahelian startups;

Promote collaboration between startups but also with stakeholders in the ecosystem;

Deploy an accelerator program for the most promising startups;

Create an exchange framework for the sahel of tomorrow trough the SahelInnov Forum



The Sahelinnov will contribute to the scaling-up of innovations with strong socio-economic impact especially on job creation for the youth

In 2017, SahelInnov will support the scaling up of 3 startups which offered transversals solutions for many challenges in Sahel



E3D: Launched in 2015, E3D manufactured anti mosquito cosmetics and bio pesticides Neem oil based (very spread trees in Sahel)

- Direct jobs: 25
- Indirect jobs: 300 mainly young persons in rural areas for the collection of Neem seeds



Fasao Pro: launched in 2014 in Burkina Faso, Faso Pro transforms insectes comestibles in Sahel and rich in proteins to fight against harvest.

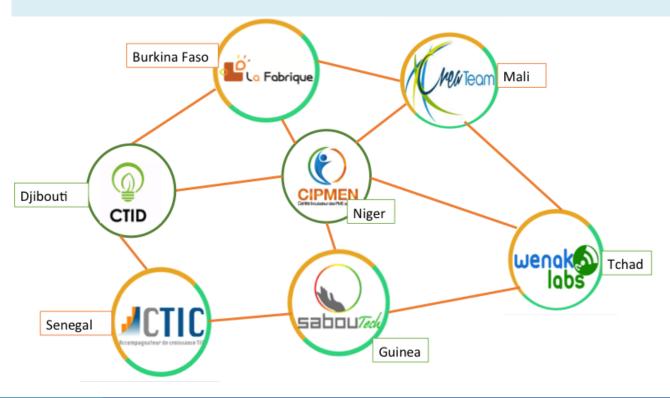
- Direct jobs: 10
- Indirect jobs: : 500 women en young people, trained to collect and pre process the insects



- Direct jobs : 30
- Indirect jobs : 150 welders trained and auronomous



Key factor for success : network of 7 incubators in seven countries in Sahel to deploy the Accelerator SahelInnovBoost



	Sustained coaching from experienced entrepreneurs
	Mentoring sessions
SahelInnov	Financial support
Services	Accommodation facilities
	access to a network of large national and multinational companies
	high level lobbying



The main challenge is the creation of a vibrant ecosystem for startups in the Sahel

Access to talents

Access to infrastructures like incubators and processing units

Access to non conventional funds

Access to role models and mentors to change the mindset

Access to the market



All the bread consumed in the Sahel is made by corn which is imported. To substitute the wheat, several entrepreneurs are introduced bread based on local cereals (millet, sorghum) but they are facing significant challenges.





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