



From the bottom up, there is need to strengthen innovation ecosystems at the nodes to empower young innovators and entrepreneurs.

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## UNIVERSITIES, INDUSTRIES AND GOVERNMENT CO-CREATION PLATFORM

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aims to develop a universities centric co-creation platform with its associated activities, government & industry partnerships, mentorship and processes centred on industry and government or stakeholder defined challenges solved by students through well-defined mentored flagstone capstone projects. The projects will be executed within a well-defined, mutually agreed Intellectual Property Rights Framework favourable to student advancement. For up-skilling and preparedness, there will be practical training delivered through modules conducted between SADC regional partner institutions and by capacity support partners to plug the skills gap in students in the university innovation ecosystems. Each institution will host a coding school to deliver these modules, provide interaction spaces and well-equipped ICT innovation laboratories. This project will define formal interfaces between industry, government and the national innovation ecosystem to provide sustainability beyond the project phase and adoption of solutions by proponent. The interplay with government and industry will facilitate access to data for data innovations and data for development.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

University of Botswana (Botswana)  
Stellenbosch LaunchLab (South Africa)  
Demola (Finland)  
BotswanaPost  
FNBB  
Google Developer Group  
AppTswana (Botswana)  
OptimumQ



### PROJECT COORDINATOR

University of Botswana

### IMPLEMENTING COUNTRIES

Botswana  
South Africa

### KEY OBJECTIVES

1. To create an operational co-creation platform network in partner countries
2. To link co-creation platforms for cross border and global interplay
3. To upskill students on technology development
4. To build interfaces between industry Government for sustainability of the platform through stakeholder propose driven flagship projects