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AIMS Rwanda to launch its Incubator

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) will officially open the AIMS Rwanda Incubator; a bold initiative designed to transition STEM graduates from academic excellence to market-ready and impact-driven ventures.

The AIMS Rwanda Incubator marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the AIMS Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, underscoring AIMS' commitment to advancing innovation and entrepreneurship across Africa. It will serve as a launchpad for African STEM graduates starting with AIMS alumni equipping them with the skills, resources, and mentorship needed to build scalable ventures that address Africa's greatest challenges.

Innovation grows here

The launch event, which will take place at the AIMS Rwanda Center in Kigali, featuring the final pitch ceremony of the **Innovation Competition Program**. The winning teams will receive the prestigious **AIMS Incubation Fellowship**. The Fellowship will support the development and acceleration of innovative solutions across thematic areas such as agriculture, health, education, finance, and insurance.

The event will include keynotes by Dr. Uyi Stewart (Chief Data & Technology Officer, DataDotOrg) and Mrs. Jennifer Louie (AI Trust and Safety Expert, UNDP New York), along with remarks from AIMS leadership and key partners, including senior officials from the Government of Rwanda.

*For data to become
Africa's new oil, our
history (with oil) tells us
that we must urgently
reimagine and promote
digital entrepreneurship
in the age of AI."*

Says Dr. Uyi Stewart

The incubator supports AIMS' vision of producing Africa's next generation of science-led entrepreneurs and aligns with the African Development Bank's "High 5s" and the SDGs, focusing on inclusive development, gender equity, and sustainable impact.

"The AIMS Rwanda Incubator represents a bold new chapter in our journey from nurturing scientific excellence to developing innovative solutions that drive real-world impact," says Prof. Dr. Sam Yala, President of the AIMS Network. "With our partners, we are creating a launchpad where Africa's brightest STEM minds can transform their ideas into solutions that address our continent's most urgent challenges across various thematic areas."



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A Pan-African collaboration for systemic change

The AIMS Rwanda Incubator will be launched as part of AIMS' commitment to driving innovation and entrepreneurship across Africa. Anchored by the Africa Health Collaborative whose HENT pillar focuses on advancing health entrepreneurship. The incubator is laying the groundwork for a scalable, replicable model that connects talent, science, and entrepreneurship to create dignified work and address critical development challenges.

Key launch outcomes includes:

- Inauguration of the AIMS Rwanda Incubator
- Innovation pitch ceremony and award of the AIMS Incubation Fellowship
- Strengthened partnerships within Africa's innovation ecosystem
- Momentum for future incubators across the AIMS network

The AIMS Rwanda Incubator is more than a space, it is a movement to unleash the power of STEM minds across Africa to deliver real-world solutions that transform lives and communities.

About the Africa Health Collaborative (AHC)

The Africa Health Collaborative (the Collaborative) is a multistakeholder partnership working towards transforming Africa's Primary Health Care (PHC) systems. It was established in 2021 and is made up of 9 higher education institutions and the Mastercard Foundation, with the shared vision of the Collaborative is to prepare diverse young people for the meaningful work of transforming health and well-being in Africa, through contextually appropriate and sustainable primary health care systems. The Health Collaborative is designed to leverage on the power of higher education institutions as sites of knowledge exchange and community collaboration, and nexuses for cross-sector partnerships.

About the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is a pan-African network of centers of excellence that promotes mathematical sciences education and research across the continent. AIMS empowers the next generation of African mathematicians, scientists, and innovators to drive sustainable development and technological advancement.

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