

TBIF NEWS

A KIST / CITT initiative

TBIF presented its Business Model to African Union

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Mr. Timothy Barnes, Center and TBIF manager with Ms Cecil Visit BETOCAT company one of in house incubates

Visit of Mr. Timothy Barnes from London University to TBIF.

Mr. Timothy visited CITT/TBIF and he conducted lecture at KIST. The lecture covered Introduction to Entrepreneurship. At TBIF he talked with clients about the benefits they get from TBIF.

TBIF renews its MoU with CSS Zigama Bank

TBIF/CITT-KIST has again signed an MOU with CSS Zigama bank for managing the KDEF funds. Till now TBIF has assisted more than 20 entrepreneurs by KEDF funding.

TBIF New Incubates: Eco-Excellence limited.

One of the new incubates that joined TBIF is Eco-excellence consultancy headed by Mr. Songa Silvin, a young Civil Engineer, with a Masters in environmental science, vast experience in Environmental management, waste water treatment and public procurement. They provide consultancy services in fields such as; Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Wastewater treatment technologies, renewable energy, public procurement and contract management. The firm has four associates from different countries, Rwanda, Kenya and Cape-Verde and has senior mentors from countries like Netherlands, UK among others

Please visit their Website for more information: www.eco-excellenceltd.com

KIST, Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF) presented its sustainable business Incubation Model to African Union

As a successful Business Incubator in Africa, Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF) was invited by InfoDev, World Bank and African Union to present its sustainable Business incubation model to African Union officials on 9-10th September'2008 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is in line that African Union is embarking on AU Incubator initiative project to establish a solid strategic and operational footing for the institutionalization of business incubation in Africa. Hence, AU will be embarking on Pan- African Business incubation initiative to support business Incubation in Africa. During the meeting with AIN network, TBIF manager was appointed Focal point for East African incubator Network.



Group photo with African Union officials



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KIST, Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF) wins InfoDev, World Bank grant of USD 50,000 for replicating its sustainable Business incubation model in Musanze Province

This was in response to *infoDev's* recent Request for Proposals "[Promoting ICT-enabled Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries through Business incubation](#)", *infoDev* received significant interest and a total of 90 proposals were submitted. After carefully reviewing all proposals received, *infoDev's* selection committee announces the award of 50,000 USD to Technology and Business Incubation Facility (TBIF). The list of countries and organizations won the award are as under; Visit <http://www.infodev.org/en/Article.234.html> for more information;

TBIF Manager attended and presented TBIF in a "Regional workshop on East African Business Council (EABC) in East Africa on 25th-26th August'2008 at Arusha, Tanzania:

The meeting was chaired by Honorable Dr. Diodorus Kamala, Minister for East African Cooperation, Tanzania along with Ambassador Juma Mwapachu, Secretary General, EAC. The meeting was attended by number of high level dignitaries including Ministers and Ambassadors from East African states. The meeting mainly discussed how business can be improved in East African states. During the meeting TBIF Incubation initiative was presented and it was well appreciated. It was decided that TBIF Rwanda should take a lead in establishing Incubators in East Africa.



Group photo with Honorable Dr. Diodorus Kamala with delegates from East Africa.

Editors Note.

Dear Readers

In this newsletter we are providing you some of the success stories of TBIF. TBIF believe that networking with policy makers, the private sector, the international donor community and other key stakeholders can work together effectively to enhance the conditions for business incubation, innovation and entrepreneurship in any country. Comments to:

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BID Network Representatives from Netherlands/ Uganda visited Rwanda

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the collaboration between the two institutions. The BiD Network Foundation offers investor matchmaking services, runs the business plan competition; the BiD Challenge, from ten countries and operates this online. For more information please visit their web site: www.bidnetwork.org.

Visit of GTZ Delegation to TBIF, Rwanda.

The German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) in cooperation with experts in TVET and Labor Markets from German visited TBIF/CITT KIST. The objective of the visit was to get the experts understanding the labor market and the TVET situation in Rwanda and in order to explore ways of enhancing TVET responsiveness to the demand of labor market. TBIF manager made the presentation of TBIF which was well appreciated by visiting delegation.



TBIF manager & Director (CITT) discussing

TBIF is an active member of African Incubation Network (AIN)

