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# **AFRICA MARKET DISCOVERY CAMP**

Bring your Swiss based science startup to the next level!

Maximise the potential of your booming startup with a
fast-track Afro-Swiss acceleration program



4-days Market Discovery Camp to Addis Ababa October 27th – 30th, 2019

(Including the participation at the AfriLabs Annual Gathering 2019)











The Africa Market Discovery Camp aims to boost the entrepreneurial know-how and exposure of 10 Swiss *Sciencepreneurs* seeking growth opportunities with and in Africa.

Offered free of charge to ambitious young entrepreneurs, this highly competitive program guarantees access to African innovation hotspots at a key event for entrepreneurs and investors, the AfriLabs Annual Gathering. Industry meetings with selected experts and stakeholders from different fields, information sessions on "How to do business in Africa", interaction with African startups and entrepreneurs will lead to relevant connections for potential cooperation.



The Africa Market Discovery Camp provides a unique, high-quality learning opportunity for graduate student - entrepreneurs.

"The program really exceeded my expectations, and was definitely worth the time out from my business. It is really important to work 'on' one's business and not just 'in' one's business, and the program forced me to do exactly this. In addition it provided a number of very useful tools and insights in support"

Moses Kebalepile, Founder and CEO of KTI - the Asthma Grid

## Why join?

Selected young entrepreneurs receive a unique opportunity for exposure to top African entrepreneurial expertise and markets. A half-day workshop in Switzerland will introduce to market specificities.

During this program, participants will

- Develop a better understanding of the market and how to deliver a concrete offer to customers.
- Access a wide network of peers, mentors and industry experts.
- Acquire tools and skills to analyse the application of the sciencebased technology.
- Boost the recognition of their innovation and market access.
- Connect to high-level entrepreneurs from African countries.
- Engage with entrepreneurs of similar background and learn about successful business practices.
- Improve market application by validating their ideas with peers, experts and potential customers.
- Become pioneers of the Swiss Africa entrepreneurs' community.

## **Eligibility**

Open to high-level and carefully selected researchers in the fields of mobile health, pharmacometrics, innovative financing and digital humanities/knowledge transfer:
Master, PhD, Postdoctoral researchers at Universities, Universities of Applied Science and research institutes or centres of technological excellence in Switzerland with research track record working on a non-profit basis and seeking to explore the successful market application of their high-level applied research in African markets.

#### **Deadlines**

**Deadline** for application: August 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 **Selection** of participants: August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 **Business discovery program in Addis Ababa**:

October 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### **Program**

## **4-days Market Discovery Camp**

The program revolves around the participation at the Afrilabs Annual Gathering event in Addis Ababa and will be completed by additional business meetings, peer group mentorings and general exchange with African entrepreneurs. A Swiss exhibition booth will be available for individual showcasing.

### **Conditions**

The program is free of charge. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the program.

See detailed conditions of participation on www.venturelab.ch/sabii-market-discovery

#### Information & contact

Questions? Please contact us at office@venturelab.ch

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