WEST AFRICA BOOTCAMP REPORT

NEED

Digitization is a global trend, but Africa is being left behind. Africa faces many challenges related to digital transformation. The main challenges faced in West Africa are low network quality and coverage, lack of STEM education, access to electricity, and access to devices. Electricity is currently one of the bigger challenges as 48% of West Africans are currently without electricity. Youth will be key in creating digital transformation because young adults below 35 make up 75% of Africa's population. However, these youth face challenges in their entrepreneurial journeys and creating technological innovation. These additional problems include a lack of access, government resistance, and funding.

EVENT SUMMARY

The PATF West Africa Emerging Technologies boot camp was the fifth of the sub-regional hub events. This Bootcamp was entirely geared towards West Africa and the specific problems that the region faces. The Bootcamp was under the theme "Adoption of Emerging Technologies in West Africa". This Bootcamp focused on the possibilities of emerging technologies throughout West Africa. It went over steps to having a successful innovation in West Africa, Artificial Intelligence in West Africa, Digital Currency, and Traversing the Rural-Urban Divide in West Africa.

COUNTRY REPRESENTAIVES

We could not have achieved our goals for this event without the valuable contribution of each of our East Africa representatives.

West Africa Regional Hub Leader- Eric Annan
Ivory Coast - Erwin Anet N'guetta
Nigeria-Modupe Ativie and Dolapo Sanusi-Ola
Liberia- Beatrice Johnson
Togo- Alexandro Kolani
Sierra Leone- Mustapha Cole
Gambia -Modou Njie
Senegal- Pape Landing and Faye Doudou
Burkina Faso- Dr. Issa Boro
Guinea- Masse Sylla Toure
Niger -Yazi Adamou

AGENDA

PATF WEST AFRICA BOOTCAMP
24 SEPT 2021
Host: Tetteh Kofi
https://bit.ly/3lyWRbO

Theme: Digital Transformation and the adoption of Emerging Technologies in West Africa

WELCOME ADDRESS
Welcome address in English by PATF Leadership – Elaine Bannerman (Founder), Baron Armah-Kwantreng, Policy and Reputation Management (2 mins), Vanessa Abankwah – Start-ups and Innovation

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING
Introduction to Blockchain and its Use Cases – Eric Annan, Founder Aya Cash, PATF West Africa Subregional Lead (60 minutes) Last 15 minutes discussion with Erwin Anet N'guetta, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Specialist, PATF Ivory Coast

10 minutute break

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and its Use Cases in West Africa – Dr Tunde Adegbola, Founder Tiwa Systems Ltd. (60 minutes) Last 15 minutes discussion with Vanessa Abankwah ,PATF Ghana

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING
How to succeed at Entrepreneurship and Innovation in West Africa by Ibrahim Bashir, Founder of Dilalli (60 minutes) – 10 minutes interview Dolapo Sanusi-Ola, Founder Nest Investments (FinTech / AgriTech) – PATF Nigeria; 10 minute interview Oluwajoba Oloba, The Nest Innovation Hub – PATF Nigeria

10 minutute break

Keynote Speech: Rep from ACALAN - AU – 10 minutes

TECH IN THE COMMUNITY
Panel Session One: a. Engaging Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) for West Africa's Digital Transformation: Cashless economies and Central Bank Digital Currencies. (60 minutes)
Moderated by Erwin Anet N'guetta, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Specialist, PATF Ivory Coast
Panelists: Mrs Beatrice Johnson, PATF Liberia, Alexandro Kolani, PATF Togo, Mustapha Cole, Sierra Leone, Modou Njie, Gambia

10 minutute break

Panel Session Two: - Case studies in Accessing Resources for Digital Transformation Ideas: Urban vs rural areas – (60 minutes) Moderated by Ousmane Bamba, PATF Mali
Panelists: Hamadou Tidiane Sy, PATF Senegal, Dr Issa Boro, PATF Burkina Faso, Masse Sylla Toure, PATF Guinea, Yazi Adamou, PATF Niger

"Agile" a framework for Digital Transformation - Kwaku Ampomah and Agboola Ogundeyin (15 minutes)

Closing Remarks by Elaine Bannerman (5 minutes)

PATF PAN-AFRICAN TECH FOUNDATION

the theme

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Entrepreneurship Coaching was a major highlight. It was a new addition to the bootcamp. It differed from previous entrepreneurship trainings because it focused specifically on West Africa instead of general training. This made the training more effective and relevant to participants.

We were honored to have **Dr. Nii Narku Quayno** as The Keynote Speaker. He is often referred to as the "father of the internet in Africa." because, in 1994, he established the first internet service provider in West Africa making him a true pioneer of digital transformation. His speech was both insightful and inspiring and a true highlight of the bootcamp
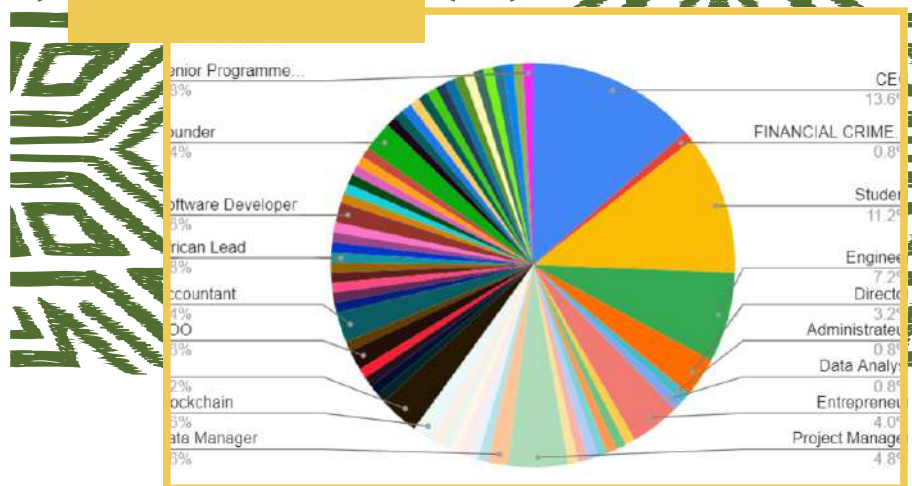
DATA ANALYSIS

191 messages were sent in the chat box

35 Repeat Registrations

16 Repeat Registrations attended at least 2 previous bootcamps

103 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BOOTCAMP

117 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THE EVENT

Participant Profession

Participant Country

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

- Can we please be having more of such bootcamp every now and then?

- The last speaker did an excellent job, bravo!

- Great bootcamp

- This bootcamp was a very good idea

PATF 2021 GOALS ACHEIVED

YOUTH

Innovation & Entrepreneurship
The Coaching Session "How to succeed at Entrepreneurship and Innovation in West Africa"

Traversing the Rural-Urban Divide
Panel Session Two: - Accessing Resources for Digital Transformation in Urban and Rural Areas

Digital Economics
Panel Session One: Engaging Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) for West Africa's Digital Transformation: Cashless economies and Central Bank Digital Currencies.

EXPANSION

Brand Awareness
Press Releases for the Bootcamp and flyers for speakers and the Bootcamp were posted on Linkedin, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook PATF pages.

Grow the PATF Network in Africa
Country representatives were established in 11 participating East African countries.

PARTICIPANT IMPACT

This Bootcamp impacted the participants beyond the knowledge they gained. It connected like-minded youth and experts that can support each other as they become entrepreneurs. This boot camp also provided relevant information specific to West Africa. Therefore it provided participants with real-world innovations and examples that are being used in their backyard. This provided a space for participants to become encouraged by what already exists around them and understand what the current gaps are regarding digital transformation.

POINTS OF NOTE FROM THE CHAT BOX

On Afro-Tech

- Energy is one of the key factors in Africa's non-industrialization. The issues of governance, transparency, and security in especially French-speaking Africa challenge us for the integration of this technology in Africa. You have to understand why

On Digital Transformation

- **T**he problem of trust is serious
- So the opportunity is when this technology can implement a reliable trust system, huge growing Africa will dominate. We Africans will dominate every global economic sector. But that can only be possible when African break out of their comfort zone.
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On Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- I have a hypothesis that; Africa is underdeveloped because of the stability and ease of surviving in the continent. We never see the need to evolve or innovate to survive, unlike
- Those who undertake today are ridiculed by their friends, especially in French-speaking Africa. We have become pure consumers, not innovators. And it's scary, to see how our youth evolves. Ease, social networks made it stronger
- The essential point to go far will be to train our population, conferences, seminars especially physical and show them why it is important to use this technology.
- Keyword : Adapt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Our Upcoming Events and Projects

AI BOOTCAMP

February

BLOCKCHAIN BOOTCAMP -

March

ARABIC BOOTCAMP

May

PORTUGUESE BOOTCAMP

June

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