FRANCOPHONE AFRICA BOOTCAMP REPORT

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Francophone sub-Saharan Africa is witnessing exponential growth in the information and communications technology sector, and the signs are that it will continue and intensify in the years to come. By 2022 there will be 1 billion mobile connections in sub-Saharan Africa, generating almost USD 50 billion in total service revenue.

Francophone Africa experienced an economic growth rate of 4.9 percent in 2021 according to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report, higher than the 2.9 percent growth rate experienced by the rest of the continent. With their large youth populations, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Senegal, and Guinea are some of the fastest-growing economies in the world. As these economies grow, the mobile penetration rate is growing as well.

For African countries to succeed in their digitization drives, they have to put in the right policies and train their people. They also need solid planning that can be adjusted along the way until they get to where they want to go. However, since 2019 when the discussion on digitization in Africa began in earnest, nothing much has been done. At the time it was said that digitization was the Fourth Industrial Revolution that Africa should not miss. But now there is a gap that needs to be filled.

To digitalize, we need talents, and talents, very unfortunately, don't grow on trees. We have to invest in them, train them and in our investment, we have to count on our domestic resources first before we go out looking for additional resources.

EVENT SUMMARY

This year, Binance has pledged to sponsor and support the Pan-African Tech Foundation (PATF) as we continue our series of events under the slogan “Leave No Africans Behind” with our virtual Francophone bootcamp on February 25. This was the first in a series of bootcamps adapted to the French-speaking area, for the year. This ensures comprehensive coverage of the continent and its major language groups. The agenda for the day included an Introduction to Blockchain, an Introduction to AI and a session on Entrepreneurship.

PATF national representatives for Madagascar, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Burundi, Comoros, Mauritius, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal , Togo, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of Congo, DRC, Gabon also engaged panel discussions on Innovations in the Blockchain and their adoption in Francophone Africa. More specifically, the future of digital currencies and blockchain in French-speaking Africa and the tools and infrastructures that will be needed to stimulate innovation in Blockchain in the region.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

AGENDA

Thème : Les innovations dans la Blockchain et leur adoption en Afrique Francophone
(9am – 3.30pm GMT)

Hôte: John Lombela, Fondateur Axalio & PATF Directeur Executif pour les sous-régions en Afrique

Allocution de bienvenue en français par le représentant de Binance – 6 minutes

Allocution de bienvenue en français par les responsables francophones du PATF – 4 minutes

Gwenael Nze de Souza Fondateur de Blockbridge – PATF Gabon (2 minutes), **Erwin Anet N'guetta** Spécialiste Blockchain et Cryptomonnaie, PATF Côte d'Ivoire (2 minutes)

Formation sur les technologies émergents

Introduction à la Blockchain et ses cas d'utilisation par Erwin Anet N'guetta (1 heure) suivi d'un entretien de 15 minutes avec Alexandro Kolani, Blockchain Entrepreneur, PATF Togo

Introduction à l'Intelligence Artificielle par Khaoula Tanfiuoi, Co-fondatrice de Bots factory (1 heure) suivi d'un entretien avec Jean-Claude Minirifasha (PATF-Rwanda)

(Pause de 10 minutes)

Formation à l'entrepreneuriat par Wiam Fahim (PATF Maroc) suivi d'un entretien de 15 minutes avec Gwenael Nze de Souza (PATF Gabon)

Conférencier invité - Carine Dikambi (Leader Francophone chez Binance) (20 minutes)

(Pause de 10 minutes)

Session d'experts 1: **Monnaies digitales et blockchain, quel avenir en Afrique Francophone ?** (60 minutes)

Modéré par Georges Foaleng Fokam (PATF Afrique Centrale) (60 minutes)

Intervenants :

1. Remi Simo (Republic of Congo)
2. Ralph Nke (PATF – Guinée Equatoriale)
3. Diallo Yero (PATF Côte d'Ivoire)
4. Issa Nakoye, (PATF – Tchad)

(Pause de 10 minutes)

Session d'experts 2: **Quels outils et infrastructures seront nécessaires pour stimuler l'innovation dans la Blockchain dans la région francophone ? Marketing digital : évolution et perspectives**

Modéré par Loubna Lahmici, (PATF – Algeria) (60 minutes)

Intervenants :

1. Mounia Derbel, (PATF – Tunisie)
2. Christian Ntumba, (PATF DRC)
3. Rick Harvey Odom, (PATF- CAR)
4. Dr Boro Issa, (PATF Burkina Faso)
5. Yazi Adamu (PATF – Niger)

Discours de clôture par Elaine Bannerman (5 minutes)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote speech from Carine Dikambi, introducing Binance, their online and offline masterclasses happening all over Africa. She also mentioned Binance Labs, the venture arm and incubator, investing in and supporting early-stage blockchain startups and infrastructure projects.

Carine Dikambi remarked: To accelerate sustainable development on the African continent, the role of digital technologies cannot be over-emphasised.

As such, we at Binance are happy to support PATF's mission to transform Africa through technology.

It is also clear that the potential of Francophone Africa to be a core part of this development is endless. We are committed to ensuring that more people have access to the right information and tools to utilise digital assets and blockchain.'

DATA ANALYSIS

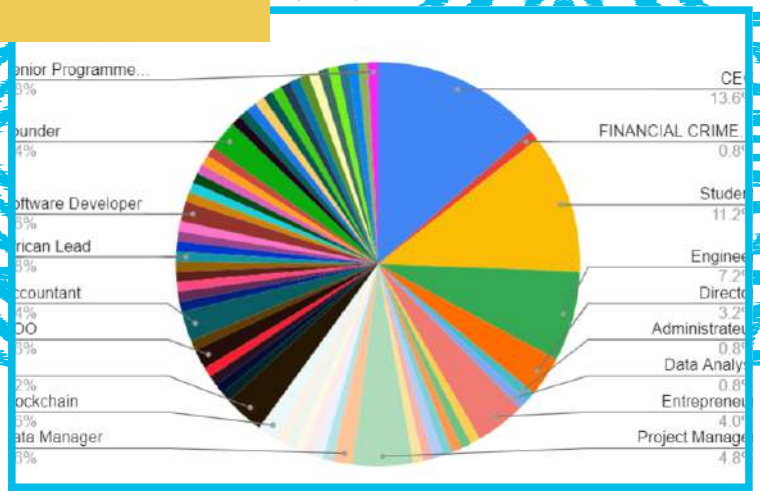
251 messages were sent in the chat box

55 Repeat Registrations

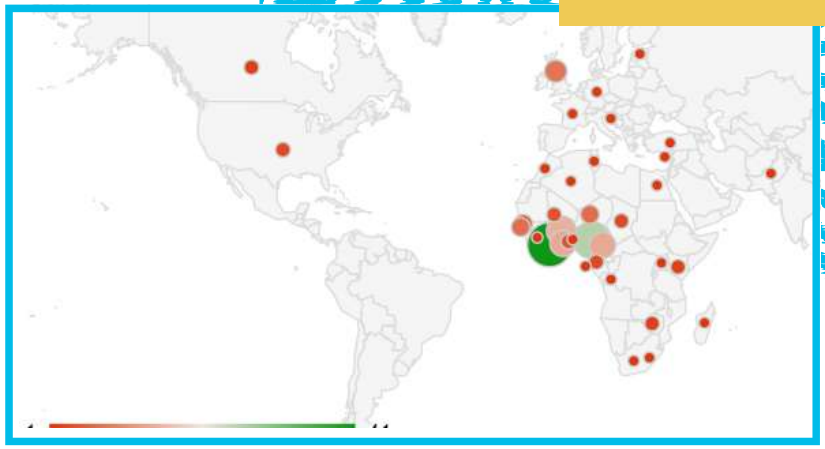
126 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE BOOTCAMP

229 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THE EVENT

Participant Profession



Participant Country



COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

Wiam Fahim:
Hello, what about blockchain and cryptocurrency regulation in our African countries? Is this legal?

Atchélé DJEHOUEHI:
How do governments manage to manage inflation with the development of blockchain in Africa?

Loubna Lahmici:
It would be interesting to list blockchain platforms by country and highlight their application, perhaps in infographic format, we need to communicate more about these success stories to inspire and motivate innovation.

Yazi Adamou:
How do I pay for the apron next door with bitcoin?

Laurain ESSONO NGOUA:
When will there be an African TechCrunch?

GBAGUIDI VICTORIEN:
Why can't governments go to school in English-speaking countries that are showing meteoric rise?

PATF 2022 GOALS

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 22 participating French-speaking 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 Francophone 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.

ANSWERS FROM PATF TEAM ON COMMENTS AND REVIEWS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Erwin N'Guetta:

These are two different topics. Inflation comes from the monetary policy of countries which is different from the Blockchain which is a technology that would solve this problem

Ralph Nke:

The fundamental is already to make commercial actors integrate the concept of cryptocurrency, from the simple trader of apron to the largest industries, then to show them how their economy is secure (this is where the concept of CRYPTO in cryptocurrency comes in) . Blockchain and more so cryptocurrencies guarantee confidentiality and transparency in the management of its economy, and I would go so far as to add that accounting is therefore facilitated.

Georges Magliore Foaleng Fokam: The buyer and the seller of the apron would have to agree to make bitcoin their currency. As for obviously considering the technical issues; as the platform dedicated to the operation. Cryptos are currencies like any other. It is their financial appreciation in the context of trade that gives them an exchange value. They cannot therefore be considered as a means of becoming rich.

Yazi Adamou: We need payment system

Alexandro Kolani: We cannot expect a real solution from our governments.

2022

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Our Upcoming Events and Projects

FRANCOPHONE BOOTCAMP

Completed

SWAHILI BOOTCAMP

29th April

12 WEEK SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME IN GHANA

8 June-17th August

ARABIC BOOTCAMP

17 June

PORTUGUESE BOOTCAMP

2nd September

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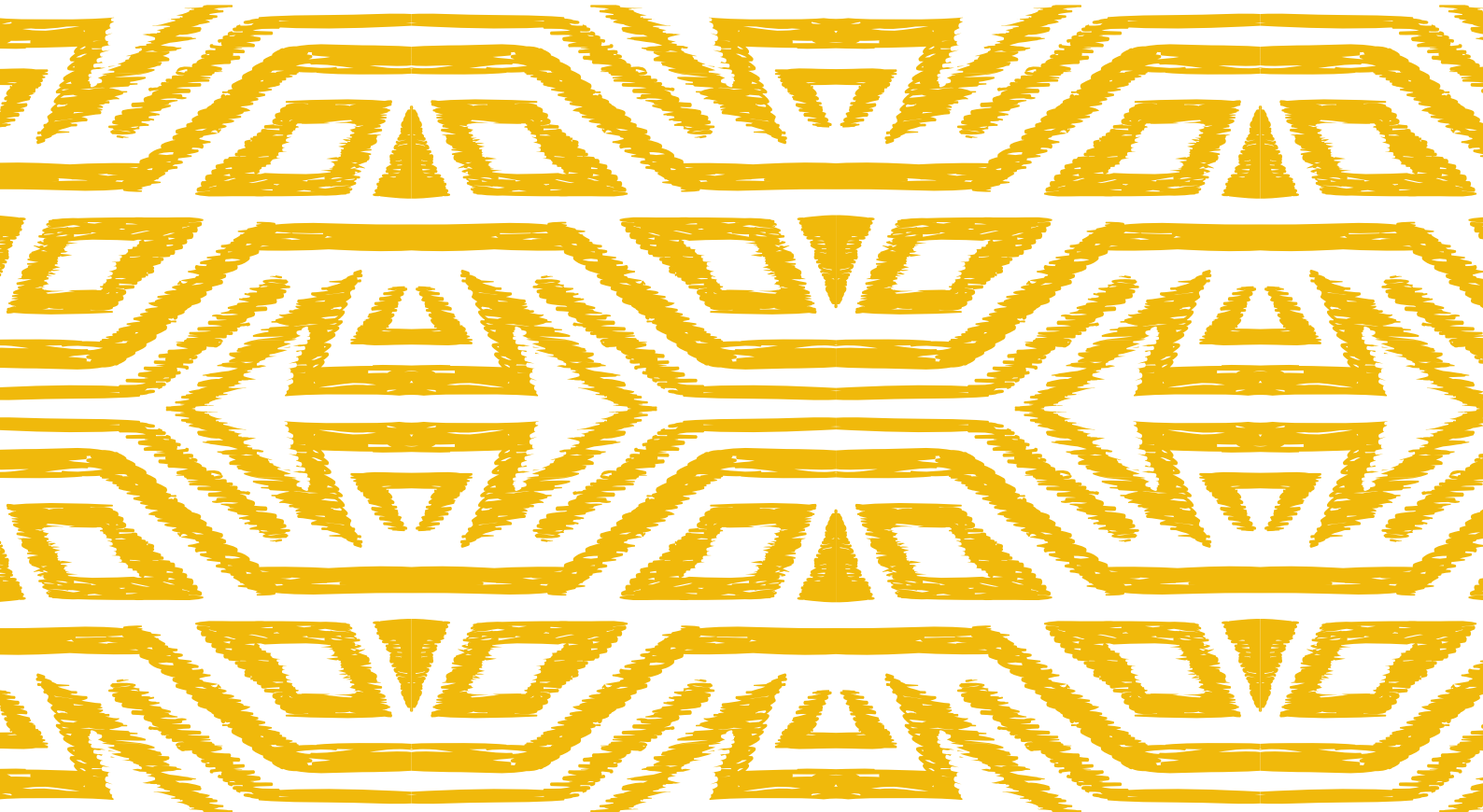
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