

## Ecosystem Best Practice Challenge: Rethinking ICT ecosystems' competitiveness and innovativeness

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Do you have a good practice that will enable innovators to develop ICT-centric solutions?

Building a Silicon Valley-like environment remains elusive for many countries and communities. It requires innovators to have access to the appropriate programmes, resources and policies to navigate technological change in their communities. However, in many, the crucial factors that lead to digital transformation are missing.

Every community should be empowered and equipped with the right practices to navigate technological change and global disruption. Each has strong practices supporting innovation which must be identified and amplified. However, there are also weak practices resulting in systemic gaps in every ecosystem.

Digital transformation of society requires recognizing and sharing ecosystem best practices from around the world with other countries to accelerate digital transformation.

To achieve this, the Ecosystem Best Practice Challenge is looking for **ecosystem builders** from around the world. To apply to this challenge, you must have an existing practice with proven results in one of the following thematic areas:

- Guiding innovation dynamics: nurturing a mindset and culture of ICT-centric innovation (such as developing public policies for start-up visas or innovation; mentorship and innovation community-building programmes; and tax, start-up, procurement and investment laws).
- Building innovation capacity: providing infrastructure and spaces to develop ICT-centric solutions (such as incubation and acceleration, entrepreneurial, research or university programmes).
- Integrating ICT innovation in key sectors: enabling ecosystem initiatives that can digitally transform an economic sector's value chain (such as tech parks or cluster development initiatives).

### Your solution should:

- Be evidence-informed practices that can be amplified and scaled at the national level.
- Help other communities at the global level upgrade their practices to maintain competitiveness and innovation in their ICT ecosystems.
- Provide an enabling environment that nurtures innovators to accelerate their ideas to market.

### Additional information for this challenge:

The practice must be **operational** (not at an idea stage).