

BantuLab — Congo-Brazzaville's First Equity-Financing Start-up Accelerator

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Quality score: 38/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

BantuLab, launched in 2026 by entrepreneur Vérone Mankou's BantuHub Foundation with corporate backer L'Archer Group, commits roughly €1M to fund two Brazzaville start-ups a year by equity; its first winner, fintech Smartmbongo, was admitted that February.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[BantuHub Foundation / L'Archer Group](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Born2Invest: BantuHub and L'Archer Group partnership](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Africa-Press: BantuLab's 24-month support for its first winner](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[ICTworks background on Vérone Mankou's Congo tech ventures](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

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