

Ciudad del Saber — Panama's 25-Year Conversion of a Former U.S. Military Base into an Innovation District

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

A former U.S. Canal Zone military base became a Panamanian innovation district that in 2024 hosted 34 international organisations and 135 tech/education entities, and incubated 300+ startups generating over \$21M in revenue.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-04

[Fundación Ciudad del Saber](#) — accessed 2026-09-04

[Ciudad del Saber — official site \(What is Ciudad del Saber\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-04

[La Prensa — Ciudad del Saber: 25 años impulsando innovación](#) — accessed 2026-09-04

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