

Ingenious City — Consolidating Five Incubators Under One Roof in Kinshasa

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Launched in 2018 by Sycomore Ventures and the UK aid-funded ELAN RDC programme, Ingenious City brought five competing Kinshasa incubators into one 1,500 m² facility with reserved space for women-led startups; it was still running incubation cohorts, now with UNEP/UNCDF backing, i

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	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Sycomore Ventures, with ELAN RDC \(UK aid-funded economic development programme\); later joined by UNEP, UNCDF and CAFI](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Disrupt Africa — Ingenious City incubation platform launches in DRC](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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