

MEST Africa — Pan-African Tech Entrepreneur Training & Seed Fund

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Accra-based MEST has trained ~300 tech entrepreneurs (plus 80+ international fellows) since 2008 and seeded 80+ African startups with \$10M+ direct investment; the training-and-seed-fund model has since expanded into Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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