

MEST Africa — Training, Seed Funding and Incubation for African Tech Entrepreneurs

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Founded in 2008 in Accra by the Meltwater Foundation, MEST combines a fully funded one-year tech-entrepreneur programme with seed capital and incubation; 2,000+ trained, 90+ startups funded and 80+ software companies launched across Africa.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-26

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