

Sème City — Benin's State-Led Innovation and Knowledge City

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Quality score: 38/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Benin's government is building a 336-hectare 'city of knowledge' in Ouidah combining a university campus, research park and youth programmes, targeting 100,000 jobs by 2032 — though the flagship campus remains under construction eight years after launch.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

[Agence de Developpement de Seme City \(ADSC\), Government of Benin](#) — accessed 2026-08-19

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