

Senegal's Startup Act — A 2020 Law That Took Five Years to Start Working

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Senegal's 2020 Startup Act promised tax breaks and procurement access to labelled firms, but its oversight commission wasn't installed until August 2023, and press found only one labelled startup by late 2022 — a cautionary case in the gap between law and implementation.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
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 2026-09-12

Ministry of Communication, Telecommunications and the Digital Economy / Commission d'évaluation, d'appui et de coordination (CEAC) — accessed 2026-09-12

Dakaractu — the only labelled Senegalese startup (Dec 2022) — accessed 2026-09-12

Osiris.sn — CEAC installed, 18 members (Aug 2023) — accessed 2026-09-12

Ventureburn — Senegal Startup Act built on consultation (Feb 2020) — accessed 2026-09-12

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