

# **World Development Report 2016:** How Tech Hubs are helping to drive economic growth in Africa

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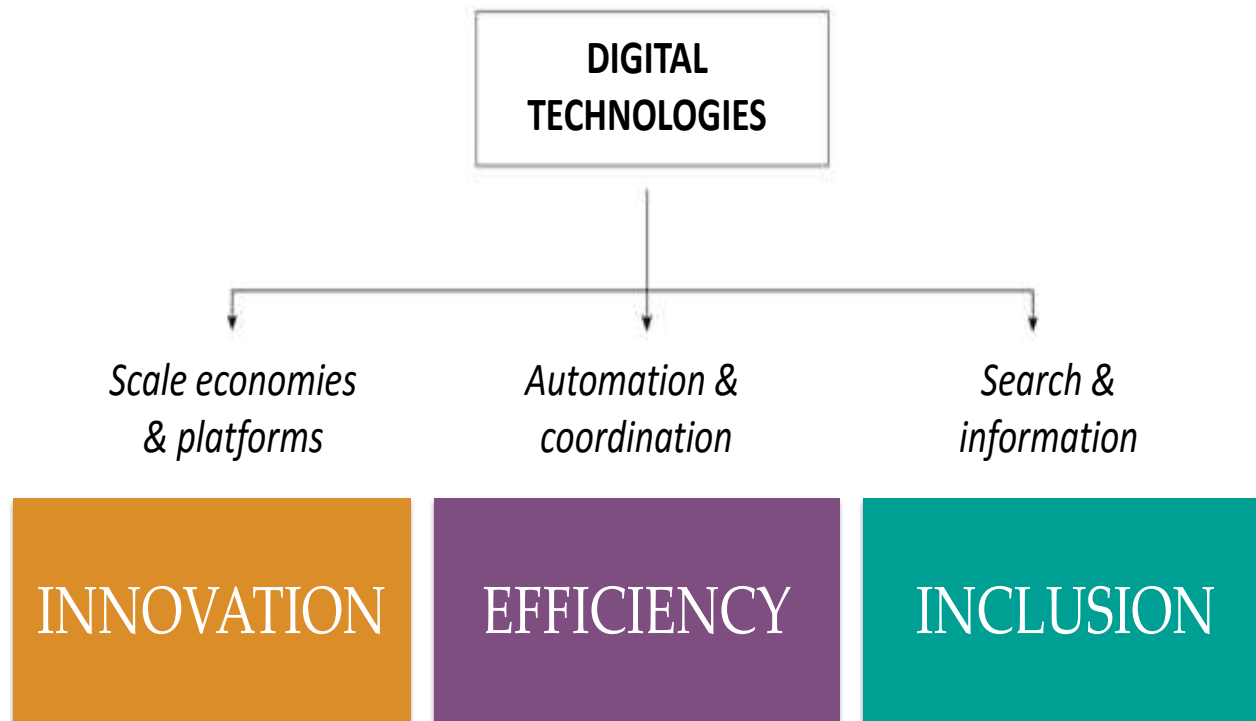


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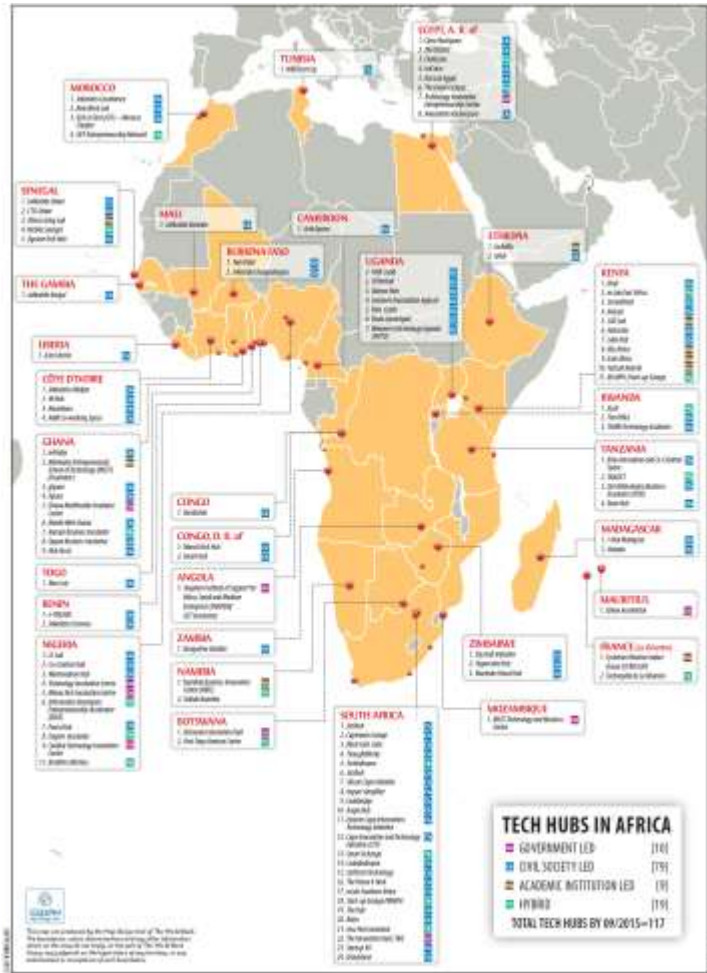
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# How Digital Technologies Impact Development



# Tech Hubs across Africa



What is the difference?

What do they do?

How do they run?

Source: WDR16. An interactive version of the map is available at:  
<https://firestonerachel.cartodb.com/viz/a6f8f7a6-7cfe-11e5-9d7e-0ef7f98ade21/m>.

# Innovation Practitioners and the Ecosystem

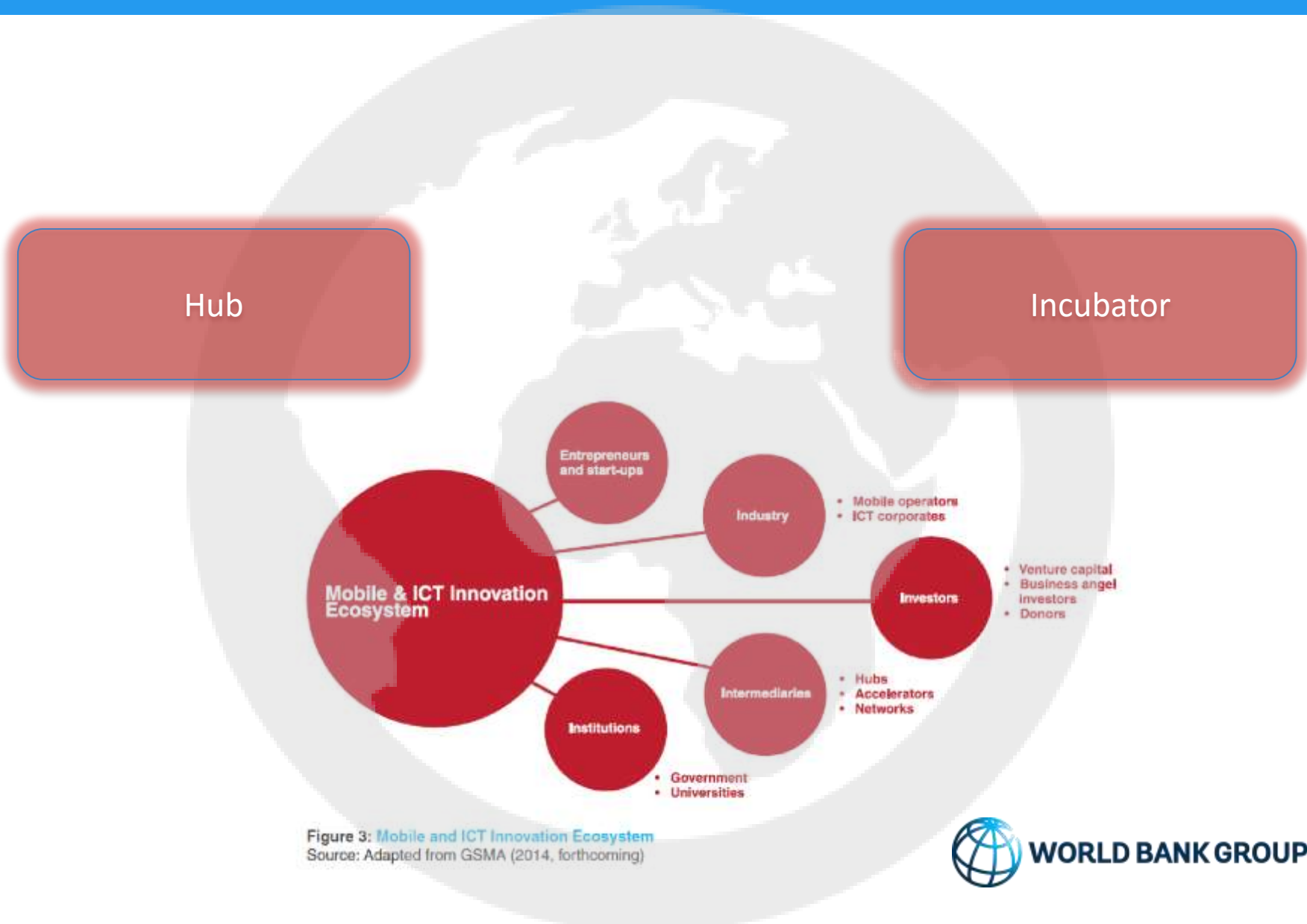
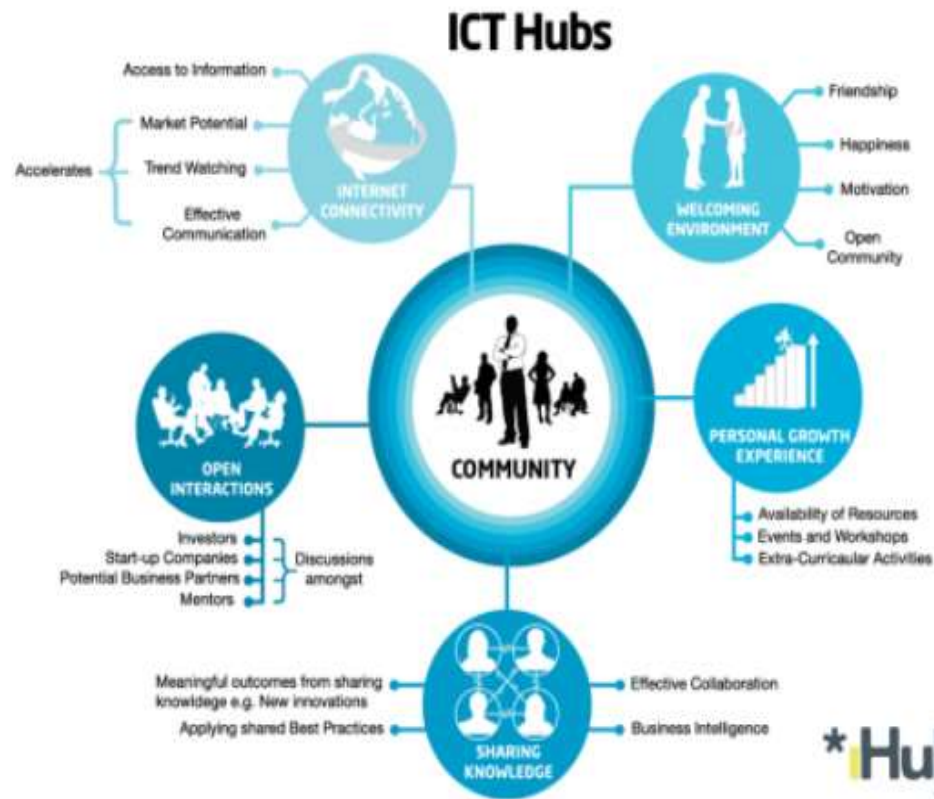


Figure 3: Mobile and ICT Innovation Ecosystem  
Source: Adapted from GSMA (2014, forthcoming)

# Community-centred Tech Hub Development

(à la iHub, Kenya)

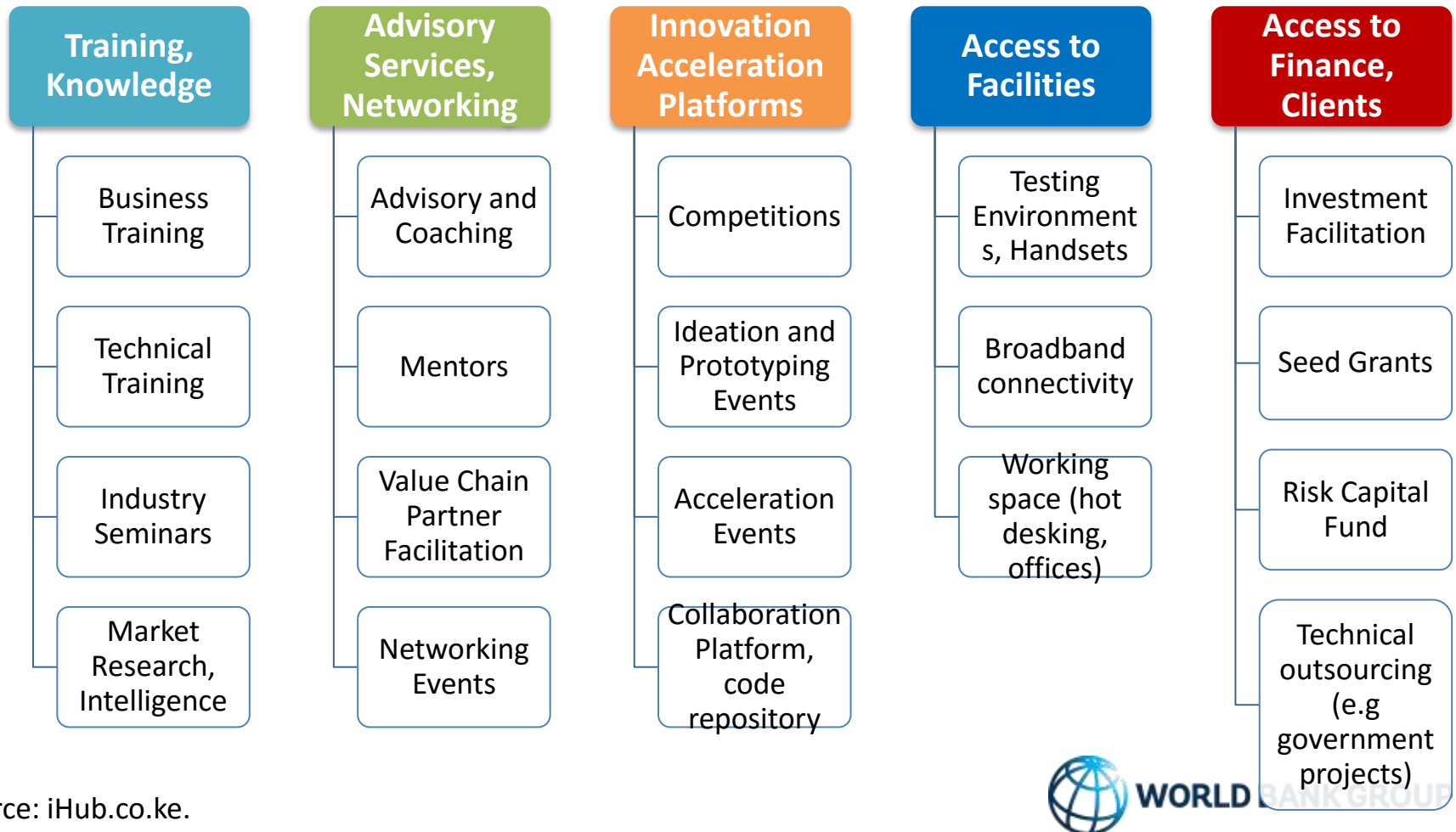


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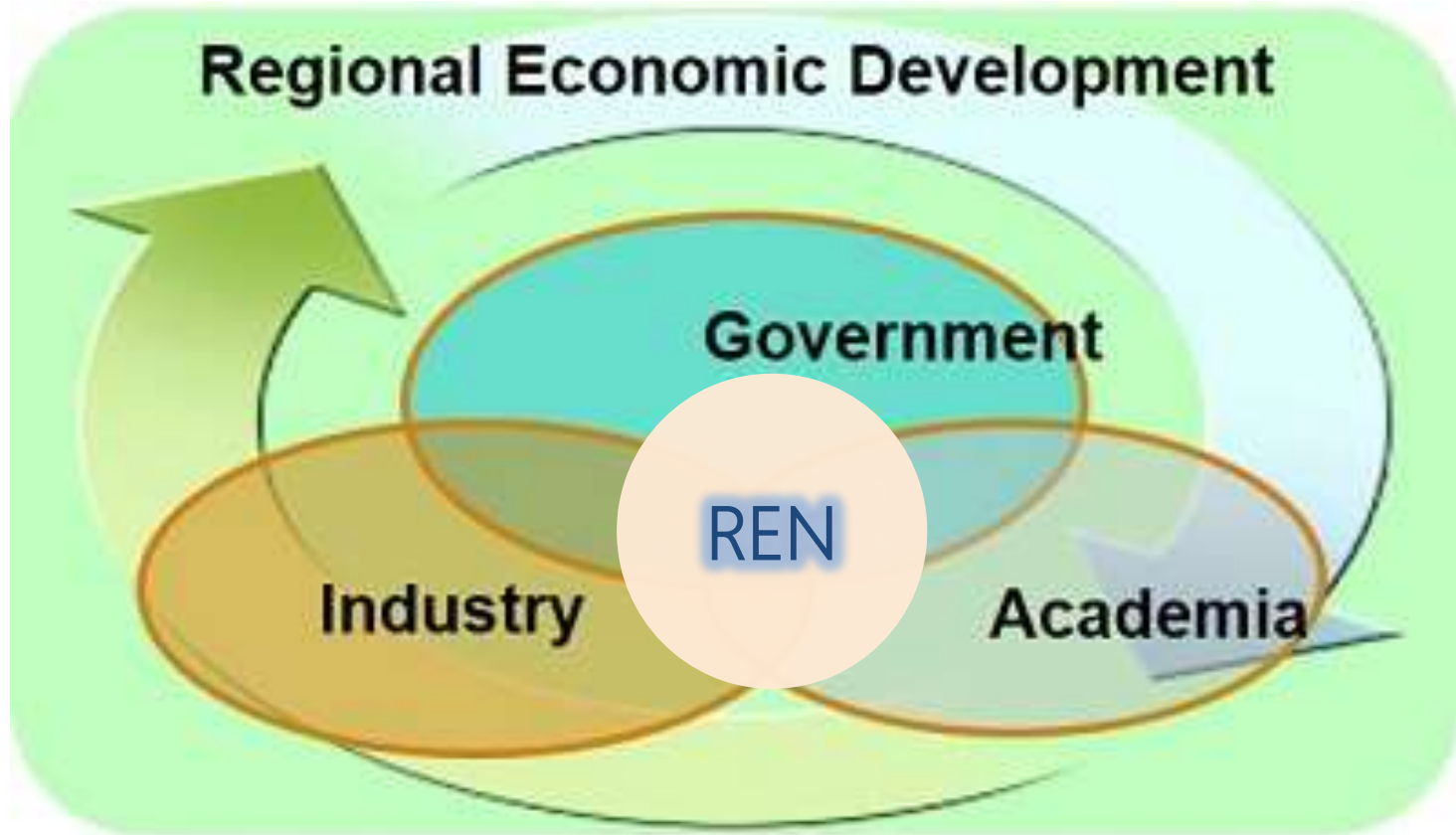
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# The M:Lab Model

## Ranges of Services Offered



# RENs and Innovation



# World Bank Support to RENs

## NRENS Supported

KENYA:  
RCIP Support  
to  
KENET

MOZAMBIQUE  
RCIP Support  
to MoRENet

GHANA—  
Support to  
University  
Connectivity

SOMALIA—  
Support to  
SomaliREN

GAMBIA—  
Support to  
LEARNET

## Sees NRENS as...

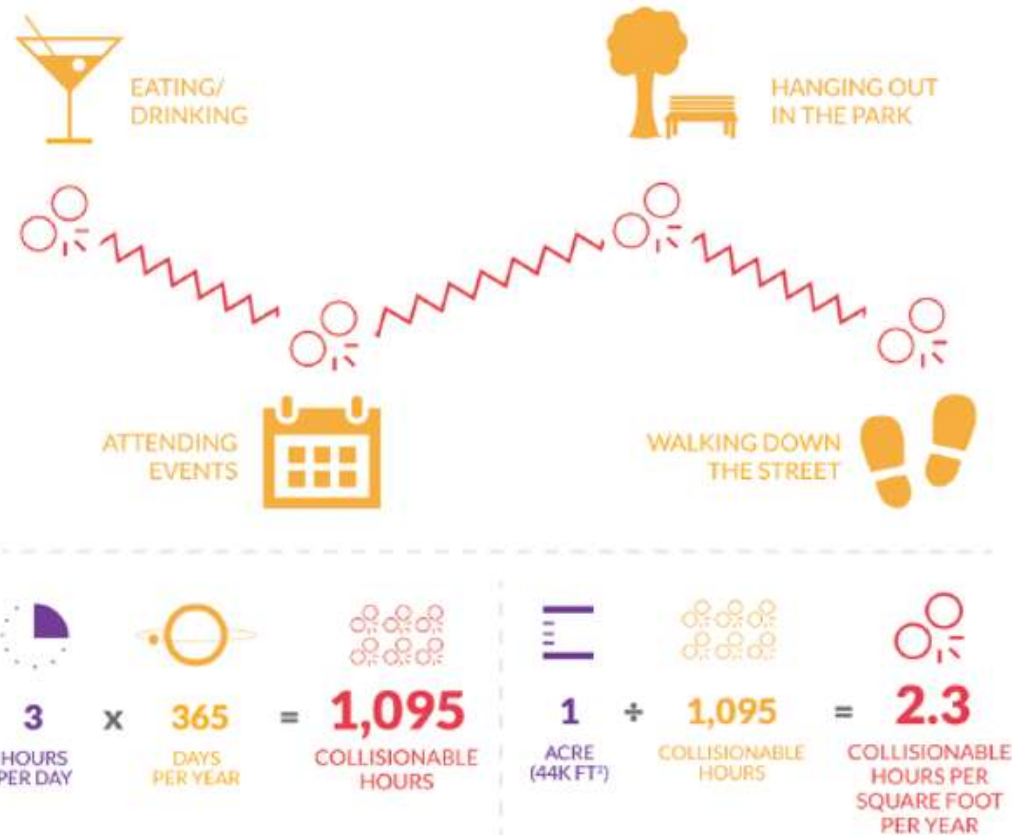
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# Tech Hubs across Africa



Source: World Bank (forthcoming, 2015) Growth and sustainability of tech innovation ecosystems in city environments.

# Thank you!

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