

Startupbootcamp AfriTech 2019 applications now open

Startupbootcamp AfriTech's global FastTrack Tour for 2019 has been confirmed and the search for top-performing disruptive startups seeking solutions for positive change in Africa is now on.



In 2010, the Startupbootcamp programme was founded with a simple goal in mind: to support the world's best innovators through all stages of growth. This led to the first-ever Africa-focused accelerator of its kind, namely Startupbootcamp AfriTech (SBC AfriTech), launching in Cape Town in 2017.

In SBC AfriTech's first two years, the twenty companies in the portfolio signed 52 pilots and commercial agreements with large corporations. In 2018, the programme was named the Top Accelerator on the continent by the Global Startup Awards.

Now, in its third consecutive year, SBC AfriTech is calling on high-growth startups in the tech industry to apply to a prestigious 3-month programme aimed at helping companies scale in the global market.



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"Through Startupbootcamp's expansion to numerous countries in Europe, Asia and America, and now Africa, it's clear that the accelerator movement has caught on quickly, showing a demand for ongoing support in a globally growing entrepreneurial community," says Startupbootcamp Founder and CEO, Philip Kiracofe.

“The SBC AfriTech FastTrack Tour for 2019 is an open canvas for forward-thinking startups to initiate a shift in traditional thinking while networking with hundreds of other innovative, like-minded people wanting to set new benchmarks in the African tech industry”, adds Nsovo Nkatingi, AfriTech Programme Director.

“Attending a FastTrack is useful for startups wishing to apply to the SBC AfriTech programme,” states Velani Mboweni, CEO of SBC AfriTech 2018 alumnus Lūla, “At the Cape Town FastTrack we engaged with corporate sponsors to the programme Old Mutual and Nedbank and engaged with them right from the get-go, which really gave us a leg-up in our SBC journey.”

The SBC AfriTech FastTrack Tour for 2019 will cover 19 events in 14 countries. Attending a FastTrack will boost your chances to joining SBC AfriTech’s highly-acclaimed and intensive three-month programme, by 20%.

FastTracks are informal events hosted all over the world and the aim is for the SBC team, mentors and sponsors to have the opportunity to meet the most suitable early-stage companies interested in joining the 2019 programme.

For each FastTrack, the top ten startups to apply will receive instant feedback from a panel of industry mentors, be able to network with the SBC investment team and learn more about the SBC AfriTech.

The accelerator is anchored and endorsed by leading corporate sponsors Old Mutual, RCS, BNP Paribas Personal Finance, Nedbank and PwC that will support and grow the program and selected startups. Leaders from these corporates will be present at the FastTrack events to engage and mentor.

FastTrack Tour Dates for 2019

19 February 2019: Johannesburg
23 February 2019: Nairobi
25 February 2019: Dar es Salaam
18 March 2019: Kigali
20 March 2019: Kampala
22 March 2019: Nairobi
8 April 2019: Accra
10 April 2019: Dakar
25 April 2019: Casablanca
27 April 2019: Lagos
28 April 2019: Lagos
30 April 2019: Abidjan
30 April 2019: Durban
3-4 May 2019: Johannesburg (Hackathon)
7 May 2019: Gaborone
9 May 2019: Harare
14 May 2019: Zurich
17 May 2019: Paris (VivaTech)
22 May 2019: Cape Town

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