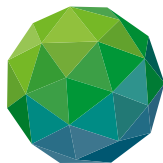


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CATAL1.5°T Accelerator West Africa

CATAL1.5°T is a global initiative aimed at financing and supporting 180 start-ups and SMEs in Latin America and French-speaking West Africa through four programmes dedicated to SMEs, start-ups and their networks and ecosystems. I&P is involved in implementing the acceleration programme for West Africa.

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| Period | 2024-2029 |
| Geography | West Africa |
| Sector | Climate |
| Portfolio | 30 seed-stage climate ventures |
| Sponsor | GCF and BMZ |

Programme overview

Over a period of **5 years**, the CATAL1.5°T West African Platform aims to finance and support **30 ventures** developing innovative solutions to reduce CO₂ emissions in French-speaking West Africa. The programme covers 8 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo).

CATAL1.5°T has **three complementary components**, designed to accelerate the development of companies in the climate sector:

SEED FUNDING

Meet the financing needs of ventures during their incubation or acceleration phase, for amounts ranging from XOF 23 million (€50,000) to XOF 130 million (€200,000).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Strengthen the capacities of financed ventures through training and expert assignments (business plan preparation, administrative and financial management, coaching, etc.).

CLIMATE EXPERTISE

Develop climate expertise to enhance ventures' current commercial and financial skills by assessing potential climate impacts.

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Focus: The role of ventures in preventing climate change in West Africa

- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieved without inclusive economic development SMEs and start-ups play a vital role in Africa's economic growth, making a significant contribution to job creation, innovation and economic diversification. Moreover, they contribute very little to the increase in greenhouse gas emissions.
- **An increasing number of companies are playing a crucial role in keeping global warming below 1.5°C:** some are promoting waste management and recycling, developing renewable energy solutions such as solar and wind power, offering sustainable farming solutions, more efficient water management systems and climate-proof infrastructures, or adopting green technologies.
- Despite their economic and environmental potential, these ventures face **a series of obstacles** that prevent them from realizing their potential for mitigating climate change.

Programme implementation consortium

The accelerator programme is coordinated by **Investisseurs & Partenaires (I&P)**, an impact investment group entirely dedicated to Sub-Saharan Africa, with the particularity of targeting the 'missing link' in the African economic fabric: small and medium-sized enterprises with financing needs of less than €3 million. Since its creation in 2002, I&P has supported more than 330 companies in sub-Saharan Africa. The team is made up of more than 180 people, based in Paris and in 10 African offices. For more information: www.ietp.com

The programme is implemented locally by I&P's **network of partner investment teams**, which finance and support ventures with high growth potential and financing needs of between FCFA 33 million (€50,000) and FCFA 130 million (€200,000). Five teams already exist in West Africa: Comoé Capital in Côte d'Ivoire, **Sinergi Burkina** in Burkina Faso, and **Teranga Capital** in Senegal.

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Target ventures

CATAL1.5°T acceleration programme is based on 5 eligibility criteria:

- The venture must be registered in **one of the 8 French-speaking West African countries** covered by the program: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.
- The venture must be run by people who are **dedicated full-time to their business** and wish to work with a group of investors.
- The venture must operate **in the sectors of energy access and production; low-emission transport; buildings, cities, industries, appliances; forestry and land use.**
- The solution (product or service) proposed by the venture makes it possible to **reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions.**
- The venture must meet one of the following criteria: **fewer than 50 employees or less than FCFA 1.8 billion (\$3 million) in assets or FCFA 1.8 billion in sales.**

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