



**Innovazione per lo Sviluppo ('Innovation for Development')
presents 44 innovative solutions
for international co-operation between Italy and Africa**

- *Since 2016, Innovazione per lo Sviluppo, a programme led by the Fondazione Cariplo and the Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, has been promoting collaboration between civil society organisations involved in international co-operation projects and stakeholders in innovation between Italy and Africa.*
- *As a result of these partnerships, 44 highly innovative projects have been launched, reaching 40,000 direct and 600,000 indirect beneficiaries including local communities, civil society organisations and innovators.*
- *Fondazione Cariplo and Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo have invested over €6 million in supporting innovative partnership projects, the training and capacity building programme, and community and networking activities.*
- *The 44 solutions will be presented on 27 June 2023 at a major hybrid event due to be held at the MEET Center in Milan, linked up to four hubs in Africa, in Nairobi, Kampala, Dakar and Ouagadougou.*

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Forty-four innovative partnerships between Italian and African organisations, focusing on the major challenges inherent in sustainable development, such as Food and Agriculture, Health and Well-being, and the Circular Economy. The partnerships have resulted in **44 projects** that could have a positive and long-lasting impact on over 40,000 direct and 600,000 indirect beneficiaries, including local African communities, civil society organisations and innovators.

This intensive training and capacity building programme has enabled over 1000 international co-operation workers to update their skills on topics such as data for development, leadership, theory of change, monitoring and evaluation.

The whole programme is accompanied by a series of networking and community-building activities, both online and in person, which have put civil society organisations in touch with thousands of innovators working in both Italy and Africa.

This is a rundown on Innovazione per lo Sviluppo, a programme led by the Fondazione Cariplo and the Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, entailing a total investment of €6 million. Since 2016, the programme has been supporting innovation in the field of international co-operation towards development, in particular by fostering and strengthening ties between Italy and Africa.

At the **Innovation Open Day 2023** on **27 June 2023**, the 44 innovative solutions will be presented: a day of meetings, immersive digital experiences and networking at the MEET Center in Milan, linked up to four hubs in Africa, in Nairobi, Kampala, Dakar and Ouagadougou.

Forty-four innovative solutions

To face the most pressing challenges of the modern world, Innovazione per lo Sviluppo has adopted two key tools to promote innovation: the Coopen pathway and the Technologies for Sustainable Development call.

The Technologies for Sustainable Development calls have resulted in support for over 24 projects underway in eight African countries: Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The solutions covered by the contribution include 3D printers to produce protective equipment, ventilators and orthopaedic prostheses; apps and web platforms for agricultural development; smart sensors to monitor humidity; digital alert systems for extraordinary weather events; hydroponic cultivation techniques; water disinfection systems using the storage of solar energy; photovoltaic chillers.

Further details on the 44 projects can be found at

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Coopen has supported 20 pilot projects that have been implemented in seven African countries (Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda), to test and put into practice innovative solutions concerning: leveraging of locally produced seeds; data platforms for precision agriculture and hospital services; specialised online training in the health sector and for local associations; 3D printing; multifunctional cradles to combat infant mortality; community involvement for waste management and recycling; use of insects for waste disposal.

As of 2023, Innovazione per lo Sviluppo is introducing the SPRINT call, an initiative aimed at supporting medium- to long-term consolidation plans for solutions that have already been successfully tested in the initial calls. The goal is to strengthen, scale up and replicate the resulting innovations, with the involvement of other civil society organisations.

A wide-ranging training programme

As well as investing in innovative projects, Innovazione per lo Sviluppo has placed great emphasis on training. Since 2018, the program has organised **24 training courses** in conjunction with 17 technical partners, involving over 1000 workers in international co-operation towards development.

In addition, Innovazione per lo Sviluppo has been actively supporting the level 1 Master's course in ICT for Development and Social Good at the University of Turin since the first time it was delivered, by offering 14 scholarships for emerging talents.

Looking to the future

Innovazione per lo Sviluppo is committed to continuing its role as a catalyst for innovation in international co-operation towards development, by working closely with national and international partners to address emerging challenges and create lasting impact in the communities involved.

Profile

Innovazione per lo Sviluppo is a programme led by the Fondazione Cariplo and the Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, aimed at promoting innovation in the field of international co-operation towards development, by means of activities focusing on open innovation/challenges, training, events and networking. The programme involves partners from the world of innovation and technology (data for development, digital fabrication, ICT for Development).

Watch the video presentation of the project at <https://youtu.be/KDcOIRvR40w>