In recent years, innovation in various industries has been accelerating in the world. This trend increased the recognition of university roles in providing skilled graduates and promising technologies. Given this context, with support from the Japanese government, the World Bank team in collaboration with Chitose launched a pilot to support the commercialization of university research for African universities through ACE and PASET. This pilot aims at expanding the research commercialization capacity at both university faculty and institutional levels, and identifying the constraints and measures for creation and strengthening of enabling environments of commercialization.

If you are interested, please join the kick-off event on either June 9th (English) or June 16th (French) for further details and how to join this pilot. We will send the online kick-off link for those who are registered. *Please note that the June 9 event will take place during the ACE II regional technical and advisory meeting.

ABOUT THE PILOT

Activities
For university research teams
● Lecture series & workshop training on commercialization of research
● Hands-on assistance to advance the commercialization process (selected groups)

For incubation centers
● Hands-on assistance to solve and improve the constraints of commercialization in institutional settings

What to expect from this pilot
For university research teams
● Overview of commercialization process of research including developing a business plan
● Assistance for advancing commercialization process
● Building new networks for research activities and commercialization

For incubation centers
● Recommendation on building an ideal entrepreneur ecosystem
● Assistance for solving/improving the constraints of commercialization at university settings
● Building new networks for incubation centers

Expected Timeline
● June 9th: Kick off event (English)
● June 16th: Kick off event (French)
● June – July 2021: Lectures and workshop
● July 2021 – March 2022: Hands on assistance (to research teams & incubation centers)
● May 2022: Knowledge sharing session

Consultants (to be updated)

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