



Innovation Hubs within Uganda's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem: A Qualitative Study in East Africa

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Abstract

This study examines innovation hubs within Uganda's entrepreneurship ecosystem in East Africa. Data was collected through semi-structured interviews with entrepreneurs, policymakers, and members of innovation hubs. The study adopted a qualitative approach for deep insights into local dynamics. The analysis revealed that innovation hubs play a crucial role by providing access to resources such as funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities, which significantly enhance entrepreneurial ventures in Uganda's ecosystem. These findings underscore the importance of supportive structures like innovation hubs for fostering an active entrepreneurship environment in East Africa. Policymakers should incentivize continued support for these hubs to ensure they continue to thrive and contribute positively to the region's economic development.

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