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Decentralised Development Lab (DDLab)

The DDLab, part of the German Government and Federal States Programme (German: Bund-Länder-Programm, BLP), uses innovative and agile methods to work with German federal states and partner countries on issues that will shape the future of development cooperation. A number of topics were identified in a call for challenges, after which an international jury selected four challenges, for which ideas for solutions were sought in a next step. About 200 ideas for possible solutions were submitted by a wide range of international teams consisting of three to six people. Four promising ideas were selected to be further worked on in an incubation process. The fine-tuned proposals for solutions were presented to a jury at a pitch event. The winning ideas are receiving support from the BLP to help pilot and implement their solutions.

The Process of the Decentralised Development Lab.

Cooperation arrangements

The DDLab builds on and expands the BLP's existing stakeholder landscapes. The project focuses on involving the German federal states and partner countries as peers. Accordingly, submissions to the Call for Challenges were received from federal states and partner countries. The four selected challenges were then specified in greater detail through a series of workshops with those representatives from federal states and partner countries that submitted them (so called "challenge owners"). During these workshops agile methods were used to develop specific questions and descriptions for the identified challenges.

As the incubator and the implementation processes continue, the challenge owners from the federal states and partner countries are all equally involved and feed in their own perspectives and expertise into the process of developing solutions. The DDLab project is being implemented with the support of enact e.V. and minds & makers.

What we are doing – and how

The DDLab is an agile and innovative process that applies corresponding methods. The process builds on methods from the start-up sector, such as lean management and design sprints, to develop ideas that can be implemented sustainably and effectively in the respective partner countries.

“The DDLab enables us as a subnational administration to explore new avenues in the preparation and international exchange for sustainable development cooperation. I am grateful for the chance to experience how the DDLab works across national borders, helping decentralised administration units to explore the common challenges of the future and discuss potential solutions with practitioners.”

Helen Franke (Challenge owner)

Berlin Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises
Unit Foreign Trade, European Economic Policy, Development Cooperation

Useful links

- Information page about the DDLab:
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en/ddlab>
- Information video on the incubation phase:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ri7lMMtkwFE>
- Information video about the development of the ideas:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wm_yetDpBMs
- More information on the German Government and Federal States Programme:
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en>
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/91262.html>

THE FOUR CHALLENGES

E-Mobility Solutions | Indonesia

How might we reduce upfront costs, attract (public and private) investments into and generally support the implementation of e-bus infrastructure and vehicles?



“Challenge Owners”:

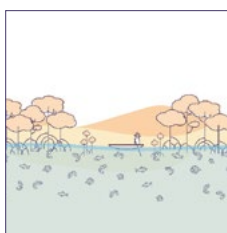
Indonesia: TransJakarta

Germany: Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises (Berlin), Agency for Electromobility eMO (Berlin), Senator for Climate Protection, Environment, Mobility, Urban Development and Housing (Free Hanseatic City of Bremen)



Mangrove-friendly Aquaculture | Indonesia

How might aquaculture become mangrove-friendly, and how might smallholder get involved in the development?



“Challenge Owners”:

Indonesia: Ministry of

Marine Affairs and Fisheries;

Ministry of Environment and Forestry

Germany: Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Free Hanseatic City of Bremen), Gesellschaft fuer Marine Aquakultur (Schleswig-Holstein), Global Nature Fund (Bavaria).



Inclusive Digitalisation | Indonesia and Ukraine

How might we make public services and active citizen participation inclusive for underserved groups?



“Challenge Owners”:

Indonesia: Smart City Unit of the Municipality of Jakarta

Ukraine: Poltava City Institute;

Germany: Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises (Berlin).



Female Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas | Peru and Rwanda

How might we untap the potential of female entrepreneurship for the green and digital future of rural regions?



“Challenge Owners”:

Rwanda: Private Sector Federation

Peru: Regional Administration

La Libertad;

Germany: Brandenburgian Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs (Brandenburg), Chamber of Commerce and Industry Potsdam (Brandenburg), University of Koblenz Landau (Rhineland-Palatinate)



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