OPEN INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: AN EDUCATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL PROJECT BETWEEN SHENZHEN AND ADDIS ABABA

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PROJECT
The initiative started by Nael, a former intern of the Shenzhen Open Innovation Lab SZOIL (a space and platform for worldwide makers to communicate and cooperate in Shenzhen, China) and iCog Labs (a team of visionary software professionals in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) has caught the attention of the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) of Ethiopia.

The project “Designed in Ethiopia” currently takes place in Ethiopia (June 2018) with the support of a team of experts working in the innovation ecosystem of Shenzhen.

Empowering youth, creating connections, producing a product locally needed and on the long run developing the Ethiopian industry, this innovative project links individuals, students, communities, universities, AI-oriented businesses and governmental entities.

CONNECTING THE DOTS
Through research, connections and building knowledge and exchanges with, in and between the existing communities, it has been possible to learn from and support a project starting from motivated individuals to create a new dynamic and hopefully participate to the development of an empowering ecosystem of educative and entrepreneurial projects through open innovation for people in countries such as Ethiopia.

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