

FemBioBiz Acceleration Programme

SANBio empowering Female-owned Bio-Businesses!

Partner with the FemBioBiz Acceleration

Calling all incubators, innovation hubs, NGOs, institutions, people in-the-know, innovators, networkers, movers and shakers!

SANBio with the support of the BioFISA II Programme has launched the FemBioBiz Programme to develop leadership, technological and business skills in female-owned businesses in the SADC region to support deal-

making and business acceleration in the Biosciences arena. This Programme will be instrumental in creating a peer-to-peer network, support deal-making and drive business acceleration in the Bioscience arena.

We need your help to make it happen

We are looking for the perfect partners to take on the role of country coordinators for the 2-day training workshops. We will work with the partners to co-market the programme and arranging practicalities for the

training and country competition. Country coordinators will assist in selecting their country representative to the final regional competition.

Should your organisation/centre become our partner in your country, you will receive a complete tech transfer package on how to organise and implement the 2-day Pitch and Polish Training.

The partner will also:

- Be invited to attend the training;
- Receive all training collateral for future use;
- Receive marketing exposure as a programme partner;
- Receive regional exposure by having their logos co-branded on all SANBio FemBioBiz advertising collateral;
- Build a country network through the database we will jointly build during the roll-out of the training;
- Build with a network of female entrepreneurs in your country;
- Have the opportunity to attract investor interest through the training workshops.

A grant of R50 000 will be set aside for each selected partner to cover costs related to the venue, catering and marketing of the Programme and other logistical costs including in-country speakers, etc..

More about the FemBioBiz Programme

A call for leading female entrepreneurs or senior managers in bioscience-based companies in any of the 12 SANBio member states (South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, Angola, Namibia, Seychelles, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana) has been launched.

The Programme is in three phases, with the first part executed in a 2-day pitch training workshop for selected applicants. This training will take place between 15 April and 31 May 2017 and the top participants will be selected to move to phase 2.

The second phase will take the top performer through a mentorship programme, with plenty of opportunities along the way and will be concluded by a pitching event at the SA Innovation Summit in Cape Town in September. The final phase will take the best performer through-out the programme on a journey to Europe's leading start-up event in Finland - Slush and receive a seed cash prize of ZAR 250 000 to develop the business with support from SANBio BioFISA II Programme.

If you would like to be part of the Bioscience Buzz, show your interest by going to www.innovationsummit.co.za or www.nepadsanbio.org/ to submit your application to participate.

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