



Training on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy and Policy Instruments for SDGs for Tunisia and the Arab States

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Session 2 Innovative entrepreneurship: Conceptual issues



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A photograph of several orange industrial robotic arms in a factory setting, working on a production line. The background is slightly blurred, showing the industrial environment.

FOSTERING INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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Objectives

- Show how DT and 4IR technologies can contribute to fostering entrepreneurship
- Provide concrete cases / examples in developing countries

Key Takeaways

1. Technology - information and knowledge for entrepreneurs
2. Technological solutions: in developing countries can be cases to move from survival to growth and development
3. Developing countries need support for entrepreneurs, economic development and support institutions, and policymakers - 3-level technological interventions

Content

Different levels of project intervention:

1. **Digital transformation and AI: study in Africa**
 - Knowledge: Mapping infrastructure, Digital Skills, Partnerships
2. **Digital transformation and readiness toolkit for SMEs**
 - ✓ Asses challenges
 - ✓ Match with 4.0 solutions
 - ✓ Cost\benefit -> implement
3. **Namibia: agriculture and bush control project**
 - Developing country: challenge
 - Technological solution
 - Wider implications
4. **Modernization project in Tunisia and Cote D'Ivoire**
 - 3-level intervention
 - Access to digital skills
 - Entrepreneurship development

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND 4IR:

Regional Studies - Africa, Arab States, Maghreb

- Coming from the Needs/ Requirements
- Dataset and Governance map
- Policy framework to rely on 3 pillars:
 - Climate action
 - Smart production
 - Technologies for improved livelihood



- Digital transformation and 4IR
 - geographical and economic perspectives,
- Action oriented sections:
 - skills and capacity building;
 - digital transformation at firm level;
 - innovation ecosystems;
 - partnerships, investment and infrastructure;
 - governance, technologies and innovation policies.
- The studies will highlight activities and opportunities in the pillars of actions:
 - namely in smart production for economic development,
 - innovation and 4IR for advanced climate action,
 - and 4IR technologies for improved livelihoods
- Action plan for UNIDO in the region



Toolkit will allow firms to match challenges with solutions

Productivity Challenges Assessment

(Steps 1 to 3)

Step 1: The firm will answer a small survey to identify the main productivity challenges (“pains”)

Step 2: The pains will be categorised in a Pareto chart according to the SME’s answers

Step 3: The pains will be confronted with Industry 4.0 technologies that could help to solve the problems



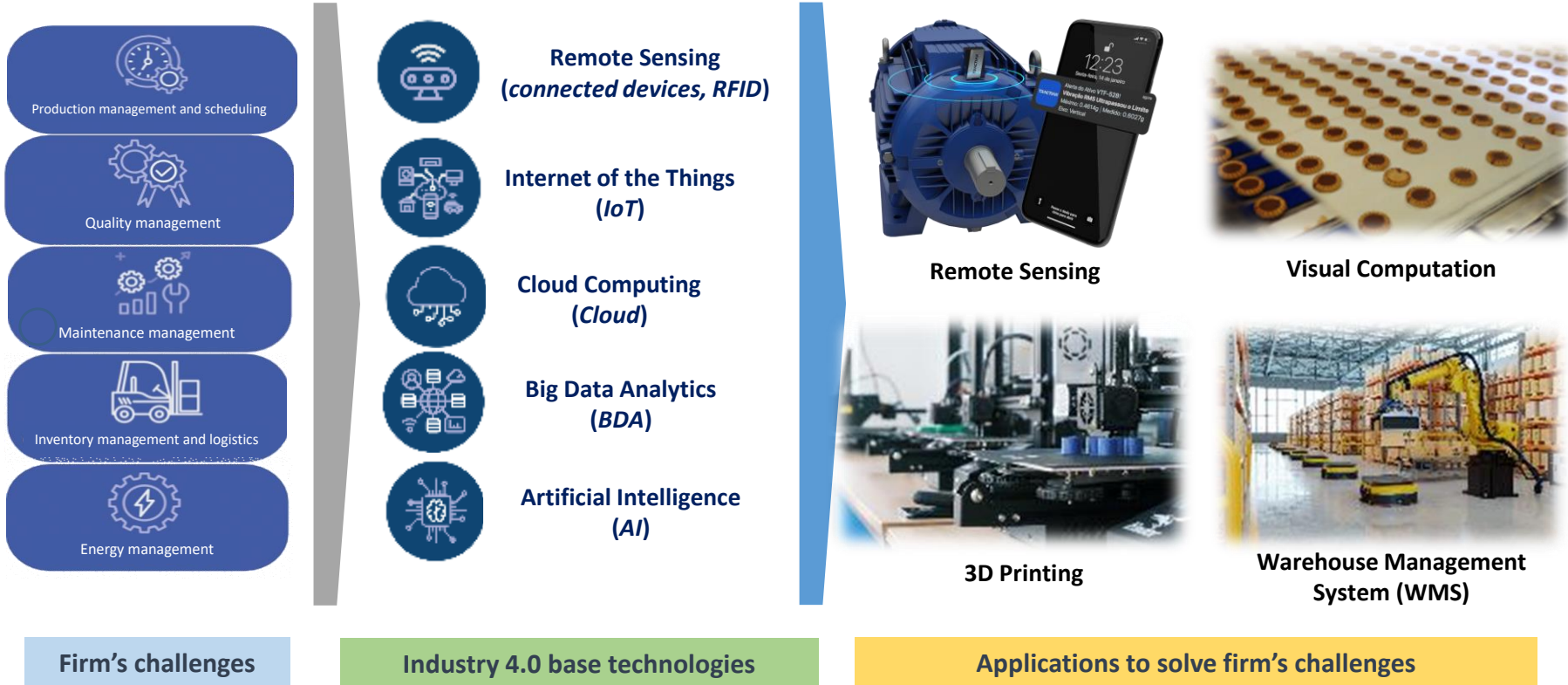
Industry 4.0 Readiness Assessment

(Steps 4 & 5)

Step 4: For each Industry 4.0 technology a list of necessary capabilities will be presented

Step 5: A second small survey can be answered then by the firm to check its readiness for the I4.0 technology implementation

The main challenges will be matched to I4.0 solutions



Production management and scheduling

Quality management

Maintenance management

Inventory management and logistics

Energy management



Remote Sensing
(*connected devices, RFID*)



Internet of the Things
(*IoT*)



Cloud Computing
(*Cloud*)



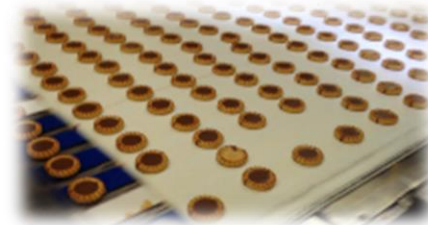
Big Data Analytics
(*BDA*)



Artificial Intelligence
(*AI*)



Remote Sensing



Visual Computation



3D Printing



Warehouse Management System (WMS)

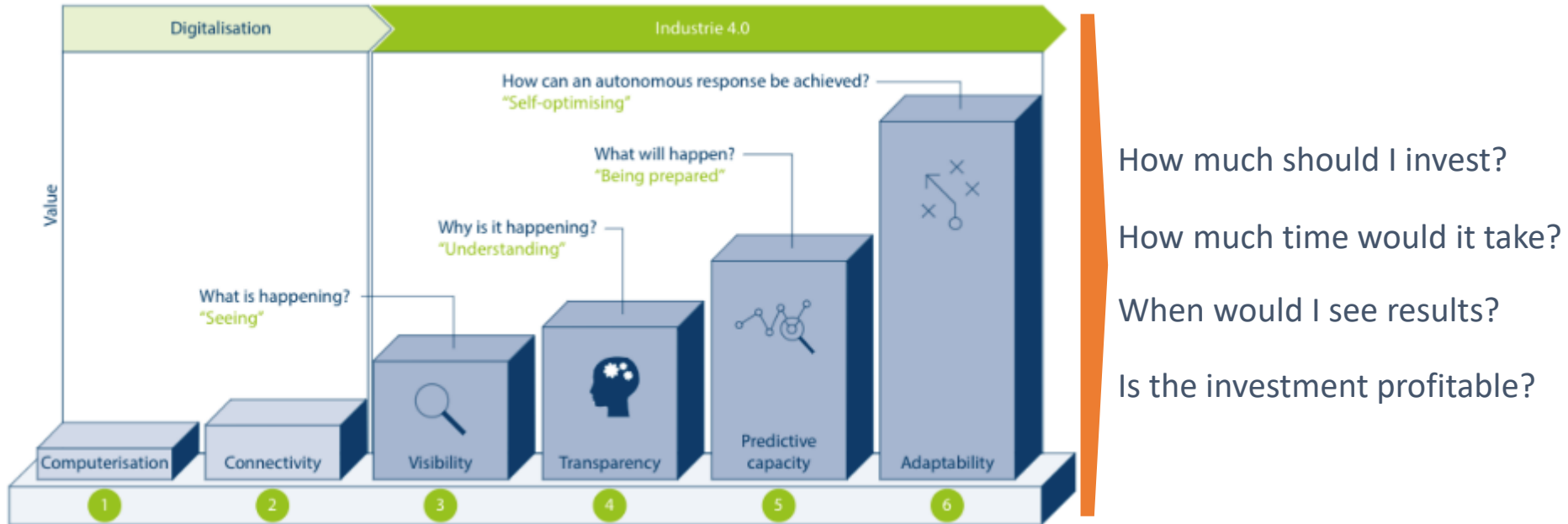
Firm's challenges

Industry 4.0 base technologies

Applications to solve firm's challenges



3. Insights on implementation and expected return will be provided





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NAMIBIA

**PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE
BUSH-PROCESSING VALUE
CHAINS IN NAMIBIA**

**TAKING YOU AND YOUR
INDUSTRY TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**

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GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA

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Namibia's typical landscape in the past...





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Namibia's typical landscape today...

(Invasive) Bush Encroachment





Designing innovative solutions to environmental challenges



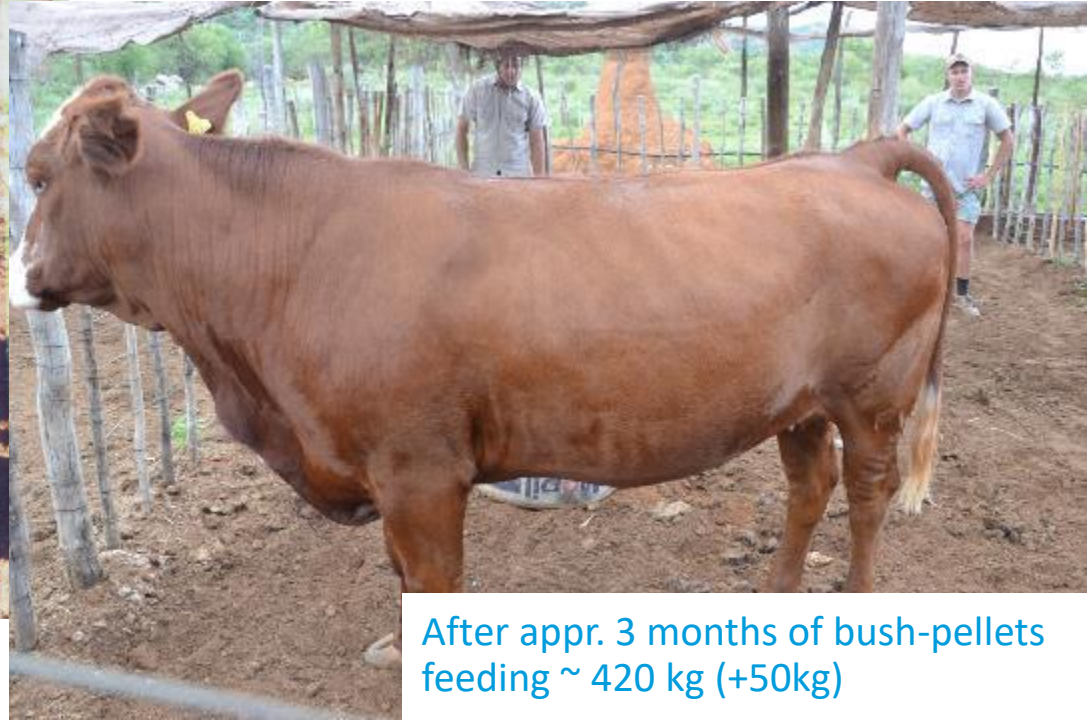
**10-times smaller and
more efficient
containerized animal
feed mill**







Before adding Bush-Feed to
the Ration ~ 370 kg



After appr. 3 months of bush-pellets
feeding ~ 420 kg (+50kg)

Appealing to Satellite & Drone-based Imagery Recognition, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning systems

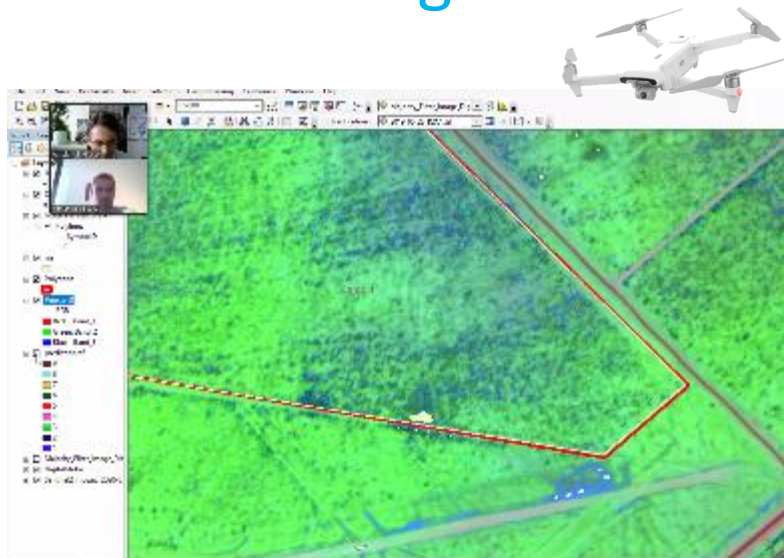
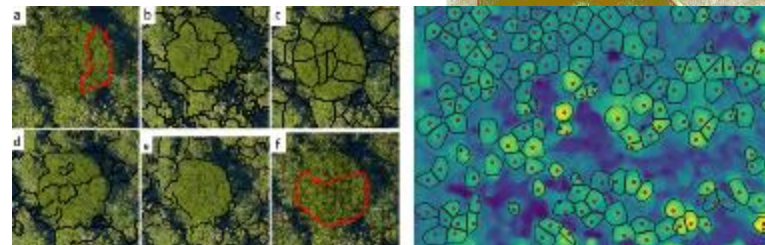
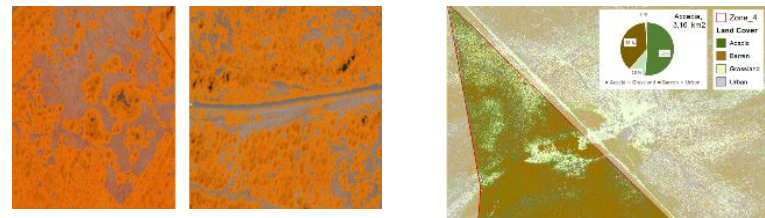


Image Unsupervised Classification
asking the system to ONLY visually separate the physical items in the images based on RGB and other visual elements



to allow industrial scale identification and sustainable, targeted, & responsible harvesting and processing of invasive species

New: Textural Analysis on top of Visual Interpretation

Development of a Machine Learning **Prediction Model** for Acacia species mapping

Data Input

- Very High Resolution Image from DG
- Field Data

Training the Model










- Predictor Variables
- Labelled Training Data (Response)

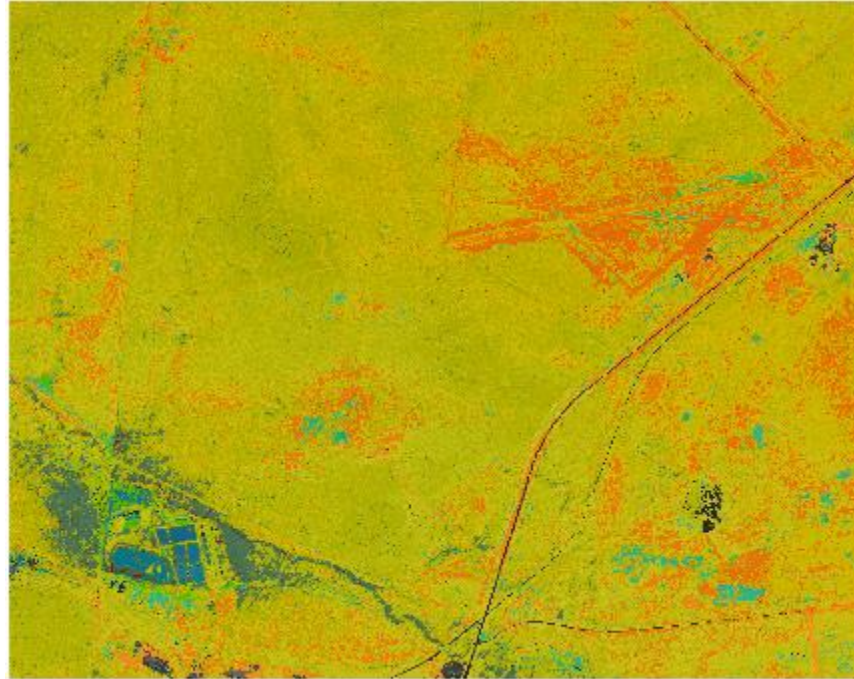
Model Prediction for Acacia

- Variable Importance
- Best Model
- Final Prediction

Initial Results

Next Steps

	Acacia (point loc)
	Built
	Dense Veg
	Grass
	Pond
	Road
	Shrub
	Soil
	Acacia (Sparse Veg)



Example result of the prediction algorithm.

Yellow is the classified Acacia area clusters and red is the Acacia at point location.



Turning all data to a Commercial Value

Camp Site# 4

Total Size of Camp Site # 4 = 6.1 Km²
Total Area covered by Acacia Trees in Camp Site # 4 = 3.16 Km²
Total number of Acacia Trees in the area = 141299 trees
Total Volume of Acacia Tree in the area = 5688.278 m³



Tree V.m³ = 0.02621 – 0.01923 C.D.m + 0.00384 C.D.m²

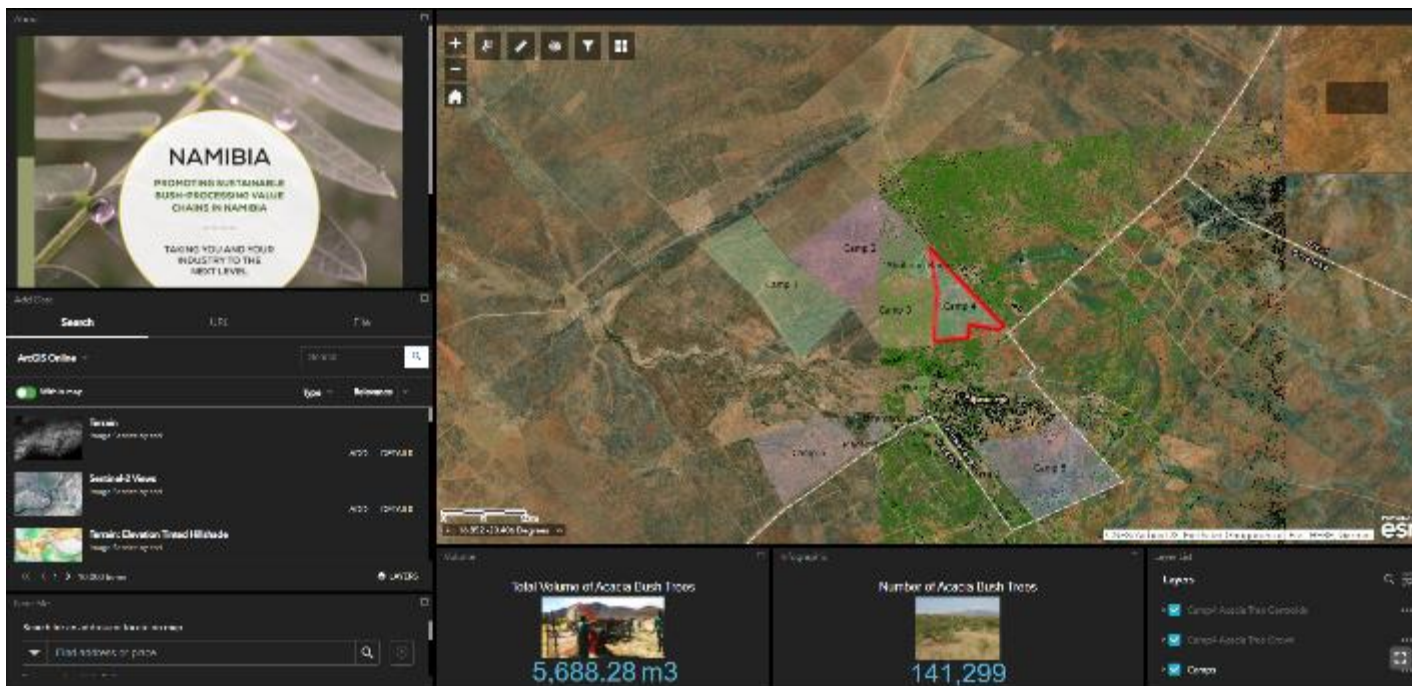
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Practical Application

Dashboard on Web, AR-based manual on Mobile Devices





RESULTS/IMPACT

IN HARMONY WITH NATURAL PROCESSES...

DIRECT EFFECTS WILL COVER:



FARMING AND
PRODUCTIVITY



SUSTAINABLE
USE OF LAND



RENEWABLE
FODDER



JOB
CREATION



ENHANCED
EXPERTISE

INDIRECT EFFECTS WILL COVER:



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable
management of water
resources and forestry



LAND USE
PLANNING

Generation and use of
knowledge for integrated
land use planning



GENDER
MAINSTREAMING

Increased gender
equality in the agriculture
sector



GOOD
GOVERNANCE

Putting policy and
turning it into practice



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Opportunités de croissance en Afrique

Investissements pour l'emploi



INDUSTRY 4.0 TO PROMOTE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

« Employement4Youth »



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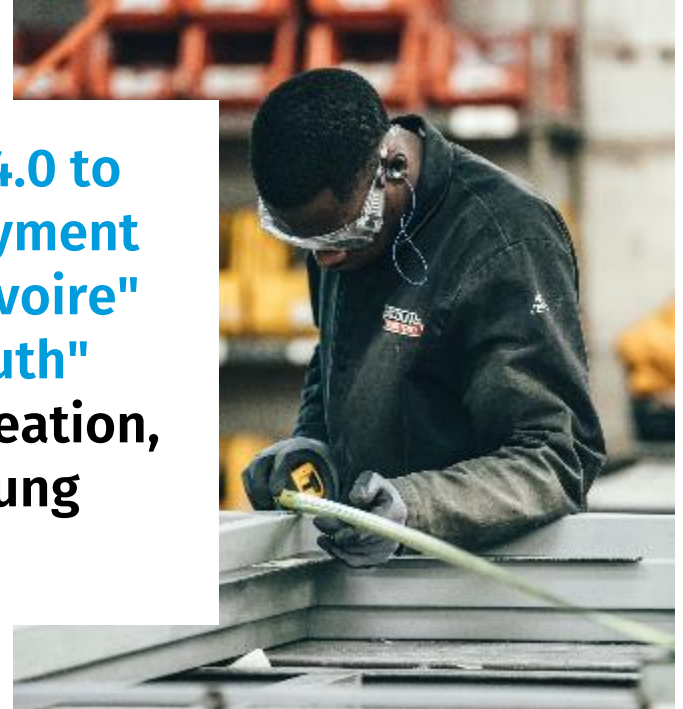


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Investissements pour l'emploi



The project "Industry 4.0 to promote youth employment in Tunisia and Côte d'Ivoire" or "Employment4.0Youth" aims to support job creation, particularly among young people and women.





Start-end date:

January 2022 - December 2024



Executing Agency:

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)



Partners:

- **In Tunisia:** Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy
 - **In Côte d'Ivoire:** Ministry of Trade and Industry / Ministry of Digital Economy, Telecommunications and Innovation
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Funding:

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

The aim is to support Tunisia and Côte d'Ivoire increase **employment, incomes and working conditions** for young people by shaping and consolidating **digital economy ecosystem**.





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The expected impact of the project is to contribute to a **structural transformation of the economy** in Tunisia and lay the foundations for this transformation in Côte d'Ivoire in the targeted sectors, thus leading to the creation of sustainable jobs.

Beneficiaries



Entrepreneurs and job seekers



Schools and vocational centres



Diaspora



Women and youth



Higher education and research
institutions



Small and medium-sized enterprises
(SMEs)



SME federations, clusters, business
associations and trade unions

1500 decent jobs will be created
50% youth / 30% women

1500 people will have increased access
to internship and apprenticeship opportunities
50% youth / 50% women

800 people will benefit from better working
conditions

110 Beneficiary Companies will improve the
performance
30% youth / 30% women
50% youth / 30% women

Outputs

- Improved and enabling business environment;
- Facilitated digital transformation of the investment promotion network;
- SMART factory set up;
- Curricula, facilities and methodologies for the integration and adoption of Industry 4.0 developed;
- Training capacity dedicated to 4IR knowledge developed in vocational training centers, universities and business schools;
- Pilot on the adoption and exploitation of 4IR technologies in a number of selected companies.

Key Takeaways

1. Employ technology to meet the needs of entrepreneurs – including in information and knowledge, possibilities of future development
2. Use technological solutions: possibility to move to next stages of development (in developing countries sometimes it can literally change lives: from mere survival to growth and development of a SME), and under limited resources entrepreneurship can still flourish
3. Need to look at an entire innovation ecosystem: Developing countries need support on 3-level interventions, which include entrepreneurs, economic development and support institutions, finance providers and policymakers
4. Take account of possible resistance to change



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