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the Sustainable Development Goals



The DCO is convening a roundtable on:

Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development

On the sidelines of the 11th STI Forum



5th May
2026



11:30-12:45
(New York time)



Conference Room 9,
UNHQ

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT:

This showcase was prepared by DCO for distribution at the roundtable on Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development, held on the sidelines of the 11th UN STI Forum, 5 May 2026, New York.

It introduces the 9 startups selected through STRIDE; founders from DCO Member States building solutions across fintech, agri-tech, healthtech, climate tech, and more.

Use this document to explore the startups, connect with founders, and identify opportunities for partnership, investment, or collaboration.

DCO-STI Event Forum:

Digital Innovation for Subsumable Development Roundtable

Digital transformation is reshaping economies, but impact depends on how effectively we connect **policy, capital, and innovation**. This is why DCO created the DCO Model Startup Act.

WHAT THIS ROUNDTABLE DOES

This session brings together founders, policymakers, and investors to move from dialogue to execution; showcasing how digital cooperation enables real outcomes.

WHAT MAKES THIS DIFFERENT

Featuring 9 startups from DCO Member States, demonstrating how cross-border collaboration translates into market access, investment, and scale.

30+ Multi-stakeholder

16 Member States

9 Selected Startups

1 Shared Objective

Policy

Ecosystems

Startups

Markets & Capital

Turning global commitments into scalable, cross-border impact

The DCO Model Startup Act :

A framework for scalable, inclusive innovation

A unified framework aligning **policy**, **investment**, and **innovation** to enable startups to grow, scale, and contribute to sustainable development across Member States.

What it Enables



Harmonized startup ecosystems



Simplified regulatory pathways



Access to capital, talent, and markets



SDG-aligned innovation



Cross-border scaling

Policy → **Market** → **Capital**

Turning digital cooperation into real economic opportunity












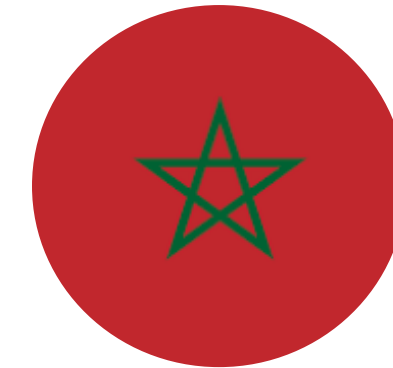
Meet the founders building the next digital economy

Spanning fintech, agri-tech, carbon trading, healthtech, edtech, sustainable tourism, and smart mobility, this startup delegation embodies what transformative, equitable, and coordinated innovation looks like when it is driven by founders closest to the challenges.

Through STRIDE, DCO ensures these builders have a seat at the table where the policies shaping their ecosystems are decided.

Fintech	Agri-tech
Carbon trading	Healthtech
Edtech	Sustainable tourism
Smart mobility	



Fygurs gives businesses an AI-powered strategic intelligence layer, turning complex market and operational data into clear, actionable decisions.

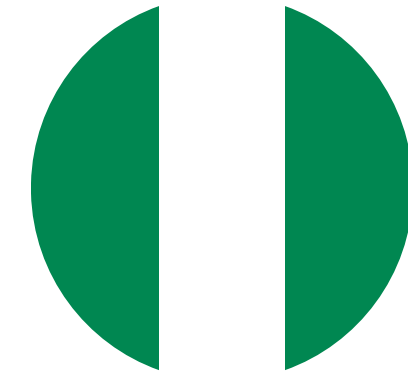
Designed for teams that need to move fast without sacrificing analytical rigor, Fygurs is making enterprise-grade strategic insight accessible to the next generation of growth-stage companies across emerging markets.

Co-Founder: Saad Amrani Joutey

Sector: SaaS

Website: <https://www.fygurs.com/>





XChangeBox is tackling one of Africa's most persistent economic frictions, the cost and complexity of cross-border payments.

By building a digital FX and payments infrastructure, XChangeBox improves financial access for businesses and individuals moving money across borders, directly supporting trade efficiency across the continent's fragmented currency landscape.

Co-Founder: Gaius Ogboru

Sector: Fintech

Website: <https://www.xchangebox.ng/>





NaturaLedger is building the infrastructure for credible climate action, a platform that enables organizations to measure, report, and trade verified carbon credits with transparency and integrity.

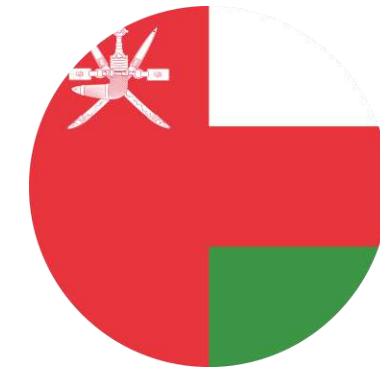
As carbon markets mature and regulatory pressure intensifies, NaturaLedger positions DCO member states at the forefront of green economy participation.

Founder: Salma Zarraf

Sector: Climate Tech

Website: <https://www.naturaledger.com/>





Walkk is building smart micro-mobility solutions for the cities of tomorrow, integrating sustainable urban transport options into accessible, connected ecosystems.

As Gulf cities invest in livability and emissions reduction, Walkk is positioned at the intersection of urban planning, climate action, and the future of how people move.

Founder: Yazan Al Alawi

Sector: Mobility

Website: <https://walkk.app/>





L'Bled First is reimagining tourism as a vehicle for local economic empowerment, connecting travelers to authentic, community-led experiences that keep value in the hands of local providers.

As sustainable tourism rises up the global agenda, L'Bled First offers a scalable model for inclusive destination development.

Founder: Hanaa Lahniti

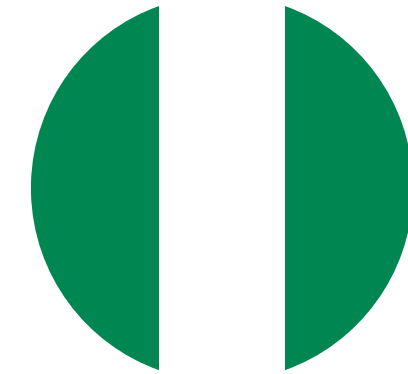
Sector: Tourism Tech

Website: <https://www.instagram.com/lbledfirst/>





ZEEH AFRICA



Zeeh Africa is building the open banking and digital identity backbone that Africa's financial ecosystem needs to scale securely.

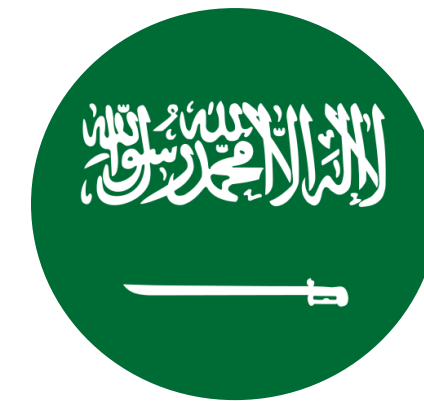
By enabling institutions and developers to verify identity and access financial data safely, Zeeh is reducing fraud, expanding financial inclusion, and laying the groundwork for a more trusted digital economy across the continent.

Founder: David Adeleke

Sector: Fintech

Website: <https://www.zeeh.africa/>





Me'kaaz is bringing preventive healthcare into everyday life through wearable technology designed for remote monitoring and early intervention.

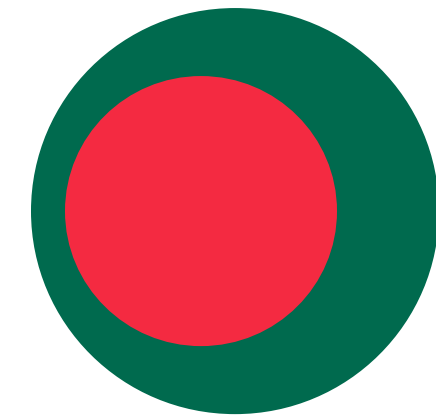
With healthcare systems under growing pressure, Me'kaaz shifts the model from reactive treatment to proactive wellness, making continuous, personalized health data accessible outside clinical settings.

Founder: Faisal Bin Eyyd

Sector: Healthtech

Website: <https://mekaaz.com/>





PriyoShop is digitizing the last mile of retail supply chains in Bangladesh, giving SMEs direct access to goods, working capital, and digital financial tools through a single B2B platform.

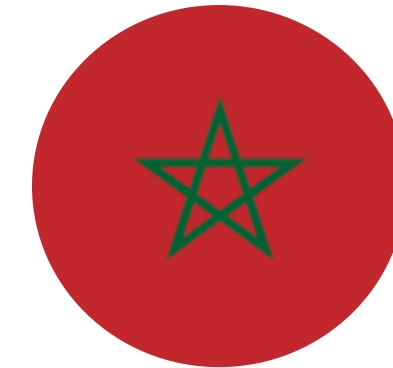
Operating in one of the world's fastest-growing digital economies, PriyoShop is bridging the gap between informal retail and structured commerce, reducing inefficiencies that have historically locked small businesses out of growth

Founder: Asikul Alam Khan

Sector: B2B E-Commerce

Website: <https://priyoshopretail.com/>





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