Co-building the Accelerator Labs as a joint venture with:

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Integrating Innovation into 21st Century Development

Mini bootcamp series

Session 1: Kick off - An introduction to the Accelerator Lab innovation toolbox for scaling sustainable development solutions

Co-building the Accelerator Labs as a joint venture with:
SESSION 1
- Introduction to the UNDP Accelerator Labs
- What is innovation?

SESSION 2
- Deep dive into Accelerator Lab principles, methodologies and approaches → Solutions Mapping, Exploring Futures and Collective Intelligence

SESSION 3
- Embedding innovation into the MCO & beyond: Portfolio Approach
Collaboration in innovation ecosystem

Agenda

1. Ice Breaker Activities
2. SDG Mapping Activity
3. Getting to know the UNDP Global Accelerator Labs and the Acc Lab in BBD & EC
4. Innovation definition
5. UNDP Global Accelerator Lab Practices & Methods
6. Innovation Toolbox
7. Innovation & FUT-Tourism Activity
8. Debrief
ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY

1. Name & Country that you currently work in

2. Your favorite travel destination

3. One fun fact about you

4. Why you joined UNDP
ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY

Using sli.do, select how innovation in development makes you feel by selecting the emotion that best suits your experience.

Sli.do link: https://bit.ly/3fRHoQr
As a development practitioner, which SDGs matter most to you?

Mural activity link:
Applying innovation to MCO pillars

Live Chatter:
Q - How do you believe innovation can help address development challenges in your cluster, priority area or portfolio? (i.e.: tools, procedures...)

POVERTY & GOVERNANCE

PREVENTION, RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS, ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE
Re-imagining development for the 21st century

SIDS Accelerator Labs:
- Barbados & the Eastern Caribbean
- Cabo Verde
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Guinea-Bissau
- Maldives
- Mauritius & Seychelles
- Pacific (Fiji)
- Samoa
- Timor Leste
- Trinidad & Tobago

The world’s largest and fastest learning network
UNDP Accelerator Lab in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

• 2019: Call for Solutions
• 2020: Blue Tank & IslandHack
• 2021: BlueDIGITAL

2021 Big Bet

Explorations & Experiments
Accelerator Lab Practice: Some initial thoughts on innovation

Write down three **keywords** that you think should be a part of the definition of innovation. Pop them in the chat.
A one-minute definition of innovation

(new) IDEA(S) → (successfully) IMPLEMENTED → (public) VALUE

Conceive new combinations or arrangements of existing ideas

“Ideas are works of heresy. They are, almost inevitably, networks of other ideas.”
(Johnson, 2010)

... in order to successfully implement these new arrangements they need to be tested, developed and improved...

... before they can create public value (benefits for communities)
Accelerator Lab Practice:
Principles, processes, methods and tools
Elements of an innovation practice

PRINCIPLES
Core beliefs that drive certain behaviours

PROCESSES
Series of steps, or categories of actions taken to achieve a certain outcome

TECHNIQUES & METHODS
Activities or tasks that generate a certain output

TOOLS
Instruments or artefacts needed to carry out a particular activity or task

https://www.nesta.org.uk/toolkit/playbook-for-innovation-learning
Accelerator Lab Principles

• Accelerate what already exists
• Learn by doing, testing ideas quickly
• Tap into uncommon sources of data
• Increase diversity of people we work with
• Empower local innovators
Accelerator Lab
Learning Cycle

- Sense
- Explore
- Test
- Grow

UNDP Accelerator Labs
Accelerator Lab Learning Cycle

Q: How is scaling approached in the growth stage?

**Scaling Out**: Includes achieving greater numbers through the adoption of the innovation

**Scaling Up**: Involves institutional and policy changes to further the innovation

**Scaling Deep**: Impacting culture through innovation that alters behaviors and norms
Suite of methods

SENSE
- Horizon scanning
- Grassroots innovation
- Ethnography
- Portfolio sensemaking
- Systems thinking
- Innovation ecosystems

Solutions Mapping
- Futures & Foresight
- Posiphene deviance
- Visual thinking
- Prototyping
- Co-creation

Collective Intelligence Design
- Data
- Crowd sourcing
- Design thinking
- Behavioural insights

Portfolio of experiments
- Sensors
- Machine learning
- Hackathons

EXPLORE

GROW

TEST
Blue Bot - Use of robotics, AI and deep machine learning for access to marine data
Solutions Mapping is about learning from communities how they solve problems and address unmet needs. Solution mapping is a method that helps organisations and communities identify needs, issues and opportunities by looking for solutions developed by people in a response to concrete problems they face.

Collective Intelligence Design is about becoming smarter together. Collective Intelligence Design is about creating the conditions, structures, platforms enabling people to work together, often with the help of technology, to mobilise a wider range of information, ideas and insights to address a social challenge.

A portfolio of experiments (or portfolio approach) is about probing how a system responds to an orchestrated set of interventions or tests. A portfolio of experiments involves the design arrangements of solutions and interconnected interventions that work together to shift the needle towards a desired or more positive outcome.
Commonly used tools at the Accelerator Lab for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

- **Collective Intelligence:** Mural, sli.do
- **Solutions Mapping:** Global UNDP Accelerator Labs solutions database
- **Ethnography:** Virtual photo diaries
- **Design Thinking:** 3D Mapping
- **Visual Thinking:** Canva, Kumu
- **Working Out Loud:** Microsoft Sway
ACTIVITY: APPLYING INNOVATION TOOLS & APPROACHES TO THE FUTURE OF TOURISM

Learning Question: How can innovation help make the future of tourism in the Eastern Caribbean more sustainable?

RECAP & DEBRIEF OF SESSION 1

- What we learnt
- How to apply it to your work
- Questions?
- Feedback
- Recommended reads of the week: The Fast and the Curious: Our Story so Far & Reinventing knowledge management
- Innovation understanding poll
Next Session: 17th August

Innovation Bootcamp Series Session 2 – Solutions Mapping, Exploring Futures and Collective Intelligence
empowering experimentation

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