

Innovation Spaces and Technology Hub Resources and Links

As part of the [Technology Salon](#) that asks “[Do Tech Hubs and Innovation Spaces Really Work](#)” we’ve compiled a list of resources around developing innovation spaces and the impact they have on development processes.

Feel free to share this document and these resources to inform your discussion of tech hubs, co-working spaces, and innovation centers.

What is an innovation space? Here is a definition from [Christine Prefontaine](#):

Innovation spaces are physical environments that promote community, learning, and making. They come in different flavors: Hubs, labs, libraries, hackerspaces, makerspaces, telecentres, coworking spaces. Yet all provide opportunities to... (1) engage with people, ideas, and technologies, (2) experience participatory culture, and (3) acquire the literacies and skills needed to prosper in the 21st century.

Resource List

- [UNICEF Innovation Labs Do-it-Yourself Guide](#)
- [iHub - Mobilizing Tech Entrepreneurs in Africa, MIT Innovations Journal](#)
- [iHub Entrepreneurs Report](#)
- [ICT Hubs Model: Understanding the Factors that make up Activspaces Model in Cameroon](#)
- [Hubs in Africa](#) (this is good resource!) ([link to Excel](#))
- [Assessing the Impact of Innovation Spaces](#) (some preliminary metrics + awesome infographic from iHub Research) — thanks to [Hilda Moraa](#)
- Center for Social Innovation: [Theory of Change](#), [Shared Spaces for Social Innovation](#) (series of resource / how-to guides)
- Using [Mozilla Open Badges to accredit learning and skills acquired via innovation spaces](#) (DRAFT)
- Hackerspaces: [Design patterns](#), global [map/list of hackerspaces](#)
- [Makerspaces](#) list
- Coworking: [Coworking wiki](#), [list of spaces](#), [GoogleGroup](#)
- Jellies: temporary coworking spaces [website](#), [Facebook](#)
- Fablabs: [List of official fablabs](#)
- Living labs: [List of living labs](#)
- [IMLS Grant to the Chicago Public Library Foundation to Create a Maker Space](#)
- [infoDev's mLabs and mHubs](#)
- [Business plan toolkit for mLabs](#) to accelerate SME competitiveness in the mobile industry (by infoDev)
- [Great resource on Startup Communities](#) by Brad Feld, key ingredient for the success of any tech hubs and innovation spaces
- [The HUB](#) - a network of non tech focused innovation spaces around the world

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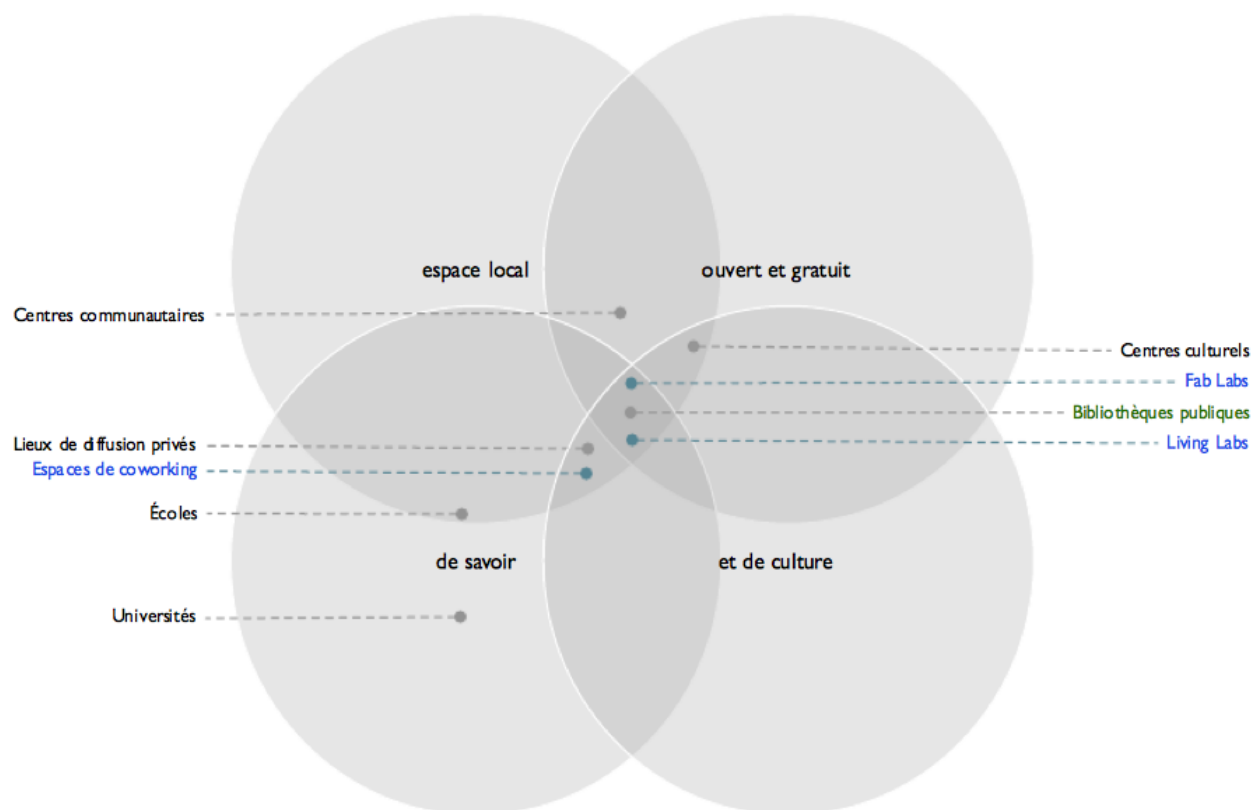
- [Africa Hubs Web Gatherings](#) - regular online meeting among Africa's innovation hubs are organized, implemented and recorded here
- <http://innovation.ba/en/home> -- This is the website of the USAID-funded Partnership for Innovation (PI) Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, implemented by EDC, which is setting up a network of Business Innovation Centers and venture capital networks.
- [Indigo Trust](#), seed funder of African hubs/labs
- An [early attempt to think through aspects of innovation spaces](#) (much has changed, but still some good, practical stuff in here)
- Internews Center for Innovation & Learning report from Innovation Lab held in Islamabad in October 2011 - Participants included new media experts, journalists, bloggers, leaders of civil society organizations, digital enthusiasts and software developers, [Seeding Innovation - Introducing New Digital Tools for Social Change in Pakistan](#)
- [Sarajevo: Analyzing Social Innovation Camp](#) - Internews Center for Innovation & Learning report - a record and evaluation of the first Social Innovation Camp for Internews employees and other attendees that took place in Sarajevo on 9-10th July 2011. It highlights the journey that individual participants took through the Social Innovation Camp (SIC) process and how their experience was shaped during and afterwards.
- [Rockefeller Innovation Challenge](#)
- [The Future Of Coworking And Why It Will Give Your Business A Huge Edge](#)
- Job Opportunity: [Innovation Lab Consultancy with Unicef](#)

[infoDev](#) Graphic on mHubs and mLabs:



[Vincent Audette-Chapdelaine](#) has a thought-provoking graphic about how they all fit together (in French)

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