

Building A Future Together : Sharing Knowledge & Know-How

Welcome to the metaLAB wiki. A virtual place where together, metaLAB people and our partners, work up creative ideas, pool & organise collaborative knowledge and know-how and, track on-going activities.

We are 'for profit' [social entrepreneurs](#)¹ prepared to risk our own resources - time, money and know-how - in order to develop a concept to the point when potential partners can see the opportunities and risks clearly enough to make an appropriate commitment. We then all work together to produce commercially sustainable products and services.

Our focus - replicable, sustainable, user driven, multi-stakeholder initiatives - that seek to address the needs of the poor and the vulnerable in systemic ways - both in the UK and in developing countries. [more>>](#)²

We work closely with many organisations including:

- [Flow Associates](#)³ work to facilitate and promote learning about culture and heritage across all social, technological and philosophical barriers.
 - [Meraka](#)⁴ (African Advanced Institute for Information and Communication Technology) at the [CSIR](#)⁵ (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) in South Africa. Meraka is focused on facilitating African economic and social development through human capital development and needs-based research and innovation, leading to sustainable products and services with a high social impact.
 - [MXit](#)⁶ is the leading African Instant Messaging Service with 21 Million Users - growing by 20,000 per day
 - [The Sustain Organisation](#)⁷ aims to be a conduit through which corporate and individual wealth can reach the world's most vulnerable.
 - [The African Pulse](#)⁸ works in South Africa equipping individuals to make informed life choices in a world affected by [HIV & AIDS](#)⁹. The African Pulse provides African schools and communities with [innovative, relevant teaching tools](#)¹⁰ and skills to promote healthy living.
1. [The Association of Commonwealth Universities \(ACU\)](#)¹¹
 2. [SARIMA](#)¹² Southern Africa Research and Innovation Managers Association
 3. [Meraka Foundation](#)¹³ in Lesotho (part of the [Living Labs](#)¹⁴ Community in Southern Africa)
 4. [Growth International](#)¹⁵, a UK Company faciitating change management in organisations and communities
 5. [Moratho Media](#)¹⁶ is a metaLAB joint venture company based in South Africa.
 6. [Momentos of Africa](#)¹⁷ manufactures fine kid mohair goods for the fashion and interior design markets. Such is the quality that 75% of the output is sold overseas. It is a predominantly black owned South African company, dedicated to the upliftment of previously disadvantaged people.
 7. [http://www.acu.ac.uk/](#)
 8. [http://www.sarima.co.za/](#)
 9. [http://www.meraka.org.za/](#)
 10. [http://www.theafricanpulse.net/html/about_hiv_aids.php](#)
 11. [http://www.theafricanpulse.net/html/resources.php](#)
 12. [http://www.growthinternational.com/](#)
 13. [http://www.morathomedia.com/](#)
 14. [http://www.momentos.co.za/](#)

An Open Invitation to Explore a Collaboration with metaLAB

metaLAB works by building working partnerships. So, we always welcome approaches from stakeholders with an interest in our initiatives. We aim to encourage a two way interaction between

colleagues in Africa and in Europe.

Specific Opportunities

Currently, we also have the following specific opportunities

- Two UK Based Interns (unpaid) - Business Orientated or Technically Orientated [more>>](#)¹⁸
- Young Professional and Post-Graduate Exchange Programme with the Meraka Institute in South Africa [more>>](#)¹⁹
- Companies wishing to apply their Game Development Skills to a Project with High Social Impact [more>>](#)²⁰

18. daisy:941 (Two UK Internships Available 2009 (immediate start))

19. daisy:783 (Opportunities to Collaborate)

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