
GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK 2016 IMPACT REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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WHAT'S NEXT FOR GEN: POWERING A GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

Since Global Entrepreneurship Week launched in London in 2007 to a roomful of startup champions from 37 countries, our movement has been a key driver in an entrepreneurial revolution driving innovation and building prosperous and secure communities around the world.

As more fresh ideas spring to life in the most unexpected parts of the world, entrepreneurial programs, capital and talent are now travelling far and wide to find and support the most promising founder teams. Meanwhile, a consensus has emerged in the last few years that entrepreneurial activity fuels innovation, productivity and economic growth in all types of economies and cultures across the globe. National policy advisors, now more attuned to the needs of their startup ecosystems, are creating rapidly expanding demand for initiatives and programs that help new firms start and scale. There is also demand for results, especially from those who fund such programs and want to be sure scarce resources are deployed to where they will have the biggest impact.

We have played a significant role in this revolution by building a far-reaching network that embraces and engages non-traditional players who are passionate about advancing entrepreneurial growth. From the very beginning, we realized that the important contributions were needed not only from the entrepreneurs themselves in inspiring the next generation – but from investors, policymakers, researchers, mentors and other support organizations. We need the tucked shirts and untucked shirts – the institutions in our societies

and the new generations operating from different molds – working side by side.

In less than 10 years, the number of countries that we impact has quadrupled – from that original 37 to now more than 160 – but numbers only tell part of the story. At the 2014 Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Moscow, the grassroots communities behind GEW declared they were ready to go from a one-week celebration to a year-round network and the idea for the Global Entrepreneurship Network was born. The year that followed added strength. Startup Nations expanded while the Global Entrepreneurship Research Network and Global Business Angels Network launched and assembled at the following GEC in Milan in March 2015. Shortly after that, U.S. President Barack Obama entrusted GEN to serve as the secretariat of his Spark Coalition to promote entrepreneurial growth around the world.

More recently, GEN launched a collection of new efforts aimed at helping nascent entrepreneurs unleash their ideas: Startup Compete, a new competition platform that allows them to hone their skills; Startup Huddle, live gatherings to educate, engage, and connect them to others in their ecosystem; and GEN Starters Club, a global community that connects them to GEN Mentors and additional resources.

But while we should celebrate our continued success, we must simultaneously plan for the future.

While the world has seen a creative

renaissance in terms of programs and models of value creation, a lack of standardized datasets, validated research methods, and open global knowledge sharing limits the number of firms that start and scale to their full potential. GEN offers a new generation of collaborative efforts across the globe—fostering one global entrepreneurial ecosystem that better supports those communities that are keen to use the best approaches for ensuring that their citizens maximize their potential as job creators and innovators.

GEN enables every country to align a varied collection of players, programs, and information to better support entrepreneurship. Alignment helps to streamline efforts, minimize competition among those with limited resources, and maximize impact.

While collaboration among the entire ecosystem is necessary, the network must still be rooted in the global startup community. GEN Global remains headquartered in Washington, DC but it has moved into 1776, a startup hub and accelerator founded by Donna Harris, a GEN Board Member. This location symbolically grounds the network in the startup community and sets an example for GEN Country Affiliates – a collection of formal GEN operations that are springing up throughout the network – to follow.

In 2015, GEN opened independent operations in Algeria, Greenland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Moldova, Namibia, Norway, Poland, South Africa and South Korea.

These GEN Country Affiliates have the opportunity to impact entrepreneurial development in a multitude of ways. By leveraging selected GEN Global initiatives

it is able to connect efforts already underway locally to global knowledge and know-how. This might include cutting-edge entrepreneurship research and policy development, founder competitions producing peer-to-peer learning networks of experienced practitioners, angel investors, entrepreneurship education or support programs.

Governed by entrepreneur-weighted Boards, GEN Country affiliates are developing their own national strategies, deciding where resources ought to be targeted, which models to emulate, and what kinds of initiatives could best complement existing efforts to foster and support their nations' nascent entrepreneurs. As more GEN non-profit entities open around the world, each will be able to both give and draw from the most relevant economies - those facing similar challenges or those at a similar stage of start and scale ecosystem development.

GEN has emerged as a trusted partner to hundreds of national governments and key private sector organizations working to foster entrepreneurial growth. GEN Country Affiliates are an integral member of this global network—connecting leading organizations and talented peers who possess deep reserves of knowledge and experience concerning what works and what does not when it comes to fostering and supporting entrepreneurs. Join the movement and be part of our network at wearegen.co.





WHAT IS GEN?

BUILDING ONE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

The Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) is a year-round platform of programs and initiatives aimed at creating one global entrepreneurial ecosystem. GEN helps people in more than 160 countries unleash their ideas and turn them into promising new ventures—creating jobs, accelerating innovation and strengthening economic stability around the world.

Ranging from efforts to inspire and educate nascent entrepreneurs to advancing research and connecting global leaders in person, GEN operates in all types of economies and cultures.

The globalization of entrepreneurship has brought an explosion of programs, startup communities and investment into a new field where there is a paucity of data around what works and what does not in supporting nascent entrepreneurs and new firms forming and trying to scale. Traditional business, education and government leaders have been eager champions, but they need more sophisticated tools, programs and research to help them most efficiently direct their attention and funds to areas that have the greatest impact on future economic growth.

GEN is a compass to help address these needs by identifying effective initiatives that positively impact whole societies, and interventions that target the most critical areas for entrepreneurial ecosystems around the world.

GEN Global manages a collection of

programs and initiatives—as well as strategic partnerships—to achieve its objectives. It also has given rise to an increasing number of GEN Country affiliates that take the lead at a national level.

So that they may better connect and leverage existing efforts in their countries aimed at increasing new firm formation, these country affiliates are predominantly mission-driven public benefit civic organizations—commonly referred to as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)—led by nationals from those countries. GEN recently opened independent operations in Algeria, Greenland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Moldova, Namibia, Norway, Poland, South Africa and South Korea.

OUR MISSION

More entrepreneurs:

Expanding the number of people working for or launching startups around the world by fully legitimizing entrepreneurs in all cultures and economies. The world needs more entrepreneurs.

More collaborative ecosystems:

Increasing understanding between the new and traditional elements of emerging startup communities and ecosystems including the constructive engagement of the public sector in supporting entrepreneur designed public programs. It takes a village where everyone collaborates to succeed.

Born global founders and communities:

Supporting the emergence of a new class of global entrepreneurs with access to global programs, networks and research inside the 160 nation-strong GEN community. National boundaries are open to innovation and a new creative class of risk takers is hard-wired to a global network.

Increased understanding of the field:

Connecting an emerging community of

national startup policy advisors with a next generation network of world-class entrepreneurship research institutions in an effort to generate more robust research and data to support evidence-based policymaking and more effective entrepreneurial support programming. In short, data and analysis on what works and what does not in helping new firm formation.



THE GEN UNIVERSE

160 NATIONS

GLOBAL FORUMS + EVENTS

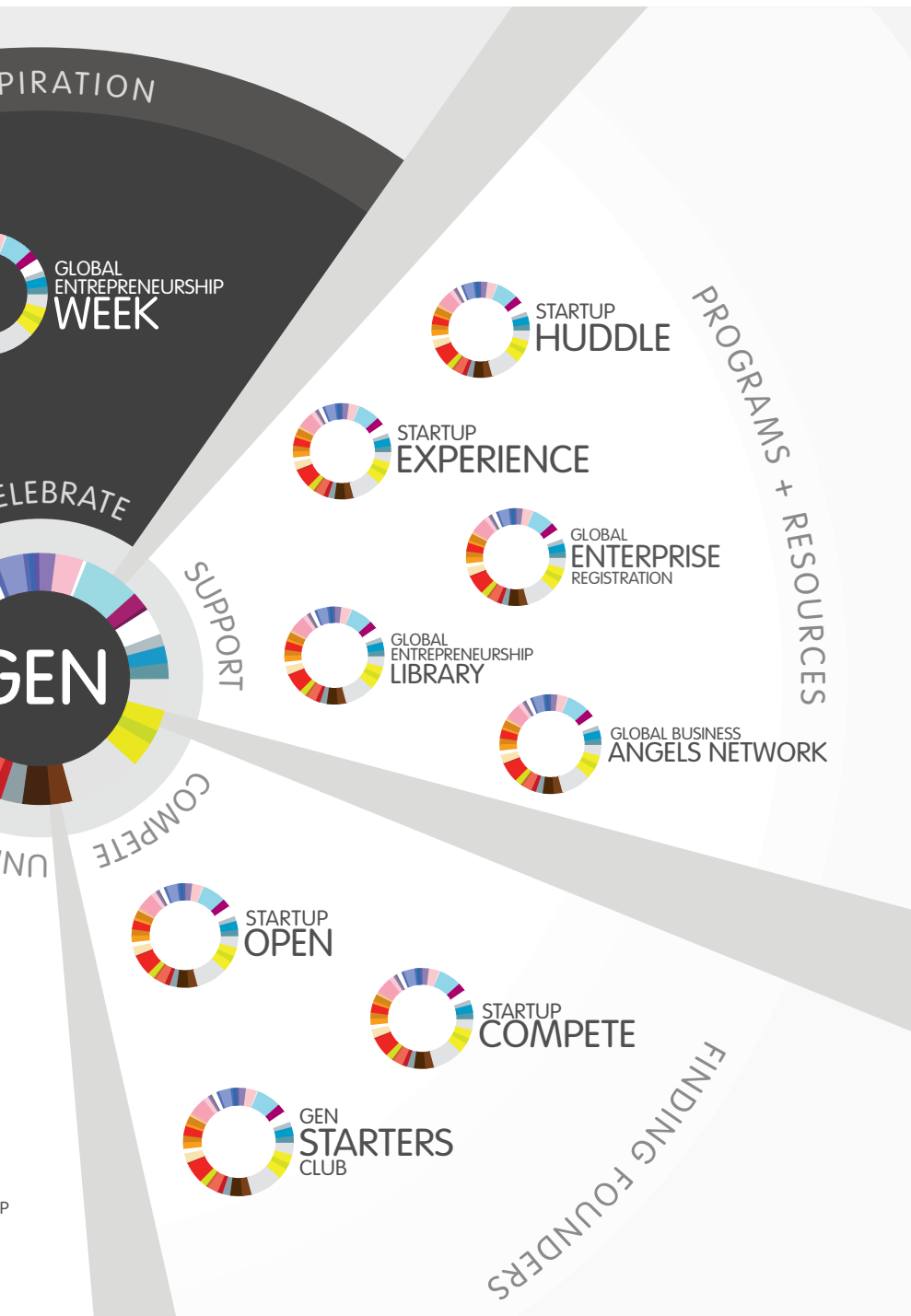


CONNECT

UNDERSTAND

RESEARCH + POLICY







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A WORLD OF IMPACT

ACROSS THE GLOBAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK

A PLATFORM TO CELEBRATE, COMPETE, SUPPORT, UNDERSTAND AND CONNECT

The Global Entrepreneurship Network is a year-round platform of programs and initiatives that are building and strengthening one global entrepreneurial ecosystem. Below are just a handful of examples of how the Global Entrepreneurship Network is making its mark in those areas.

CELEBRATE

The world needs more entrepreneurs but not all ecosystems enjoy the entrepreneurial culture that is prevalent in startup hubs like Silicon Valley, Singapore and Sao Paulo. Celebrating the successes and impact of entrepreneurs can break down cultural barriers and reach new audiences.

Through Global Entrepreneurship Week and other efforts throughout the year, GEN helps promote a more entrepreneurial culture by shining a spotlight on entrepreneurs at all levels – from local to global and small to large – to inspire the next generation to unleash their own ideas and take the next step in their entrepreneurial journey.

GEW 2015 Inspires Millions

From an explosion in social media conversation, to recognition and support from government leaders, Global Entrepreneurship Week 2015 celebrated and inspired roughly 10 million people worldwide. While a majority of those were aspiring entrepreneurs and others exploring their potential to start a new venture, it also included policymakers, investors, researchers and successful serial entrepreneurs.

U.S. President Barack Obama recognized GEW in a video announcement about the 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which will be held in Silicon Valley in June. President Obama issued a challenge to help entrepreneurs and to continue fanning the spark of innovation. Other world leaders joined in as well, including Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto, new Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as more than 100 ministers from around the globe.

With approximately 30,000 events in 160 countries, the highlights and impact stories we have received barely scrape the surface of the amazing work GEN countries and partners have accomplished during Global Entrepreneurship Week 2015.

Belgium: GEN honored Antwerp, Belgium, Mayor Bart De Wever with the Startup Nations Award for Local Policy Leadership for his public sector achievement at the local level in championing policies and programs that advance new firm formation. The "Day of the Entrepreneur" featured entrepreneurs and policymakers who fuel conversations across the country. There were also VIP buses with ministers and key leaders, including

the Minister-President of Flanders, who visited select innovative entrepreneurs in their work spaces.

Canada: Host Futurpreneur launched a new initiative, GEW Canada: On the Road, which included a contest to uncover three young Canadians to be GEW ambassadors and digital storytellers. The three ambassadors traveled across the country and met with young entrepreneurs, visited local businesses and reported on various events.

Chile: Endeavor Chile promoted and hosted several large scale events across the country, including the Endeavor Experience Patagonia in the south of Chile. This event was one of the largest national events put on during GEW.

China: GEW China increased large scale activities, encouraged investors in a “Talks with Angels” session involving more than 50 investors, and promoted concrete and valuable content in GEW programs. There were a variety of entrepreneurial road shows to showcase opportunities in Internet and gaming, hi-tech healthcare and new media entrepreneurship.

El Salvador: Entrepreneurs received a regional perspective during GEW activities with a session on Latin women entrepreneurs in agriscience, and information from experienced entrepreneurs in biotechnology and agriscience.

Germany: GEW Germany celebrated women founders and entrepreneurs throughout Global Entrepreneurship Week, with nearly 50 events nationwide. Events included breakfast seminars, coaching sessions, thematic workshops and a variety of other programs. There was also an event – Aktionstag FRAUEN unternehmen heute, which brought together almost 200 successful and experienced women entrepreneurs who were recently awarded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy as best practice female entrepreneurs.

Israel: GEW Israel host Ayla Matalon and members of the GEW Israel board pressed the start of trade button for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to kick-off GEW celebrations. There were more than 400 events across the country, including networking sessions, and industry-specific seminars and conferences.

Ireland: More than 5,000 primary school students participated in GEW across the country. Through partner Bizworld, presidents from seven universities and three institutes of technology united to celebrate the role of education in entrepreneurship. The Irish Times newspaper also carried 150,000 copies of a special national edition of GEN Magazine, celebrating GEW and entrepreneurship. The Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny announced Cork, Ireland, will be host to the 2016 Startup Nations Summit.

Kosovo: The Innovation Center of Kosovo, with 28 partners, hosted more than 38 events during GEW, focused on the individual themes of gender in entrepreneurship, investing, youth and cities. Women in Online Work, a pilot program, kicked-off women in entrepreneurship day, which works to increase the participation of women in rural

municipalities in Kosovo's green and ICT-enabled jobs.

Paraguay: One of Paraguay's GEW partners, INCUNA, gathered leaders in innovation policy and a sample of leading researchers at the business incubator inside Paraguay's largest university, the National University of Asuncion. The session provided an opportunity to discuss how to serve as an example of transition from lab to market, and reverse brain drain in the country.

Philippines: One agri-based startup that participated in a GEW Philippines' event was able to garner investor interest, and capitalize their business. They are now operating commercially. The founders also won a nationwide competition event that sent them on a free trip to Europe for a bootcamp training session. Sustainable Alternative Lighting, a startup that uses salt water to help power LED lamps, came in second place in the GEN 2015 Startup Open.

South Korea: The Korean Entrepreneurship Foundation hosted an international seminar on entrepreneurship research during GEW. The KEF brought to Seoul the researchers behind global indicators with the objective to scrutinize Korea's current status in global context. The organization utilized GEW as a way to propel policy discussions forward for their country. A South Korean science minister, Dr. Choi Yanghee, was also recognized with the Startup Nations Award for National Policy Leadership.

Syria: For the first time, Syria took part in GEW, with official host the Syrian Economic Forum leading the week with Syrian Entrepreneurship Day. The event brought together potential entrepreneurs, representatives of the Syrian Interim Government and Syrian Opposition Coalition and members of the business community. The SEF launched a series of lectures in its Civic Education program.

Saudi Arabia: Saudi Arabia took Global Entrepreneurship Week activities and expanded the celebration through November and into the month of December. The country organized 18 different events, including a Tedx youth event and Get in the Ring, a global GEN pick.

Turkey: Partners in Turkey officially opened GEW 2015 at Borsa Istanbul's headquarters in Istanbul. GEW Turkey worked with more than 200 partners. The country featured super angel and founding president of Aslanoba Capital, Hasan Aslanoba as a keynote speaker to encourage early stage investors. Endeavor Turkey is also a key partner for GEW Turkey. GEW Turkey also explored niche investing and the emergence of investing groups in the country.

United Kingdom: Youth Business International, the official host of GEW UK, made a commitment to help entrepreneurs "Make it Happen," the GEW 2015 campaign motto. YBI worked with Startup Direct, UnLtd, Virgin Startup and in partnership with Barclays. They developed a guide to social entrepreneurship, a business plan model with video tips and advice, and practical guides for mentors and entrepreneurs.

Vietnam: Young Entrepreneurs and support organizations had the opportunity to kick-off GEW with a visit from the United Kingdom's Duke of York, Prince Andrew, to discuss in a seminar the potential opportunities for cooperation between Vietnam and the UK.

Zambia: GEW Zambia partnered with Microsoft Biz4Afrika and Thinkroom South Africa to host a series of virtual networking sessions across eight different countries during GEW.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK 2015



COUNTRIES

162

ACTIVITIES

34,208

PARTNERS

16,836

PARTICIPANTS

9,019,833

UNDERSTAND

Parallel to the increasing amount of data that demonstrates the powerful impact of new and young firms on entrepreneurial growth, there is increasing demand from countries for experts who can provide solid, evidence-based counsel in terms of policies and programs that accelerate that growth. The problem is there are still more questions than answers, leaving much for us to better understand.

Through the Global Entrepreneurship Research Network and Startup Nations, GEN is helping increase the quality and quantity of research available to policymakers and startup community leaders to help identify best-in-class programs and policies that help entrepreneurs launch and grow new firms.

Index Maps Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in 130 Countries

The 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Index provides key information for policymakers and government leaders worldwide to strengthen their entrepreneurial ecosystems and promote high-growth, high-impact entrepreneurship, including insights for regional development.

The Global Entrepreneurship Network and the GEDI Institute partnered together to release the Index. Findings from the Index drove policy discussions at events around the world during GEW, to help countries and their cities develop best practices and sustainable plans.

The GEI not only ranks more than 130 countries on their entrepreneurial ecosystems but also provides a framework for understanding how those countries measure up against neighboring ecosystems. The report indicates that countries in different regions have vastly different issues that need to be addressed for entrepreneurial growth. The Index identifies those regional issues and also provides examples of model systems – like Denmark in Europe – for others in the area to follow.

The GEI measures a country's entrepreneurial ecosystem by combining individual data such as opportunity recognition, startup skills and risk acceptance, with institutional measures, including urbanization, education and economic freedom. These measurements help distinguish self-employment and replicative entrepreneurship from the innovative, productive and rapidly growing entrepreneurial ventures that drive real economic growth.

This year marks the first time quality of life components have been factored into the report, and the Index indicates there is a positive correlation between robust entrepreneurial ecosystems and quality of life factors. The report looked at GDP, income equality, economic freedom and peace. The most correlation was found between the entrepreneurial ecosystem rankings measured against digital evolution and environmental performance factors.



The United States topped the rankings this year, with a GEI score of 86.2. Canada placed second (79.5) and Australia came in third (78.0), and was first in the Asia-Pacific region. The top 10 countries for 2016 show a pattern similar to last year's – they are high-income and mostly European nations. Australia was followed by (in order) Denmark, Sweden, Taiwan, Iceland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and France.

GEN Recognizes First-Ever Startup Nations Award Winners

Each November, the Startup Nations Summit serves as the formal end to GEW while stimulating dialogue on policies and public sector programs that promote entrepreneurial growth. This year, GEN honored three startup policy champions: Mayor Bart De Wever of Antwerp, Belgium, received the Startup Nations Award for Local Policy Leadership; South Korean Science Minister Choi Yanghee was honored with the Startup Nations Award for National Policy Leadership; and Special Envoy for startups in the Netherlands, Neelie Kroes, received the Startup Nations Award for Groundbreaking Policy Thinking.

De Wever was recognized for his public sector achievement at the local level in championing policies or programs that advance new and young firm formation. He and his team introduced the Antwerp Startup City Program in 2014, as an ambitious and all-encompassing response to the absence of a startup scene or city-wide program.

Choi was the driving force behind Creative Economy Initiative, one of Korea's biggest administrative goals. Choi supervised the establishment of 17 Centers for Creative Economy and Innovation across major cities and regions, matching each of the Centers with leading companies.

Kroes was recognized for her instrumental analysis, innovative policy approaches and groundbreaking program concepts which significantly expand the frontier of entrepreneurship policy thinking in the Netherlands and throughout Europe.

Foreign Leaders Exchange Innovation Strategies at GEC

During the 2015 GEC in Milan, GEN and the U.S. Small Business Administration partnered to bring government officials together for the first SME Ministerial. SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, South Africa's Minister of Small Business Development Lindiwe Zulu and others exchanged information and ideas on steps their governments are taking to help entrepreneurs flourish.

The Ministerial provides an opportunity for ministers and government leaders to expand the global entrepreneurial ecosystem and connect with experts and entrepreneurs across borders to consider how civil society-oriented reforms can similarly broaden access to information, capital, and market access essential to SME internationalization, and effectively attract trade and foreign direct investment for economic development and progress.

The Ministerial expanded in its second year to encompass more of the world's ministerial leaders at the GEC in Medellín. Beyond Sweet, Zulu and others, new participants in the ministerial include: Cecelia Alvarez-Correa, Colombian Minister of Trade, Industry and

Tourism; Mohammad Rudy Salahuddin, Indonesian Deputy Minister for Coordination of Creative Economy, Entrepreneurship and SME Competitiveness; Liisa Oviir, Estonia's Minister of Entrepreneurship; and more.

GERN Extends Ecosystem Mapping Project

A network of organizations that fund and conduct entrepreneurship research, GERN expanded the scope of an ecosystem-mapping project that had been piloted in New York and Cairo, Egypt. The project will include 100 cities within the next five years – collecting data that will allow users to discover large-scale patterns characterizing entrepreneurship ecosystems and to identify particular actors – entrepreneurs, investors, mentors and others – within particular ecosystems.

GERN Members Explore Sharing Economy with Zipcar Co-Founder

Each month, Global Entrepreneurship Research Network members join a monthly teleconference call to discuss the latest in research. One of the most recent and successful calls included the co-founder of Zipcar, Robin Chase, who led a discussion regarding questions raised by the emerging “sharing economy.”

These calls allow GERN members to share ideas, explore best practices and hear from leading entrepreneurial professionals. It's a collaborative discussion and provides an opportunity for members to network and discover the latest in entrepreneurial research.

COMPETE

Business plan and pitch competitions are keeping pace with the global startup revolution. The exposure, mentorship and networking connections that these competitions provide are invaluable to young startups looking to test their ideas and make their mark – most with little to no outside funding.



Through the launch of its new Startup Compete platform that powers competitions around the world and new programs like the GEN Starters Club, GEN is finding founders that have what it takes and providing them with an instant network of global peers, communities and programs to help fast track their efforts to start and scale.

Solar-Powered Desalination System Takes First Place in Startup Open

Desolenator, a London-based company that uses solar power to make drinking water clean and safe, defeated nearly 800 startups from 89 countries to win the 2015 Startup Open competition. Through the Startup Open competition, the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) recognizes the top promising young firms that have a startup moment within the past year.

The Startup Open champion aims to provide a low-cost solution to the safe drinking water shortage worldwide. The Desolenator system purifies water from any source – including seawater – removing contaminants by boiling the water using both the heat and electrical energy created by solar power, then capturing the vapor and creating condensed, distilled water.

The idea sprouted from Desolenator founder and CEO William Janssen, who has been living in Abu Dhabi for the past five years where almost all drinking water comes from seawater desalination plants that use a large amount of energy.

While the Desolenator removes salt from water, the competition runner-up, Sustainable Alternative Lighting (SALt), uses salt impurities that make drinking water harmful to create alternative lighting and LED lamps. These lamps also allow people to charge cellphones in the event of an emergency. The Philippines-based startup was voted the People's Choice Award winner during the 2014 Startup Nations Summit in Korea. The venture's founders also took the stage with U.S. President Barack Obama and Alibaba Group founder Jack Ma during Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) at the Asian-Pacific Economic Conference meeting in Manila.

Other finalists included the Disease Diagnostic Group (USA); Hop!App (India), which is a parent-teacher communication application; Novalact (Chile) a probiotic that fights lactose intolerance; and PriceLizer (Sweden), an e-commerce shopping cart.

GEN Launches Startup Competition Management Platform

The Global Entrepreneurship Network launched its new online platform to unleash ideas and power startup competitions around the world during the first day of Global Entrepreneurship Week 2015.

Startup Compete (startupcompete.co) is a global networking site and competition platform for aspiring entrepreneurs, mentors and advisors to connect with each other and bring potential business ideas to market.

GEN acquired the site, previously called iStart, from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, which had run it since 2009. Since that time, GEN has used the site to setup, manage and judge Startup Open, a competition to recognize some of the world's most promising new startups.

To date, the competition platform has hosted more than 685 startup competitions with 34,355 business ideas submitted.

Startup Compete also provides entrepreneurs of all stages with a chance to showcase their business through profiles that help them build a stronger network of resources, get constructive feedback and meet potential partners. The site currently has more than 14,300 profiles with business ideas posted by entrepreneurs from 154 countries.

GEN Competition Winners Visit the White House

Dozens of competitions are held by GEN and its partners to identify promising young startups around the world. In May, the winners of Startup Open and Future Agro Challenge were invited to the White House to announce the launch of the Spark coalition, co-chaired by Jonathan Ortman. Ziv Lautman of BreezoMeter, the Israeli company that won the Startup Open in 2014, and Connor Burns of Bermuda Aerial Media, the grand prize winner from the Future Agro Challenge, travelled to Washington, D.C., for the event which also included Shark Tank judges Mark Cuban, Daymond John and Barbara Corcoran.

GEN Launches Program to Find & Support Promising Founders

GEN recently unveiled its first class of the GEN Starters Club, a select community of promising new founders with priority access to insight and advice from GEN Mentors, enhanced exposure, curated networking opportunities at special events around the world and the chance to be part of a like-minded community of passionate and promising entrepreneurs. It has also announced plans to launch Startup Huddle in 2016, bringing an experiential learning opportunity leveraging proven models to educate nascent entrepreneurs and connect them with potential investors and mentors.



SUPPORT

The public tends to have a perception of the lone wolf entrepreneur – the single genius that is solely responsible for startup success. However, there is overwhelming evidence that dispels that myth and points out the importance of founder teams and support networks to entrepreneurial success.

Through efforts such as the Global Business Angels Network, Global Enterprise Registration, Startup Huddle, LIONS@FRICA and other programs, GEN offers programs and resources intended to help smooth the path to market for founder teams and provide entrepreneurs at all stages with the support necessary to reach the next level.

GEN Deepens Its Program Support in Africa

GEN continued its expansion of the LIONS@FRICA program at Africa.co and worked with the White House and U.S. Department of State in convening the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in July 2015 in Nairobi with President Obama and entrepreneurs and investors from around the world—where it also organized a program and ideas competition for Women and Youth.

Immediately following the Summit in Nairobi, GEN worked with Meridian International to launch a WiSci STEAM Camp in Rwanda to focus on science, technology, education, arts and math with an array of prestigious partners. GEN also tested a variety of new ideas for supporting entrepreneurs in Africa, including the launch of Women's Venture Xchange-Africa. The pilot project is a mentorship and exchange program for high-growth women entrepreneurs based in Africa, done in partnership with the Case Foundation, the Mara Foundation and the U.S. Department of State.

The program gave women entrepreneurs the opportunity to spend two to four weeks in Nairobi, Kenya, beginning with Global Entrepreneurship Week on November 16, 2015. The Xchange was designed to help established women-owned businesses expand beyond the borders of their own countries.

The four Xchange entrepreneurs were Hyasintha Ntuyeko of Kasole Secrets, Nobukhosi Ndlovu of Nutrie Foods, Linda Mukangoga of Haute Baso and Annet Ayamba of Your Choice Agro Processors. Each of the women said in their blog posts that the mentorship was invaluable. Ayamba learned how to take her company to the next level from visiting an agro processing factory, and Ndlovu received mentoring in how to construct a better business plan and better process her accounting.

GBAN Launches to Increase Access to Early Stage Capital

The Global Business Angels Network was officially launched in Milan at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress, bringing entrepreneurs and angel investors from seven continents under the same umbrella. The network is guided by an executive committee comprised of the leadership of its founding partners – Angel Capital Association, European Business Angels Network, Business Angels of Europe and BANSEA.



More recently, more than 400 early stage investors from 46 countries gathered in Istanbul for the World Business Angels Investment Forum, a gathering of some of the best and brightest individuals committed to easing access to finance for entrepreneurs everywhere.

Presented by GBAN, the forum pushed for increased collaboration among national and regional groups to strengthen an angel investment system whose annual trade volume has so far reached \$50 billion. GEN's Jonathan Ortmans outlined a vision for cross-border collaboration while calling for innovative policies to widen pools of startup funding available to entrepreneurs.

"Data and anecdotal evidence both suggest smart policymaking is vital to enlarging the pool of angel investors and strengthening these ecosystems," said Ortmans. "New financial instruments are emerging to open up access to finance for entrepreneurs everywhere – driving economic growth and innovations that change the world in which we live. Sharing information and expanding access to valuable data sources is the only way to gain knowledge about what works and what doesn't."

GEN Named Secretariat of President Obama's SPARK Coalition

GEN President Jonathan Ortmans was named one of three co-chairs of U.S. President Barack Obama's Spark initiative. The initiative aims to raise \$1 billion in private investment to help emerging entrepreneurs by 2017. GEN is a founding sponsor of the initiative along with Entrepreneurs' Organization and the Tony Elumelu Foundation.

Following President Obama and Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta on stage at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi, Ortmans announced GEN's contribution to Spark – unleashing \$100 million to support entrepreneurs through all of its programs – as well as the launch of GEN Kenya, the latest GEN Country affiliate operation.



‘Go Green by 2019’ Calls Countries to Create Online Portals

The Global Entrepreneurship Network, UNCTAD and the U.S. State Department launched a four-year campaign to Go Green by 2019. The campaign is a call to action for governments everywhere to make their business registration process clear and simple by 2019. This will facilitate economic growth and good governance globally.

The goal is for governments to see that they can make the business registration process easy, and be inspired to simplify other administrative procedures, which will improve investment climates exponentially.

The campaign targets governments with two messages. First, a call to governments to put their business registration processes online, and second, for governments to clarify and simplify business registration processes.

CONNECT

While the interest in advancing entrepreneurship continues to gain momentum, there is plenty of room for greater collaboration among the various groups that make up entrepreneurial ecosystems. Connections help break down siloes, whether within one part of the ecosystem – such as federations of business angel networks collaborating with crowdfunding sites and other sources of early-stage capital – or between investors, founders, existing industry captains or customers.

Through the recent launch of the GEN Connect online platform and large, live events like the Global Entrepreneurship Congress, GEC+ and Startup Nations Summit, GEN connects entrepreneurs, investors, savvy policymakers, researchers, startup community leaders and others across the globe as they support, enable, start and scale new firms and entrepreneurs.

Global Entrepreneurship Congress Promotes Ecosystem Collaboration

Milan became the seventh city to host the Global Entrepreneurship Congress with 4,117 delegates registered from 156 countries. Discussions throughout the Congress focused on three aspects of the entrepreneurial ecosystem: building competitive and entrepreneurial cities, educating tomorrow's entrepreneurs, and the impact – positive and negative – that established companies have on the startup sector.

Entrepreneurs like Oscar Farinetti, the founder of Eataly, mixed with corporate innovators like Andrea Illy, the CEO of illy café, as well as startup savvy policymakers like Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Lindiwe Zulu, South Africa's Minister for Small Business Development.

Overall, there were 96 substantive sessions including:

- Global Business Angels Summit led by the Global Business Angels Network
- New Dimensions in Entrepreneurial Education led by the Kauffman Foundation
- Accelerator Trends led by Global Accelerator Network
- Global SME Ministerial led by the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Hack School led by H-Farm and the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
- Entrepreneurship Strategies for Youth Unemployment (led by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization)
- Startup Communities Changing the World led by 1776

With a growing demand from cities, communities and countries around the world for innovation and economic growth, the GEC fosters collaboration among a wide range of startup champions—strengthening connections and building one global entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Other cities that had hosted the GEC before Milan are: Kansas City, USA; Dubai, UAE; Shanghai, China; Liverpool, UK; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Moscow, Russia.

In March 2016, Medellín, Colombia, hosts the global gathering. The 2017 GEC will be held Johannesburg, South Africa.

Startup Nations Summit Capstone of Global Entrepreneurship Week

The capstone event of GEW was the Startup Nations Summit in Monterrey, Mexico, where three outstanding startup champions were recognized for their work and entrepreneurs, government leaders and policymakers shared best practices.

The Global Entrepreneurship Network partnered with INADEM, the National Institute for Entrepreneurship in Mexico to host the 2015 Startup Nations Summit.

The Startup Nations community is an emerging source of sharing and inspiration for startup leaders around the world. More countries and governments are becoming more deliberate and intentional in creating policies to support entrepreneurship. The Startup Manifesto in Europe is an example, which attempts to promote and track that kind of policymaking.

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Through GEW, GEN engages with more than 15,000 local partners in promoting entrepreneurship around the world. Such partners bring a wealth of expertise, experience and energy to the community.

Over the past year, GEN has now deepened its work with the following organizations in designing and implementing major projects in support of entrepreneurs. For a list of some of our corporate partners, please see the Corporate Partners section that follows.

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Youth Business International

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Major brands that support GEW through its national campaigns and activities include
(in alphabetical order)





THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PULSE

ONE TWEET AT A TIME

During GEW, participants, host countries, government officials and leading brands took to social media to celebrate entrepreneurs everywhere.



Evernote
@Evernote

"Believe in your dream. If you don't, nobody else will," @krisstinawise #GEW2015 advice for every entrepreneur.



Virgin
@Virgin

Some words of advice from @RichardBranson for any business owners
<https://virg.in/GEW15>
#GEW2015



Shell
@Shell

During #GEW2015 celebrate and support entrepreneurs by voting for your #TopTenInnovators



CocaColaEnterprises
@CokeCCE

Already 80,000 students involved in the Real Business Challenge!
@TheRealExp #GEW2015
<http://fal.cn/KS18>



WH National Security
@NSC44

It's Global Entrepreneurship Week! @POTUS just announced the 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Silicon Valley



TomTom

@TomTom

Appreciate the people around you who share your passion.

#Entrepreneurship

#GEW2015



Richard Branson

@RichardBranson

Why business plans are invaluable in entrepreneurship:

<http://virg.in/s1s>

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Amazing facts that sum up the power of entrepreneurship in 2015

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Happy Global Entrepreneurship Week!

Learn more at

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Goldman Sachs

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Growth, #innovation & potential—why we support Global Entrepreneurship

Week: #GEWmakeit

<http://link.gs.com/mNfz>

BUILDING A COLLABORATIVE SOCIAL COMMUNITY

From Twitter and Facebook to YouTube and LinkedIn, Global Entrepreneurship Week is an entrepreneurial social movement each year.

GET SOCIAL

During Global Entrepreneurship Week, the social media tag #GEW2015 became a trending topic on Twitter. One tweet during the first day of GEW received more than 1,000 retweets and 474 favorites from social media partners, activity participants and major brand icons.

Entrepreneur Richard Branson supported GEW on social media, and his company, Virgin Group, released a series of posts about startups, business plans and entrepreneurship during the week. Both Virgin Group and Branson tweeted throughout the week, using the GEN compass logo. Posts on the Virgin GEW site included a special business plan template and a list of the organization's favorite GEW events.

Other major brands included Evernote, which released a series of podcast conversations with entrepreneurs

– including the co-founder of Feedly. Evernote promoted Global Entrepreneurship Week on their website, as well as on social media. Barclays, TomTom, Microsoft, Bank of America, Shell, Goldman Sachs and Amway all participated in the GEW social media discussion.

U.S. President Barack Obama also mentioned Global Entrepreneurship Week in a video release, announcing the 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Summit will be held in Silicon Valley.

Amway also hosted a Facebook and social media chat with Amway President Doug DeVos during GEW, regarding entrepreneurship and the 2015 Amway Global Entrepreneurship Report. The Facebook chat post received 165 shares with dozens of questions. The GEN Facebook page also reached more than 150,000 “Likes” prior to the 2016 GEC in Medellín.



GEN

@unleashingideas

It is finally here! How are you celebrating #GEW2015?

RETWEETS
1,044

LIKES
431



151,491 Likes



22,969 Followers



116,662 Views



9,796 Members





OUR NETWORK

THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
NETWORK



GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK

CELEBRATE

Global Entrepreneurship Week | gew.co

During one week each November, thousands of events and competitions around the world inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity while connecting them to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors. In eight years, Global Entrepreneurship Week has expanded to 160 countries – building and strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems around the world. Powered by the Kauffman Foundation, the initiative is supported by dozens of world leaders and a network of more than 15,000 partner organizations.

SUPPORT

Global Business Angels Network | gban.co

Global Business Angels Network interfaces with entrepreneurs, policymakers, early-stage finance actors and leading entrepreneurial support programs to strengthen the global entrepreneurial ecosystem. Whether helping recruit more investors, expanding geographic investment arenas beyond local markets or amplifying the angel “voice” to regulatory issue discussions, GBAN seeks to provide an inclusive, supportive community of early-stage investors around the world.

Startup Experience | startupexperience.org

Startup Experience offers intensive transformational workshops designed to inspire the next generation of young entrepreneurs. It introduces students to the entrepreneurial mindset and provides hands-on training in high impact-entrepreneurship. Students build creative capacity and entrepreneurial confidence, and learn effective tools to build new ventures.

Global Enterprise Registration | ger.co

Global Enterprise Registration is an index of web portals around the world allowing online business registration or describing the business registration process. It is intended to promote the use and improvement of business registration services worldwide, by allowing easy access to existing online systems and by facilitating the exchange of experiences and best practices among governments. Global Enterprise Registration is jointly produced by UNCTAD and the Global Entrepreneurship Network.

Startup Huddle | startuphuddle.co

Startup Huddle is a program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. It is based on the notion that the best way for entrepreneurs to discover solutions to the challenges they face is through purposeful engagement with one another. As an experiential learning opportunity, the Startup Huddle format is consistent in each location: on a given morning, one or two early-stage startup founders give a six-minute presentation of their companies to a diverse audience of peers, mentors, educators, and advisors. Each presentation is followed by a 20-minute question and answer session and feedback via an audience survey.

Global Entrepreneurship Library | globalentrepreneurshiplibrary.org

The Global Entrepreneurship Library, created in partnership with the Kauffman Foundation and the World Economic Forum, is an international portal of knowledge and resources to enable entrepreneurial success. The Library provides a way for useful information needed by entrepreneurs to be curated within each country, and contributed to a pool of knowledge shared internationally. Entrepreneurs can find resources by country, language, topic, type, market and stage of business.

COMPETE

Startup Open | startupopen.co

Startup Open is a global startup competition organized on GEN's Startup Compete platform to identify, connect and recognize promising young startups around the world. The top virtual applicants from around the world join the global winners of GEN's affiliated live competitions in being offered admission into GEN Starters Club. Following due diligence and interviews with a panel of investors, the top GEN Starters travel to the GEC to be recognized in front of the world – and to face off against other finalists. Previous winners – which include startups from Israel, Croatia, Ghana and the United States – have been featured by *CNBC*, *CNN*, *Fast Company* and *Forbes*.



GEN Starters Club | genstarters.co

GEN Starters Club is a global community made up of talented founders whose promising startups have been battle-tested through one or more of GEN's global startup competitions. It provides a global interface – reaching more than 160 countries – with fellow challenge winners, experienced entrepreneurs, startup champions and potential investors for support and continued growth. GEN Starters Club provides insight and advice from GEN Mentors, enhanced exposure, curated networking opportunities at special events around the world and the chance to be part of a like-minded community of passionate and promising entrepreneurs.

Startup Compete | startupcompete.co

Startup Compete is a global networking site and competition platform for aspiring entrepreneurs, mentors and advisors to connect with each other and bring potential business ideas to market. The customizable white-label platform has powered hundreds of competitions in more than 125 countries – providing organizers with a simple and efficient tool to manage their competitions and offer emerging startups a chance to hone their skills and make connections that will take them to the next level.

UNDERSTAND

Global Entrepreneurship Research Network | gern.co

The Global Entrepreneurship Research Network is a working coalition of institutions funding research as a tool in realizing the full potential of entrepreneurship to create inclusive prosperity on a global scale. Its objectives are to develop a next generation of entrepreneurship research, share lessons and knowledge, and establish open, standardized data resources. Each member organization is a leader in its nation or region in promoting entrepreneurship.



Startup Nations | startupnations.co

Startup Nations is a collection of startup savvy policymakers and program leaders from more than 80 countries on six continents – all focused on exploring different regulatory changes and policy levers to help accelerate new firm formation and unleash high impact entrepreneurship on their economies. It enables informal knowledge sharing among economies focused on leveraging entrepreneurs and their startups.

Global Entrepreneurship Index | thegedi.org

The Global Entrepreneurship Index is an annual index that measures the health of entrepreneurship ecosystems in 130 countries. It collects data on the entrepreneurial attitudes, abilities and aspirations of the local population and then weights these against the prevailing social and economic infrastructure – this includes aspects such as broadband connectivity and transport links to external markets. Overall, it is a compass for identifying initiatives and interventions that target a country's most critical areas.

Compass Report

The Compass Report assesses the experience of high-impact entrepreneurs in more than 30 countries so that the outcomes may help inform future policy decisions affecting new and young firms. Conducted leading up to and through Global Entrepreneurship Week, survey results guide the development of policy summits in participating countries. A report outlining key findings is released during the Global Entrepreneurship Congress.

CONNECT

Global Entrepreneurship Congress | gec.co

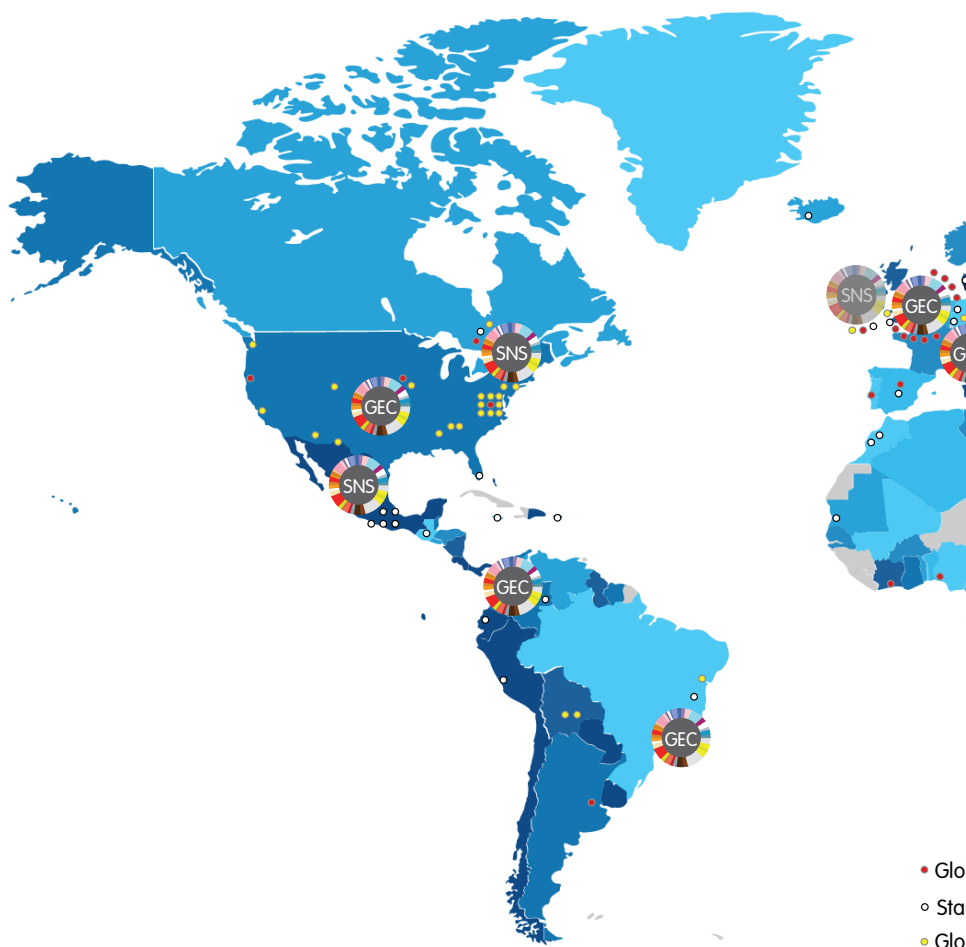
The Global Entrepreneurship Congress is a gathering of startup champions from around the world—where entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, thought leaders and policymakers work together to help bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. The Congress brings together thousands of delegates from 160 countries to discuss economic and policy challenges around growing entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Startup Nations Summit | startupnations.org

The Startup Nations Summit features startup-savvy policy advisors and startup community leaders collaborating on smarter policies and public sector driven programs to better enable high-impact entrepreneurship. GEN cohosts the event each year in late November as the official conclusion to Global Entrepreneurship Week. The summit launched in 2012 in Toronto and has since been held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Seoul, South Korea; and Monterrey, Mexico.

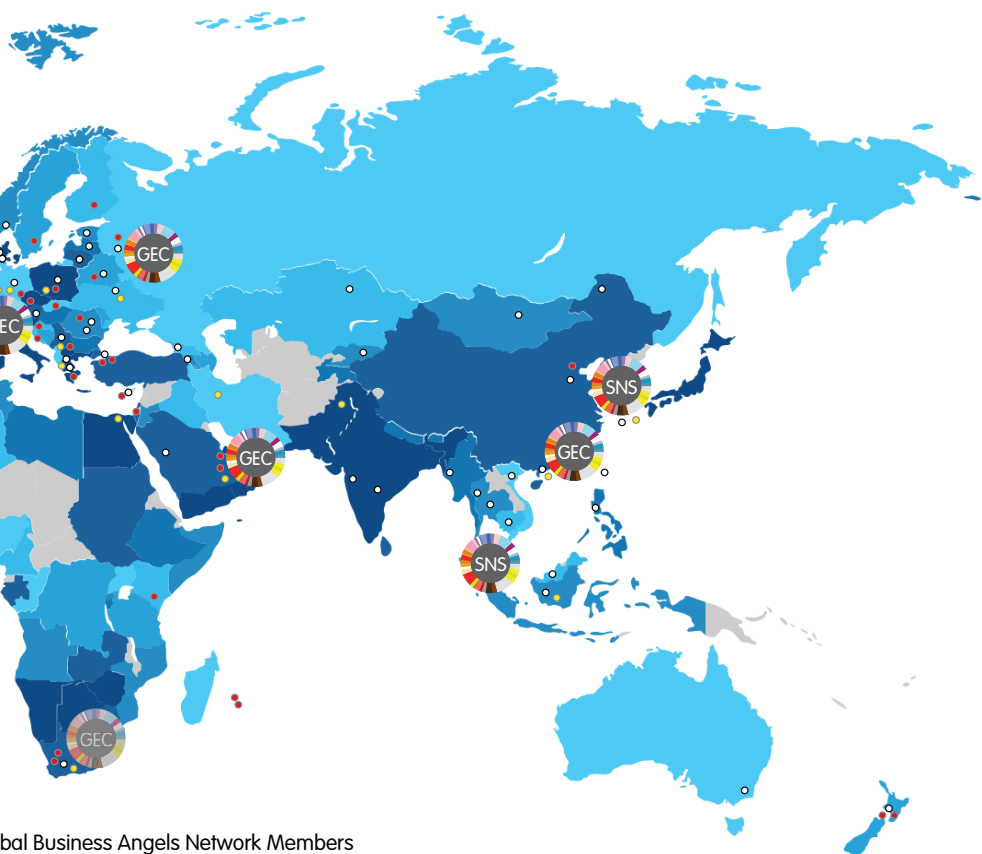
GEC+ | gecplus.co

Since it launched in Kansas City, the Global Entrepreneurship Congress has evolved into a large-scale event that brings together thousands of delegates covering diverse elements of startup ecosystems around the world. GEC+ has now emerged to fill a need for more focused and in-depth collaboration – bringing global expertise to bear on a concentrated issue or geographic region – to accelerate new firm formation and strengthen local, national and regional ecosystems.



OUR REACH

MAPPING OUR PROGRESS AROUND THE GLOBE



Global Business Angels Network Members

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Global Entrepreneurship Research Network Members

The Global Entrepreneurship Network has members in more than 160 countries around the world. GEN Country affiliates, GEW hosts and members of Startup Nations, GBAN, GERN and others bring evidence-based programming and live collaboration.

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Belize, Institute of Sustainable Livelihoods Leadership and Exchange	Dominica, Dominica Youth Business Trust
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Bermuda, Bermuda Economic Development Corporation	Ecuador, Fundación Emprender
Bhutan, The Loden Foundation	Egypt, Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Bolivia, Red Bolivia Emprendedora	El Salvador, Fundación Salvadoreña Para el Desarrollo Económico y Social (FUSADES)
Bonaire, Fundashon Negoshi	Ethiopia, Entrepreneurship Development Center
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Burundi, Youth Action for Development	Ghana, Youth Enhancement International
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Associations of Young Entrepreneurs &
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 Greenland, GEN Greenland
 Grenada, Institute of Dynamic Youths of
 Grenada Business Hub
 Guatemala, Kirzner Entrepreneurship Center
 Guyana, Guyana Youth Business Trust
 Honduras, Junior Achievement Honduras
 Hungary, JEUNE
 Iceland, Innovit Entrepreneurship Center
 India, Young Indians & Startup India
 Indonesia, Ciputra Foundation
 Iran, Iran Entrepreneurship Association
 Iraq, The Kurdistan Economic Development
 Organization
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 Kazakhstan, Young Entrepreneurs Club
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 Kosovo, Innovation Center Kosovo
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 and Economic Development
 Morocco, Startup Maroc
 Mozambique, Empressa Junior
 Myanmar, Building Markets
 Namibia, GEN Namibia
 Nepal, Samriddhi, The Prosperity
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 Netherlands, GEW Netherlands
 New Zealand, Startup New Zealand
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 Tanzania, Zanzibar Association for Youth
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 Thailand, Ayana Co. Ltd.
 Togo, Initiatives des Jeunes pour le
 Développement (IJD)
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 Turkey, Endeavor Turkey
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 Ukraine, Association "Socio-Economic
 Strategies and Partnerships" & Startup
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 International
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 Network
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Global Entrepreneurship Congress

Medellín, Colombia | March 14—17, 2016

GES+

Silicon Valley | June 22, 2016

GEC+

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Global Entrepreneurship Week

November 14—20, 2016

Startup Nations Summit 2016

Cork, Ireland | November 19—20, 2016

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Johannesburg, South Africa | March 13—16, 2017

Global Entrepreneurship Week

November 13—19, 2017

Global Entrepreneurship Week

November 12—18, 2018



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2016 - 2018

