

List of proponents awarded for grants Category 3:

1. **Bahrain** -- **Bahrain Business Incubator** <http://www.idisc.net/en/Incubator.160.html>

MENAinc is a network of business incubators in the Middle East and North Africa. The Network was founded in Amman, Jordan, with support from infoDev. Today MENAinc has 25 members from 12 countries.

The Bahrain Business Incubator Center (BBIC) will serve as the coordinating body for MENAinc. MENAinc Priorities and activities may be summarized as follows:

- Support the build up of National networks in MENA countries;
- Technology entrepreneurship programs in Universities;
- Commercialization of MENA technology innovation;
- Cross network exchange program;
- Commercialization of MENA Innovation; and
- Exchange Program for Incubator Management and Client Firms.

To learn more about MENAinc, go to: <http://www.idisc.net/MENA>

2. **Brazil** -- **ANPROTEC** <http://www.idisc.net/en/Incubator.48.html>

Red LAC is a network of Business Incubators, Technology Parks and other institutions promoting innovative entrepreneurship in the Latin America and Caribbean regions. The network includes 41 organizations in 17 countries throughout Latin America/Caribbean.

The priorities of the network are: Entrepreneurship and ICT, management of the incubation process, external support and networks, and evaluation and Public Policies.

ANPROTEC is the Brazilian Association of Science Parks and Business Incubators. It will serve as a coordinator for the RED LAC network. Over the last decade ANPROTEC has engaged in several initiatives to promote the growth of business incubators and technology parks among developing nations. It has also played a key role in establishing the Red LAC. Activities may be summarized as follow:

Knowledge dissemination, Cooperation among entrepreneurs through business exchanges, technology commercialization opportunities among incubators in the Region and abroad, and Capacity building and networking initiatives on key issues affecting business.

To learn more about RED LAC, go to: [www.idisc.net/LAC](http://www.idisc.net/LAC)

3. **Bulgaria** - **Applied Research and Communications Fund (ARC)**  
<http://www.idisc.net/en/Incubator.33.html>

ECAbit incubators and technology parks network aims to add value to its members' activities by fostering and strengthening innovation and entrepreneurship support, exchanging information and knowledge, collaborating among incubators and entrepreneurs in the ECA region and on global level, and disseminating knowledge about national SME and innovation development policies and programs. The network includes **31** organizations in **17** countries throughout Eastern Europe/Central Asia.

ECAbit network is a network of business incubators, technology parks and organizations supporting innovation and entrepreneurship development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, as part of the global incubation network of InfoDev, and was founded in May, 2005 in Kiev. Over the last three years, ECAbit established its own branding, web-site and online

collaboration tools, newsletters, meetings, regional workshops, and global forum or regional trainings.

The overall objective of this project is to strengthen institutional capacity of ECabit network to facilitate knowledge-sharing and collaborative learning by the incubation and business development community in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), position ECabit network as a key innovation and business development player in EECA, and achieve ECabit sustainability in 2010.

To learn more about ECabit, go to: [www.idisc.net/ECA](http://www.idisc.net/ECA)

#### 4. **Caribbean** - Centre for Enterprise Development (CED) Inc. (new network)

The proposal aims to set up a Caribbean Business Incubation Association (CBIA).

The main objectives of the CBIA will be:

- (1) To promote and foster business incubation to work towards the advancement of the business incubation initiatives in the Caribbean region
- (2) To drive & guide the development of business incubators by providing:- (i) Tools; (ii) Capacity building program; and (iii) Networks.

So far, nine islands have expressed interest to be part of the CBIA and are as follows:

- (1) St Vincent and the Grenadines
- (2) Dominica
- (3) Grenada
- (4) Jamaica
- (5) Montserrat
- (6) St Kitts
- (7) St Lucia
- (8) Trinidad
- (9) Antigua and Barbuda.

As at date, four of the nine islands have business incubation initiative, namely UTECH, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica and Grenada.

#### 5. **India** - PSG-Science & Technology Entrepreneurial Park (PSG-STEP), PSG College of Technology

Incubation Asia Network aims to strengthen networks of knowledge sharing and mutual support among incubators both regionally and globally by working closely with a broad range of existing networks of incubator associations, science parks, and other organizations promoting innovation and business development,

IncubationAsia Network covers the following countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. There are a total of 22 business incubators in the whole region.

PSG – Science & Technology Entrepreneurial Park (PSG-STEP) is the coordinator of the Asia Network. PSG-STEP was established in the year 1998 at PSG College of Technology sponsored by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and partially funded by IDBI and ICICI to promote technology based enterprises in the areas of Software, Electronic Products, Hi-tech Mechanical Products, Eco-friendly Textile Products & Bio-technology.

To learn more about Incubation Asia Network, go to: [www.idisc.net/Asia](http://www.idisc.net/Asia)

#### 6. **South Africa** - Softstart BTI <http://www.idisc.net/en/Incubator.9.html>

The goal of the Africa Incubation Network (AIN) is to develop a collaborative Pan-African network of Incubators and other business development service providers, and to facilitate the provision of appropriate knowledge to support the development of innovative small enterprises; share experiences regarding incubation and challenges; cultivate government/policy support for innovation and entrepreneurship in Africa. The network includes **25** organizations in **11** countries throughout Africa.

SoftstartBTI is the coordinator of the AIN successfully completed the first regional network grant provided by infoDev, and played an important role in creating the foundation for the AIN. To learn more about AIN, go to: [www.idisc.net/Africa](http://www.idisc.net/Africa)