

Welcome to the 3rd *infoDev* Global Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship!

Hundreds of experts and practitioners working on innovation and venture creation will gather from more than 70 countries worldwide to discuss how business incubation can be leveraged to address many of today's development challenges. Development of a thriving local private sector is critical to sustainable development. So is tackling the food and climate crisis through innovative entrepreneurial solutions, and providing economic opportunities for women and youth entrepreneurs. How can business incubation help address these critical issues? What are the innovative business models that bring in public and private sector players to maximize the development impact?

These are some of the topics to be discussed at the 3rd *infoDev* Global Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Program highlights include:

- ***Leveraging Business Incubation for Development***
Discussion and knowledge-sharing on how to leverage business incubation to enable women and youth entrepreneurs, and to foster growth in the agriculture, clean technology, and ICT sectors. This will include an *Entrepreneur Showcase* of successful graduate's enterprises.
- ***Innovation Policies: Technology development, commercialization and transfer***
Demonstration of global good practices on policies that promote Innovation & Entrepreneurship and encourage successful public-private partnerships (PPPs).
- ***Investment Forum***
Showcase of innovative approaches to financing start-up enterprises, and dialogue on strengthening business incubation – financier relationships.
- ***Capacity Building for Business Incubator Managers***
Sessions led by experts in the field of co-incubation, technology commercialization, incubator manager training, field visit to Brazilian business incubators, and more!

Who Can Attend?

The 3rd *infoDev* Global Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship is open to anyone with an interest in leveraging business incubation to further innovation and entrepreneurship in developing countries.

Details about registration will be made available shortly – please see further details on www.infodev.org/globalforum2009.

About the Hosts:

The **Information for Development Program (*infoDev*)** works to promote better understanding and effective use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as tools of poverty reduction and broad-based, sustainable development. *infoDev* has a global network of 150 business incubators in 70 developing countries (www.idisc.net).

The **Brazilian Association of Science Parks and Business Incubators (ANPROTEC)** is a leading institution that encourages the creation, development and consolidation of innovative enterprises aimed at the economic, social and cultural transformation of regions and nations (www.anprotec.org.br).

The **Brazilian Service of Support for Micro and Small Enterprises (SEBRAE)** offers to micro and small enterprises the conditions necessary for their survival, prosperity and active contribution to the country's growth through the generation of jobs and income (<http://www.sebrae.com.br>).

The **Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT)** coordinates the execution of programs and actions that consolidate the National Policy of Science, Technology and Innovation and leads a group of institutions for developing and implementing of research. The MCT develops research and studies that result in the generation of knowledge and new technologies, as well as the creation of products, processes, management and national patents. (<http://www.mct.gov.br>)

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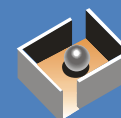
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