

## Dear Community & Partners,

Thank you for another incredible year of co-creation together! We have so much to share with you, and we look forward to yet another year full of energy and collaboration.

## LOOKING BACK

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### 1. Global Assembly People's Declaration: Call to Action

The 2021 Global Assembly consisted of a 100-person Core Citizens' Assembly (representing a snapshot of the population of the planet) and Community Assemblies that brought together groups of people from different walks of life to learn about a certain topic, to discuss possible action and make recommendations to governments and leaders. The Global Assembly birthed the **People's Declaration for the Sustainable Future of Planet Earth**. The purpose of the People's Declaration is to share the recommendations of people across the globe on how governments and leaders can address the ecological and climate crisis using strategic plans that are equitable and sustainable. You can read the declaration [here](#).

A report has been produced by the core delivery team and presents the methodology and outcomes of the global assembly [Read the Executive Summary](#) [Read the full report](#) [Read the Annexes and Appendices](#) here, <https://globalassembly.org/report>

### 2. Entrepreneurship Policy Toolkit (EPT):

#### A) Launch of the toolkit:

This year we launched a beta version of the Entrepreneurship Policy Toolkit. The toolkit is aimed at innovators who want to transform their entrepreneurial ecosystems. The toolkit focuses on the technical considerations needed to develop policies and legislation that meaningfully support the growth of startups and SMEs across Africa. If you are passionate about entrepreneurship and would like to initiate or take part in an entrepreneurship policy co-creation process in your country, we encourage you to visit the platform and explore the materials, navigate the wiki or download the toolkit in PDF format. The Toolkit will be updated early 2023. You can access it here: <https://ecosystem.build/>

#### B) Policymaker Training

- We developed a 4-module online Entrepreneurship Policy course spanning 4 weeks. The course offered a solid grounding in policy development, offering innovative tools, resources, guest speakers and access to a peer-learning policy network.
- We selected and trained 13 policymakers from 10 different countries, providing up to 114 hours' worth of training. The course filled a clear niche and was very well received. Self-reported knowledge of entrepreneurship policy increased significantly and the course was considered very relevant (4.6 out of 5) and overall satisfaction was rated high (4.4 out of 5).

### 3. Development of the Citizen Engagement Platform

Together with **AUDA-NEPAD**, The Innovation for Policy Foundation is spearheading the development of a digital Citizen Engagement Platform (CEP). The need to adopt various digital and non-digital approaches to effectively empower citizens to have a greater say in shaping policy design, foster innovation, and create a culture of co-creation of solutions must be urgently addressed.

The development of the CEP is in line with Agenda 2063. By placing citizens at the heart of efforts to attain continental integration, prosperity, and development, Agenda 2063 marks a significant paradigm shift by acknowledging that sovereignty rests with the people. At the core of this assertion is the active participation of citizens as a critical catalyst for the attainment of peace, good governance, and prosperity of the continent. The platform will have two levels of engagement, at an AU level and at a country/institution level.

The purpose of the platform will be:



- **Hosting:** Policy-makers and organizations that use the consultation software to consult their citizens, communities, and/or beneficiaries.



- **Engaging:** Citizens and others using the platform to be informed, to consult and to collaborate. Organizations



- **Co-Creating:** Governments and individual software developers and civic engagement specialists that contribute to the open source code, and/or deploy the software.

#### 4. Demo.Reset

Earlier this year we collaborated with Colombian **Extituto de Política Abierta** on **Demo.Reset**. Demo.reset is an initiative aimed at finding tools and solutions from all parts of the world to strengthen social, political and collective leadership in political innovation practices so that they can influence, occupy and inhabit decision making spaces, based on the pillars of Open Government and making use of civic technologies.

#### 5. Pan-African Youth Assembly: Youth Policy Paper

Together with Meta, we organized and hosted the first edition of the Pan-African Youth Assembly. We convened young Africans to come together, connect, share experiences, and good practices and engage with their communities using different advocacy resources we brought to them. The Pan-African Youth Assembly (#pAYA) aims to increase community and youth leaders' participation in policy-making processes by strengthening knowledge, understanding and civic engagement. The event included two music performances by Eddie Grey (Kenya) and Mehdi Qamoum (Morocco), talks, panels, co-creation session; We presented the co-created Youth Paper, the Youth Manifesto with The Youth Cafe, but also The Youth standards Project with Consortium Jeunesse Senegal.

Read the **Youth Policy Paper** [here](#)



## 6. National Processes



**In Nigeria**, the Start-Up Bill was signed into law in October 2022. This law will play a major role in the development of Start-Ups in Nigeria. The Nigerian government, in partnership with the state levels, is currently pushing the implementation of the law.



**In DRC**, the Start-Up Act was passed on the 8th of September, 2022. On November 12, 2019, the DRC StartUp Act process was initiated. Over 10 co-creation events were held in total. The Startup Act resulted in two years of co-creation and advocacy to enable a framework to support entrepreneurship, innovation, and youth employment. With ecosystem partners, public stakeholders, the private sector, and international partners.

Last November we hosted a conference together with the Embassy of the Netherlands, convening Congolese ecosystem players as well as policymakers from Nigeria, Senegal and Ghana to share best practices, perspectives and start a conversation on the application of the startup act.



**In Togo**, We have supported the recruitment of a legal expert who has conducted an analysis of the current regulatory environment and a map of best practices in other African countries to promote the growth of start-ups and digital economy actors and have supported his work. Following this preparatory work, the ICR Facility, who is leading the process with the office of GIZ in Togo, has coordinated with RISAT (Réseau des Structures d'Accompagnement du Togo) to prepare an advocacy paper calling for a greater dialogue between start-ups and public authorities, as well as coordination in law-making processes for reforms applying to the digital economy.,



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**In Botswana,** we trained 10 members of the government on the ADDIS Process (Decision Thinking) to carry out a Policy Hackathon in October.



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**In Mauritania,** following the request to support the Startup Act from the Innovation Ministry, we have advised the Ministry and Deloitte Tunisia, who are leading the process, on the engagement of the ecosystem. We have participated in interviews with ecosystem players, to understand their needs & challenges and we have provided knowledge on the i4Policy methodology in order to ensure the process remains inclusive. Following this, in early November, Deloitte and the Ministry hosted the first co-creation activity with the ecosystem in Nouakchott. In the next few months, similar activities will be organized and the drafting work of the Act will commence. We also aim to support the government in the deployment of a public consultation using our platform and tools.



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**In Uganda,** a process to establish a Start-Up Act has been initiated by the government together with the startup ecosystem. After training ecosystem enablers in Uganda, Startup Uganda continued to push for a startup act process. In October 2022 a workshop was held with the Cabinet Secretariat and the ecosystem with the aim to reach a common understanding about startups, innovation hubs, and the main challenges the ecosystem faced. During this workshop we shared the rationale for pushing entrepreneurship policies and lessons learned from other countries.



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**In Zambia,** after training different members of the innovation ecosystem on participatory policy reform, different efforts are being made by ecosystem members and the government to co-create a StartUp Act in Zambia. The Ministry of Science & Technology has called for an inclusive process leading to the adoption of an Act early 2023. We are engaging with the ministry to provide support where needed.



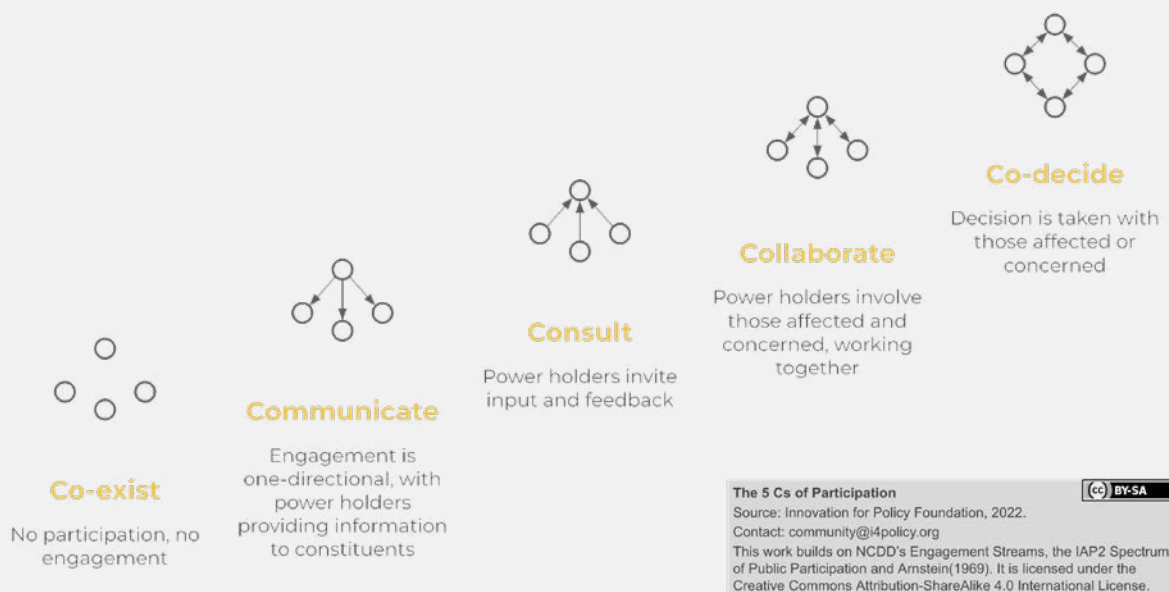
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**In Rwanda,** the Startup Act is approaching the finish line. A draft has been developed, discussed and reiterated. We provided technical and legal advice to the drafting committee under the leadership of MINCT, after leading the participatory approach consulting entrepreneurs, citizens and experts last year.

## 7. Ontologies Addis Process



We have further developed our decision thinking methodology.  
**Political Spaces & Participation Drivers**



## 8. Participatory policies for inclusive Artificial Intelligence

We jointly published a report to distill 10 important lessons for policy makers that will serve as best practices for governments, private sector and the technical community to enable and develop AI applications designed towards fair and responsible AI.

The report is the result of a cooperation between i4Policy and UNESCO, and builds on the output of co-creation workshops, expert interviews, an analysis of case studies, in-house expertise and experience with multi-stakeholder approaches globally.

Read the complete report [here](#).



## LOOKING FORWARD

### 9. AEDIB: Policy Hackathon Handbook

Next year, we are going to launch our Policy Hackathon Handbook. The Policy Hackathon Handbook is a guide for governments around the world to organize a one day long event that supports the co-creation of policies between civil society and government entities. The Policy Hackathon format follows the traditional hackathon where change makers in the ecosystem are given 24 hrs to put their ideas together & come up with the best solution on how to tackle the most pressing issues in their communities. Through this collaborative process, decision makers are equipped with the tools to create policies that are more relevant, meaningful and effective for all.

### 10. Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) Launch

Next year we will launch a Massive Open Online Course transforming the Entrepreneurship Policy Toolkit into engaging learning content. The MOOC will be a self-directed series of modules covering the most important aspects of entrepreneurship policies. It will be open and accessible to all.

Want to be the first to learn about its launch? Get in touch with us on [ept@i4policy.org](mailto:ept@i4policy.org)

### 11. The Policy Taskforce

We co-created a pan-African Policy Task force co-led by Smart Africa Alliance, i4Policy and The Tony Blair Institute, where challenges and learnings around the development and implementation of tech startup policies, such as Startup Acts, can be shared. The network will bring together policymakers, investors, big tech, and startup support organizations such as incubators and accelerators, to share best practices, key insights, and challenges and to co-create solutions.

i4Policy will share with the task force expertise and technical support, specifically on entrepreneurship and startup policies as well as evidence-based participatory policymaking methodologies and relevant tools regarding this topic.

### 12. Shiriki Platform

We are in the process of building an open source repository of modern gov-tech software and protocols in the Global South for the Global South, to support consultation and co-creation between citizens and governments. The Shiriki platform will aim to be an easy-to-deploy, fit-for-purpose, co-owned and directed gov tech for governments across the global south (and for African governments in particular). The Shiriki platform will be based on advanced technology principles - microservice architecture, including orchestration and containerization, to enable the tools and their utilization to evolve and scale infinitely.



With the Shiriki platform, i4Policy wants to establish an inclusive governance structure for the leadership of the open source repository. The vision is to have the governance of the software project to be as radical as the software itself, and we're exploring different models to support inclusion and community ownership. Want to be a part of this? Get in touch with us on: [cep@i4policy.org](mailto:cep@i4policy.org)

### **13. Advocacy Toolkit**

*Advocating for the 'People's Declaration'*

In the coming year we will share our advocacy toolkit. This toolkit will support different communities to organize advocacy events to further the impact of the people's declaration and our collective efforts to battle climate change through more equitable and just climate policies.

Want to contribute/Interested in this toolkit? Get in touch with us on: [community@i4policy.org](mailto:community@i4policy.org)

We wish you another beautiful year ahead.

With love,  
**The i4Policy family**

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**The Future is Co-Created**

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