



Rome AI Hub Ecosystem Event

AI Diffusion Pathways: The Frontier is Collaboration

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List of Startups

1. Trust sector

Company	CEO/Founder	Country	Solution	Description	Website	Contact
Oomus	Meïssa Seck	Senegal	Centralised digital campaign and programme-management platform unifying communication, data and execution.	Oomus provides digital infrastructure for beneficiary identification, campaign execution and auditability in public-service and health programmes. Its platform supports secure digital identity workflows, offline verification, fraud controls, multi-channel delivery and end-to-end traceability.	oomus.org	ceo@oomus.org
Solis Microfinance	Anthony Abakisi	Ghana	Microfinance provider serving individuals and SMEs in Ghana's mobile-money ecosystem.	Solis provides digital savings, lending and payment services in Ghana, with mobile onboarding using Ghana Card and registered mobile-money accounts. Its platform enables customers to open savings accounts, link mobile wallets, transfer funds and access credit through digital channels.	solisfinance.com	support@solisfinance.com
Hasab	Kidus Yared Kifle	Ethiopia	Voice and language AI platform for African languages.	Hasab AI develops voice and text technologies for transcription, translation, text-to-speech and developer integrations, with support for languages including Amharic, Afaan Oromo and Tigrinya. Its tools are designed for applications such as conversational services, content processing and enterprise workflows.	hasab.ai	kidus@hasab.ai
Uzima Nexus	Prudence Ibila	Kenya	AI- and blockchain-powered healthcare operating system.	Integrates electronic health records, telemedicine, diagnostics, medical supply chains and health analytics into one ecosystem for providers, governments, insurers and patients. The live product has early users in Kenya and handles personal, health and financial data.	uzimanexus.com	maasealvin@uzimanexus.com
Crane AI Labs	Kato Steven Mubiru	Kenya	Offline-first sovereign AI infrastructure using on-device AI.	Crane AI Labs develops sovereign, offline-first AI infrastructure for low-connectivity environments, combining hyper-efficient on-device models, African-language capabilities and applications across health, education and agriculture. It supports culturally	craneailabs.com	kato.steven60@gmail.com

				grounded AI evaluation and has been integrated into the UK Government's Inspect Evals framework.		
Horus Labs	Raymond Ononiwu	Rwanda	Modular, renewable-powered data centres for sovereign AI and cloud infrastructure.	Horus Labs is building modular, AI-ready compute infrastructure in Africa, combining prefabricated liquid-cooled data centres with self-service access to local GPU and CPU resources. The company is developing its flagship 1 MW facility in Rwanda in partnership with Schneider Electric and Control Plane Corporation.	horuslabs.io	raymond@horuslabs.io

2. Talent sector

Company	CEO / Founder	Country	Solution	Description	Website	Contact
PAWA AI	Winnie Mangeni	Kenya	Open-source, low-code AI platform for African languages.	A Swahili-first, low-code platform enabling businesses and communities to build AI agents for education, agriculture, finance and public services. It serves more than 70,000 users, 10,000 developers and 10 local companies.	pawa-ai.com	Winnie.mangeni@pawa-ai.com
Digital Umuganda	Audace Niyonkuru	Rwanda	Language AI and open-data infrastructure for African languages.	Builds open-source datasets, language models and libraries for African languages, covering more than 25 languages across 20 countries and approximately 15,000 hours of open speech data. It is also developing an LLM-powered voice tutoring tool to strengthen community health workers' skills.	digitalumuganda.com	audace@digitalumuganda.com
Armstrong Education	Ali Wahba	Egypt	AI-powered education platform combining AI tutors, robotics and	Delivers a plug-and-play STEAM learning platform for K-12 schools, combining AI tutors, robotics labs, adaptive curricula, teacher training	armstrongedu.com/	ali@armstrong.courses



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Development



			adaptive learning	and certification; active across MENA and Africa and has trained over 90,000 students.		
Vambo AI	Chido Dzinotiwe i	Kenya	Multilingual AI infrastructure layer for African languages .	Provides locally trained foundation models, including Jua-Tanga, and open APIs through Vambo Studio for more than 44 African languages, enabling developers and governments to build once and scale across translation, transcription and semantic-search use cases.	<u>vambo.ai</u>	chido@vambo.ai

3. Agriculture & Geospatial imaging

Company	CEO / Founder	Country	Solution	Description	Website	Contact
Jokalante	Ndeye Amy Kebe	Senegal	Voice-based agricultural and climate advisory in local languages.	The NAFOORE platform reaches farmers through radio, SMS and AI voice calls in Wolof, Pulaar and Sereer, in partnership with ANACIM, Senegal's national meteorological agency. It has reached more than 125,000 farmers and fishers across all 11 regions.	jokalante.com	ndeyeamy.kebe@jokalante.com
Netagrow Technologies	Nchimunya Munyama	Zambia	AI and IoT-enabled Smart farming platform with local-language advisory.	Delivers crop-disease detection, soil analysis and advisory services in local languages, expanding from two to seven languages. It operates in 194 locations with more than 3,600 active users and is supported by the Government of Zambia and UNDP's Accelerator Lab.	netagrow.com	munyama01@gmail.com
DeepLeaf	El Mahdi Aboulmanade I	Morocco	AI agronomist and crop-diagnostics platform using computer vision, satellite and field data.	Provides real-time crop-health diagnostics through computer vision and is evolving into a broader	deepleaf.io	ceo@deepleaf.io

				agricultural-intelligence layer combining satellite, weather, soil and field data. Services are delivered through mobile, WhatsApp and voice, with API and SDK integration for partner platforms.		
NextAV	Hichem Mokni	Tunisia	AI-enhanced satellite imagery for precision agriculture and environmental monitoring.	Enhances public satellite imagery from sources including Sentinel and Landsat by up to 60x using proprietary AI super-resolution, enabling affordable, near-real-time monitoring for energy grids, agriculture and climate resilience without relying on costly commercial imagery.	nextav.io	hichem.mokni@nextav.ai
DAS - Data Analytic Solutions	Marland Niceme ISSANGOU	Republic of the Congo	AI and data-solutions company with a focus on digital agriculture and business intelligence.	DAS provides data analytics, AI, automation and digital-development services. Its AI-Forest platform applies satellite data, yield prediction, weather and soil monitoring to agricultural management, supporting crop monitoring, irrigation and input optimisation.	das-congo.tech/ h/	marlandniceme@gmail.com