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ABAN and African Angel Academy Sign MOU to Strengthen Angel Investor Capacity Across Africa

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The African Business Angel Network (ABAN) and the African Angel Academy (AAA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen angel investor capacity and expand access to practical investment education for investors across Africa.

The partnership will create opportunities for ABAN's investor community to access structured learning, practical tools and peer connections designed to support more informed and active participation in early-stage investing. This move comes as the African Angel Academy, in partnership with ABAN, launches the Angel Investing Learning Programme, a five-week programme designed exclusively for members of the ABAN community, providing a practical opportunity to put the partnership framework into action.



"*Building a stronger angel investment ecosystem requires more than increasing the number of investors. It requires giving investors the knowledge, tools, and networks to make informed investment decisions and support the companies they back,*" said **Fadilah Tchoumba, CEO of ABAN**. "*This partnership with the African Angel Academy strengthens our capacity-building efforts and creates another pathway for investors across our network to develop their skills and deepen their engagement with early-stage investing*."

The African Angel Academy was established to grow the number of active angel investors across the continent through practical education and knowledge sharing. Viridian and Invhestia Africa Limited, formerly *ViKtoria Ventures*, developed the programme with support from ABAN, and it has trained and connected hundreds of emerging angel investors across Africa.



"Africa's early-stage ecosystem grows when more Africans are ready to invest, and ready to invest well. For Africans to own more of Africa's wealth, we need shared ownership of that future," **said Fiona Kiruja, CEO of the African Angel Academy.** *"That means more Africans backing the founders building*

on this continent, more professionals and operators finding their entry point into early-stage investing, and more high-net-worth individuals mobilizing the capital that already exists here. The African Angel Academy exists to give investors across the continent and in the diaspora the training, coaching and peer networks to invest with confidence. Our partnership with the African Business Angel Network reflects a shared vision for that future: more Africans backing African founders, with the skill and conviction to do it well."

The programme covers four core modules from the African Angel Academy (AAA) curriculum: *Due Diligence, Deal Structuring, Valuations and Negotiations*, combining expert instruction with practical exercises and peer learning. Designed for active angel investors within the ABAN community, it aims to strengthen investment decision-making and deal-making skills. Participants who complete the programme will receive an AAA certificate of completion and retain access to course materials for two months. The initiative reinforces ABAN's commitment to investor capacity building and strengthening Africa's early-stage investment ecosystem.

The African Angel Academy has similarly focused on building practical investing capabilities while creating a community where angels can share knowledge, opportunities, and experiences. ABAN's 2024 Angel Investment Survey noted that more than 700 angels across 26 countries had participated in AAA by 2024. Under the partnership, ABAN Angels can access a 20% discount on the Angel Investing Learning Programme fee of **US$ 350 f**or groups of at least 20 participants, creating a more accessible route for members who want to strengthen their investment capabilities together.

The partnership builds on the shared commitment of ABAN and the African Angel Academy to strengthen practical investing capabilities and foster knowledge-sharing among angel investors. ABAN's 2024 Angel Investment Survey found that more than 700 angels across 26 countries had participated in AAA programmes, reflecting the Academy's contribution to investor capacity building across the continent. As part of the partnership, ABAN Angels enrolling in groups of at least 20 will receive a 20% discount on the US$350 programme fee, making specialised investor training more accessible to members.

Applications are now open for the Angel Investing Learning Programme, which runs from **8 February to 10 March 2027**. Interested investors can find more information about the programme and submit their applications through the links below:

1. More details about the Programme
2. Application process

For further information about the partnership, media enquiries, interview requests or high-resolution images, please contact our Communications Lead, Amimo Achillah, via amimo@abanangels.org

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About ABAN

The African Business Angel Network (ABAN) is the largest pan-African organisation of angel investors on the continent. Established in 2015, ABAN represents the growing number of business angel groups in

Africa's early-stage ecosystems, providing vital human and financial capital to African startups and creating jobs across the continent. Now active in 38 African countries and the diaspora, ABAN brings together 75+ member networks and more than 5,000 angel investors committed to fuelling early-stage innovation. To learn more about ABAN's work and how you can be part of Africa's thriving entrepreneurial future, visit the ABAN website.

About AAA

Africa Angel Academy is an African-led initiative that trains and supports angel investors and early-stage investors to actualize their investment objectives through training, coaching, networking, and showcasing of investment opportunities. In partnership with leading early-stage investors across the continent, the Academy has developed a self-paced online course and resources that guide investors as they embark on their investment journeys. Since inception, the Academy has trained over 900 investors across 33+ African countries, mentored 26+ angel groups, curated and catalyzed 217 deals, and supported alumni who have collectively deployed $7.2m+ into African startups. With 55% women participation, the Academy is building an active, inclusive, and coordinated angel investor layer across the continent and diaspora. Our mission is to grow the number of active angel investors focused on the continent and catalyse local early-stage investing and startup ecosystems. Visit the AAA website for more details.