

KBI and Ki-Hub.

- KNUST is the leading public Science and Technology university in Ghana, it was established in 1951 to support science and industrial activities in then Gold Coast.
- The Centre for Business Development is a Unit under the Vice-Chancellor's office charged with entrepreneurship-oriented practice and Industry relationship. The Centre was placed under the VC to eliminate administrative bureaucracies.
- Since the Centre is self-financing, it sources for its own money to meet its budget.
- The Business Incubator was established by the Centre in 2015 to support interdisciplinary entrepreneurship activities of students and research teams.
- Over the period of 6 years, KBI has nurtured over 80 start-ups thereby creating over 400 direct and about 1200 indirect jobs.
- Concentration is on digital technologies, innovations, hardware, and smart agriculture, etc.
- The Centre has also established a Makers' Space to aid in state-of-the-art prototyping and computer-based designs.

Operations

- The Centre has strong collaboration with industry such as Chamber of Commerce, Association of Ghana Industries and Association of Small-Scale Industries.
- The Centre is negotiating for its members to Junior members of the Chamber.
- Currently, the Centre is encouraging more women to participate in our programmes by putting in place an affirmative action.
- By way of extension services, CBD is also mentoring about 18 individual public, private and technical universities in Ghana by way of technical support in the establishment of entrepreneurship centres in their various universities.
- KNUST has also established an intellectual property desk to ensure the facilitation of the patents and other forms of intellectual property.

Other Activities at CBD

- In addition to students, the facility is open to staff, researchers and people from the community.
- When freshers come each academic year, we start with Entrepreneurship Clinic where we invite a number of accomplished entrepreneurs to inspire and motivate students with their experience in business.
- We also have a mentorship programme with these accomplished entrepreneurs.
- Our 7-Member Board of Directors of the Incubator is Chaired by a Managing Director or a multinational bank, with three private sector members, two three professors and the Head of the Centre.
- Enterprise development at KNUST is under a different Board.