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Dear readers,

We proudly send you the second edition of the Orange Corners Impact newsletter. The first edition was received very positively and we continue to inform you on the Orange Corners activities and the impact we make.

The past months were quite busy: Several ministers visited our projects, we organized a conference on angel investment in Angola and we participated in this year's WTPO awards, where we finished in the top 5 in the category for 'Best initiative to ensure that trade is inclusive and sustainable'. For more information have a look at our [Website](#).

We also interviewed several Orange Corners participants on their entrepreneurial drive and Orange Corners participation. We wish you lots of reading fun!

Kind regards, Orange Corners HQ

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Incubation and Acceleration



Minister Hoekstra visits Orange Corners Palestinian Territories

The Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs, Wopke Hoekstra, visited Orange Corners Palestine Territories. Together with Palestinian startups he talked about the Palestinian ecosystem and the need for further development of young entrepreneurs. The Orange Corners programme will help these startups to further grow their business and the Palestinian economy. For more information on Orange Corners Palestinian Territories, have a look at our website: [Palestinian Territories – Orange Corners](#)

Interview with Derrick Sarfo,



owner of DercolBags

In 2015, the city of Accra, Ghana, was flooded, costing more than 200 lives. One of the main causes was choked drainages, due to single-used plastics. This was the reason for Derrick Sarfo to start his company in paper packaging materials. In this interview with Orange Corners he tells about his inspiration, his Orange Corners participation and his plans for the future. Read his inspiring story here: [Interview Derrick Sarfo-DercolBags](#)



Interview with Younes Ouazri, CEO of Eco-dôme

Orange Corners interviewed entrepreneur Younes Ouazri, CEO and founder of Eco-dôme Maroc. Younes is a civil engineer from Rabat and alumni from the Orange Corners La Caravane programme. He wanted to build affordable and sustainable houses and with Eco-dôme he realized this dream. Eco-dôme Maroc is an ecological construction company that constructs houses and infrastructure for the development of rural communities by exploiting local resources, in particular natural earth. You can read the full interview: [here](#)



Gender



Orange Corners Senegal starts 3rd cohort with 60% female entrepreneurs

Haskè Ventures, the new implementing partner of Orange Corners Senegal, selected 20 Senegalese entrepreneurs for the third cohort, from a pool of 330 applications. Of the selected entrepreneurs, 60% are women. They are active in various sectors, such as agri-processing, media, health and fashion. Supporting female entrepreneurship is in the DNA of Haskè Ventures. They have a track record in supporting female entrepreneurs, but they also keep a close eye on the gender-balance within their own team (60% female). Haskè Ventures is very much looking forward to start the cohort with these amazing entrepreneurs.



Acces to finance



First Angolan Conference on the Social Impact of Angel Networks

The first-ever angel investment conference entitled "Angel Investment for Social Good Conference" in Angola



took place at the beginning of June. The aim was to put angel investing on the map in Angola. Important keynote speakers were: Tsjerd Hoekstra, the Dutch ambassador to Angola; Alexandra Fraser, founder of a.o. the African Angel Academy and Zachariah George, managing partner of Launch Africa Ventures. The conference was organised by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Luanda, GP Angola, CAIA and Orange Corners. Read the full press release here: [Angolan angel conference](#)

Launch of OCIF Baghdad and Erbil

KAPITA (Orange Corners Baghdad) signed a MoU with the National Bank of Iraq to launch the Orange Corner Innovation Fund (OCIF) in Baghdad. The MoU signing was attended by Liesje Schreinemacher, the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of Netherlands. Read the full press release here: [OCIF Baghdad and NBI](#). In the same week Orange Corners Erbil and GroFin announced a new partnership to provide OCIF to local startups, as part of the Orange Corners programme in Kurdistan, northern Iraq. You can find all the information here: [partnership OC Erbil and GroFin Iraq](#).



Private Partners



AstraZeneca and Orange Corners Jordan and Palestinian Territories sign LOI

Orange Corners and AstraZeneca signed a LOI to support the Orange Corners programme in Jordan and the Palestinian Territories. The partnership focuses on creating an enabling environment for young entrepreneurs. As part of the collaboration, AstraZeneca will provide funding to the programme through its Young Health Programma, an holistic and integrated community investment programme, focused on connecting adolescents to health and wellbeing. The signing of the LOI marks an ambition to expand the already existing partnership with Orange Corners in South Africa to other countries and regions. More information: [Press release AstraZeneca](#)



Knowledge

Brainstorm on the future of entrepreneurship education in



DRC

Orange Corners also works in K2K programmes on entrepreneurship education. The Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship (ECE) with support of Ingenious City (Orange Corners DRC) organized a training for 24 professors and teachers of seven Congolese higher education institutions. This enables them to develop entrepreneurial training modules for their students. Orange Corners HQ visited ECE to have a brainstorm on the future of entrepreneurship education in DRC.



Changemakers



CoCreateMyCity in Korhogo, Ivory Coast

CoCreateMyCity is a student competition where students co-create entrepreneurial solutions to local challenges. The students are supported by various experts and mentors. Last week a CoCreateMyCity took place in Korhogo, Ivory Coast, with students of UPCG (Université Pelefero Gon Coulibaly). During the CCMC the students learned to work with the principles of Design Thinking, putting the end-user at the heart of the solution, while solving 4 local SDG related challenges. An example of a challenge is 'How might we train illiterate farmers/breeders in sustainable farm management?' For each problem the student groups came up with 8 solutions, the crazy8 exercise! This year, two more CCMC's will be organized in Ivory Coast.

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