

## What external conditions have influenced this STS formation?

iHub Research emerged in part because of a gap in the market for relevant research for the general tech community in Kenya (C.Orwa). The need for verifiable data on and insights into the Kenya market and region was a key factor (W.Ndaiga). Existing within one key node of the tech ecosystem in Kenya – the iHub - was a strong value proposition for iHub Research [because it enabled] direct, constant and consistent engagement with the innovators, as well as building links with communities of would-be users of the emerging innovations (N.Sambuli). A productive tension for iHub Research was navigating the balance between producing relevant work in the service of the Kenyan technology sector while simultaneously acting as a grounding point of reference to remind technology evangelists that technology does not exist in a vacuum but emerges out of and operates within a particular sociocultural context (A.Okune).

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### iHub Research (2011 - 2017): A Critical Technology Action Research Group Within Nairobi's Flagship Tech Innovation Hub



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