**Press Release**

**Dkar Innovation Center**

The center is comprised of the Workshop space and ICT Space. The Workshop space is comprised of various power tools, hand powered tools and material, whilst the ICT space has 4 desktops and 3 laptops, a printer and wireless internet.

The terms and conditions for the **Workshop Space** are as follows:

1. It will operate every day except on Sundays and holidays.
2. It will operate from 8am – 12.30pm and from 3pm -7.30pm on the stipulated days.
3. It will be free and open for use by community members who sign up as members.
4. It will be free and open for use by Individuals **(who are not members)** who bring their own material.
5. All material usage for Individuals **(who are not members)** and visitors to Dkar will be charged at cost of the material used.
6. It will conduct free Hands-on Modern Skill Builder Trainings to the community twice a month.
7. It will conduct Hands-on Traditional Skill Builder Trainings at a small cost of 150 per person to Visitors to Dkar.
8. All Innovation Center Technologies can be rented out for a small fee that will be paid to the center.
9. **Benefits to Members**

* Free access to use material and tools to develop low cost technologies that can address livelihood challenges in Dkar and surrounding settlements.
* Small grants after assessment to help with buying material or tools or for venture development.
* Free Mentorship and Technical advisory.
* Business Development or Technology development support up to market penetration and manufacturability. A 10% share of profits after sale of the technology or products of the technology will be retained by the center for 3 years.

1. **Expected Responsibilities of Members**

* To sign up as member and every time they visit the workshop.
* To help clean up the workshop at least twice a month.
* To uphold workshop rules and safety.
* To help train other community members.
* To help with Exhibitions and Outreach events of the center.
* To attend most of the IDIN Dkar chapter events and meetings.

The Terms and Conditions for the **ICT Space** are as follows:

1. It will operate every day except on Sundays and Holidays.
2. It will operate from 8am – 12.30pm and from 3pm -7.30pm on the stipulated days.
3. It will be free and open for use by community members who sign up as members.
4. It will be free and open for use by Individuals **(who are not members)** who bring their own laptops or want to use our available devices.
5. It will conduct free ICT Literacy Training to the community members once a month.
6. It will provide printing services at P0.50 per page A4 (Black and White).
7. It will provide printing services at P1.50 per page A4 (Colour)
8. It will provide printing services at P3.00 per page A3 (Black and White)
9. It will provide printing services at P5.00 per page A3 (Colour)
10. It will sell the following internet vouchers to the community members and visitors to Dkar.

**Card Board** - 10MB, expires in 1 hour - **P5**

**PVC Pipe**- 25MB, expires in 1 day- **P20**

**Plywood** – 100 MB, expires in 1 week – **P50**

**Sledge Hammer**- 500MB, expires in 1 day- **P75**

**Steel** – 500MB, expires in 1 month – **P150**

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