ANDE IN SOUTH AFRICA

The South Africa Chapter is made up of more than 50 members who work to support small and growing businesses (SGBs). 20 of these members have their headquarters in South Africa. Members benefit from the opportunity to network with and learn from other like-minded organizations, as well as to gain links to ANDE’s extensive regional and global activities, all while working together to support South Africa’s SGBs. The South Africa Chapter is based in Johannesburg and serves intermediary organizations in South Africa.

OUR WORK, EVENTS, & PUBLICATIONS

NETWORKING

STATE OF THE SGB SECTOR DINNER & QUIZ
Each year, the ANDE South Africa chapter holds a State of the SGB Sector Dinner and Quiz. This event is an opportunity for supporters of South African entrepreneurship to gain new insights on the sector—and connect with each other in an interactive way. Over a three-course meal, attendees hear from both entrepreneurs and ANDE leaders, receive the latest findings on the industry from cutting-edge local and global research, and are given space to share their own reports on a research wall.

HAPPY HOURS
At our regular informal networking functions at trendy South African venues, ANDE SA members are given the opportunity to network and create partnerships in the sector—over a drink and good food.

MEMBER ONLY LUNCHES
Once a quarter, ANDE SA provides key members with an intimate opportunity to network and get to know each others work. We hope this will encourage collaboration between members.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING

METRICS, IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND LEARNING LABS
We host a Metrics Learning Lab and hold in-person and virtual working groups to learn and collaborate on topics such as industry standards, measuring outcomes, and measurement along the 'impact value chain. These workshops are held both in Cape Town and Johannesburg. In 2017, we launched the Metrics Catalyst Fund, which was developed to encourage our members to work together to solve a specific ecosystem challenge in the South African metrics landscape.

INCUBATOR & ACCELERATOR ROUNDTABLES AND KNOWLEDGE BRIEF
In 2017 and 2018 we held a series of four roundtables on the accelerator and incubator landscape in South Africa and published a knowledge brief based on these roundtables in 2018. We will hold another series of roundtables in 2019 to continue these discussions.

CORPORATE ROUNDTABLES
We recognize the important role that corporations play in small business development in South Africa, as well as the opportunities and complexities that the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) codes raise. In our corporate roundtables, we provide a space for small groups to discuss and share the best ways to ensure a more effective, mutually beneficial and systemic approach to working with SGBs.

IMPACT INVESTING ROUNDTABLES
We hold a series of impact investing roundtables, each focusing on different themes. These roundtables provide a space for impact investors and interested commercial investors to build and share knowledge and expertise.

STRENGTHENING THE ECOSYSTEM

ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM SNAPSHOTs
ANDE SA has completed several iterations of snapshots of the South Africa entrepreneurial ecosystem. These reports identify the players who provide capacity development and/or financial support to entrepreneurs in South Africa’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. The snapshot enables the ANDE South Africa chapter and its members to prioritize underserved areas that require additional focus and collaboration and promotes partnership opportunities.