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### **IBM Research Africa**

The goal of the IBM lab is to commercial research in Africa through commercially viable innovations that impact peoples' lives. IBM is engaging throughout Africa to lend muscle to a wide variety of capacity building efforts. The lab is running various efforts, including several internship programs, courses taught at universities, hacker camps for children, and multiple in-depth engagements with the innovation community in Africa.

### **Attachment Dates**

June to July 2014

### **Functions Performed**

Exploratory research

Design thinking

Experimentation and prototyping

### **What was Learnt**

Managing user expectations

Translation user needs to functional and non-functional requirements during development of solution.

### **Benefits of the Attachment**

Training on technical and interpersonal skills through a Bluemix workshop on Platform as a service based on cloud foundry. Talks on selection of graduate schools and business integrity.