

# Scaling for Growth: Becoming Investment Ready



### **Becoming Investment Ready**

- 1. Company Valuation
- 2. Digital Marketing
- 3. Financial Considerations
- 4. Legal Matters
- 5. Sales & Market Analysis
- 6. Strategy for Fund Raising
- 7. Gearing up for Venture Capital





#### 1. Company Valuation

What is my company worth?

Equity: how much should I give away?

 Capital injections: how do they affect my company valuation?

What do investors look for?





### 2. Digital Media

Search engine optimisation

Mobile and Social media:











Online reputation management

Viral Marketing





#### 3. Financial Considerations (i)

- Sources of finance (debt and equity):
  - 3 Fs
  - Banks, Angels and VCs
  - Crowd Funding: Kickstarter, IndieGogo



- Grants e.g. Infodev-Mobile Application Lab (e.g. <a href="http://www.startupafrica.com/2010/05/grant-available-for-mobile-application-lab">http://www.startupafrica.com/2010/05/grant-available-for-mobile-application-lab</a>).
- Incubators (e.g. Afrilab:



First and cheapest funding solution: find customers!!





#### 3. Financial Considerations (ii)

Financial instruments that need to be understood

Forecasts and accounting

• Exit Routes i.e. the Investor's Perspective e.g. MBO, IPO, Sale





#### 4. Legal Matters

 Intellectual property e.g. patents, copyright, trademarks and design rights

IPR exploitation as a revenue stream

Contracts and other agreements





#### 5. Sales & Market Analysis

Sales funnel

The buying cycle: AIDA

4Ps: Product, Price, Place and Promotion

Competition and risk analysis: SWOT & PESTLE





#### 6. Strategy for Fund Raising

- Proof of Concept/Market
- Structure the team
- Choose Investment Strategy
- Investment Documents
- Negotiation
- Transaction





## 7. Gearing up for Venture Capital (teaser for tomorrow)

- Golden rules and common misconceptions
- The investment process including key points and time scales

 Deal structuring: entrepreneur/investors point of view

Post-investment focus





#### Questions

Thank you for your time

Please feel free to ask any questions







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