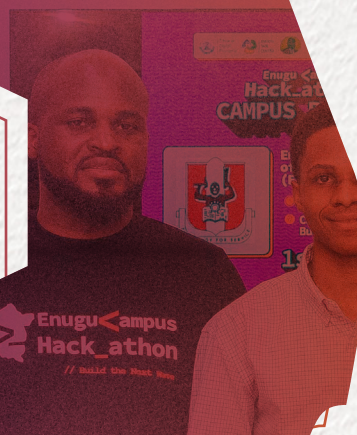


Enugu Campus Hack_athon

Grand Finale

Date: 20 February 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM

Venue: ICC Enugu (International Conference Centre)

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President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency,
Sen Kashim Shettima GCON
Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah
Executive Governor of Enugu State



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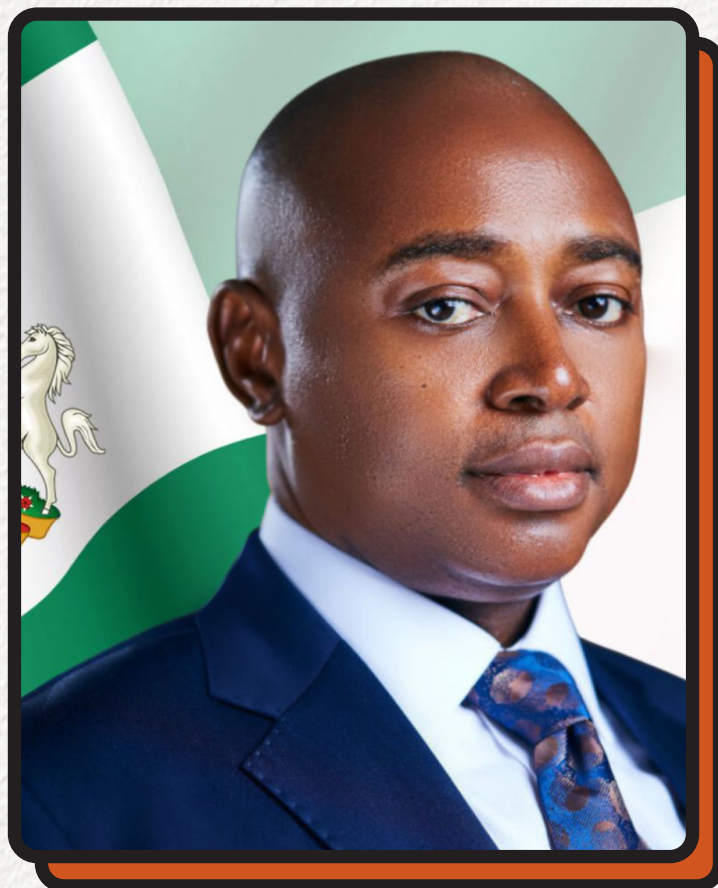
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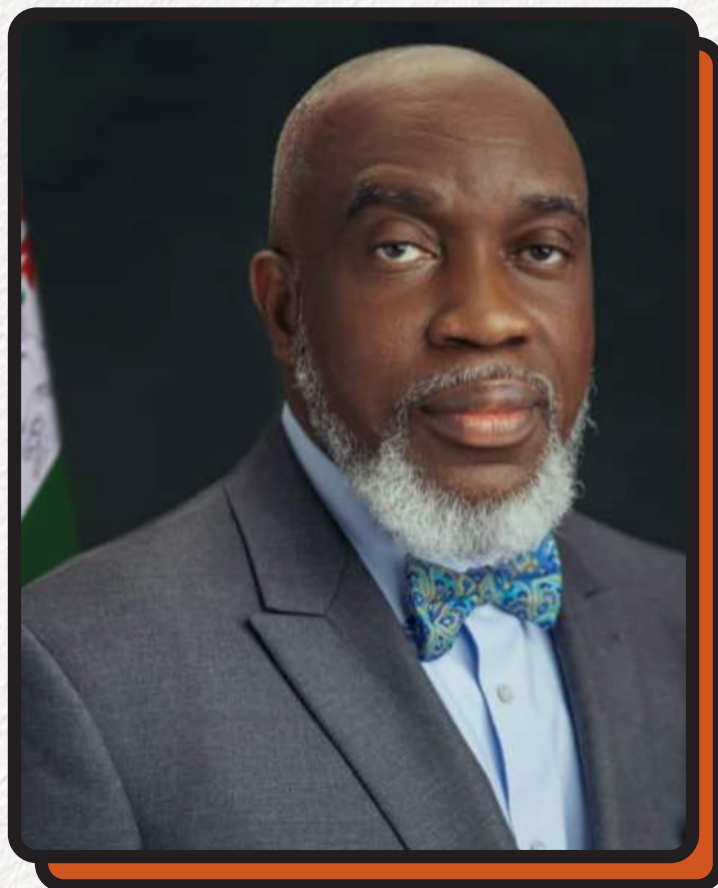


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Message from His Excellency,

Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah



When I committed to growing Enugu State's economy to \$30 billion, it was with a clear understanding that productivity, innovation, and disciplined execution would drive that transformation. Growth at that scale requires a private-sector-led economy enabled by smart government where systems are predictable, infrastructure is modern, and talent is continuously developed.

The first edition of the Enugu Campus Hackathon is not an event; it is an economic pipeline. It identifies high-potential innovators and prepares them for structured incubation at our Enugu Tech and Innovation Hub (Norrskan Concept), where ideas transition into investable startups with access to mentorship, global networks, and capital pathways. Future editions will expand into Government Tech and sector-focused innovation tracks to ensure that technology directly improves public service delivery and competitiveness. This is how we systematically convert youth talent into enterprises, enterprises into jobs, and jobs into measurable GDP growth.

Our innovation agenda is reinforced by strategic investments designed to compound impact. We are delivering 260 Smart Green Schools to build a future-ready workforce and 260 Type-2 Primary Healthcare Centres to strengthen the human capital foundation of our state. The US\$20 million Haier Hardware Tech Hub will enable the production of Made-in-Enugu electronic devices, positioning us within the hardware manufacturing value chain. The establishment of a world-class DNA Testing and Forensic Centre reflects our commitment to science, data integrity, and institutional modernization. Combined with broadband expansion, fibre-friendly policies, and digital governance reforms, these initiatives create an enabling environment that attracts private investment and accelerates enterprise growth.

Enugu is not building projects in isolation, we are constructing an integrated innovation economy. The Grand Finale at the ICC signals our direction clearly: Enugu is open for investment, driven by data, powered by youth, and anchored on systems that support scalable private-sector growth. Innovation is not peripheral to our strategy; it is the engine of our \$30 billion ambition and we are engineering that growth deliberately and decisively.

About the Grand Finale

Where Enugu's next wave of innovation takes the stage.

The Grand Finale brings together the strongest solutions emerging from months of open applications, campus activations, competitive campus rounds, and an intensive bootcamp sprint. Finalists pitch their products before a panel of judges drawn from the startup ecosystem, academia, private sector, and public sector innovation stakeholders.

This finale celebrates what happens when young people get the right structure: clear problem statements, mentorship, product discipline, and a stage that rewards execution.

Highlights

- Live pitches from the Top 11 finalist teams
- Judges' deliberation and awards
- Founder and ecosystem networking
- Press moments, photo ops, and partner showcases

Keynote Message

1st Edition of Enugu Campus Hackathon Grand Finale 2026

The Enugu Campus Hackathon is a strategic instrument within Enugu State's long-term economic transformation agenda, designed to convert campus innovation into enterprise formation. Following competitive rounds across UNN, UNEC, ESUT, IMT, Godfrey Okoye University, and Coal City University, thirty-four high-potential teams advanced to a rigorous bootcamp focused on validation and investor readiness. Eleven ventures now stand at the Grand Finale as early-stage enterprises positioned for capital and scale, reinforcing the Hackathon's role as a repeatable startup pipeline under His Excellency's Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah's Digital Economy Transformation Agenda..



- Enugu Tech & Innovation Hub (Norrskan Concept): Flagship innovation infrastructure serving as the state's central platform for incubation, venture activation, and ecosystem collaboration.
- Digital Skills & Talent Expansion: Deployment of Digital Skills Enhancement Zones (D-SEZs) and the establishment of Nigeria's first dedicated Artificial Intelligence Institute and next-generation digital university.
- Enugu Talent City Infrastructure: Activation of the Digital Industrial Park as a 2,000-seat Knowledge-Based Outsourcing hub and conversion of seven floors of the Old CCB Building into a 750-workstation outsourcing centre, positioning Enugu as a regional hub for digital jobs and service exports.
- Policy, Capital & Partnerships: Startup regulatory reform aligned with the Nigerian Startup Act, structured access to blended and venture financing, and strategic partnerships with NITDA, NCC, and SEDC to anchor Enugu within the national innovation ecosystem.

The Enugu Campus Hackathon builds systems that turn talent into startups and startups into economic value. It shows the real constraint was structure, now addressed through disciplined mentorship and investor readiness. This is scalable innovation infrastructure, not a one-off event.

Arinze Chilo-Offiah

Special Adviser, Digital Economy & MSMEs
MD/CEO, Enugu MSME & Startup Agency (Enugu SME Center)
Convener, Enugu Campus Hackathon

The Journey So far

From open applications
to campus wins,
then bootcamp, now the
Grand Finale.

1. Call for Applications (CFA)

Statewide call activated across campuses
and youth communities.



2. Campus Info Sessions

Teams gained clarity on eligibility,
tracks, team formation, and submission
standards.



3. Campus Rounds

Competitive pitch sessions across participating campuses, selecting top solutions.



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4. Bootcamp Sprint

An intensive founder-building phase:
product thinking, execution discipline,
pitch readiness



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Participating Campuses

1. University of Nigeria,
Nsukka (UNN)



2. University of Nigeria,
Enugu Campus (UNEC)



3. Godfrey Okoye
University (GOU)



4. Enugu State University of
Science & Technology (ESUT)



5. Coal City
University



6. Institute of Management
and Technology (IMT)



Top 11 Finalist

These teams represent standout execution across campuses and youth communities. Each solution was assessed for problem clarity, product logic, potential adoption, and impact relevance.

Mindnest

(EdTech)

Product: Mindnest

What it does: AI-powered learning that turns handwritten notes and past papers into quizzes, videos, and explanations.

Why it matters: Improves STEM learning outcomes and builds toward an AI learning OS for African schools.

Key strengths: Gamified learning, fast content conversion, student-first design.



StokOps

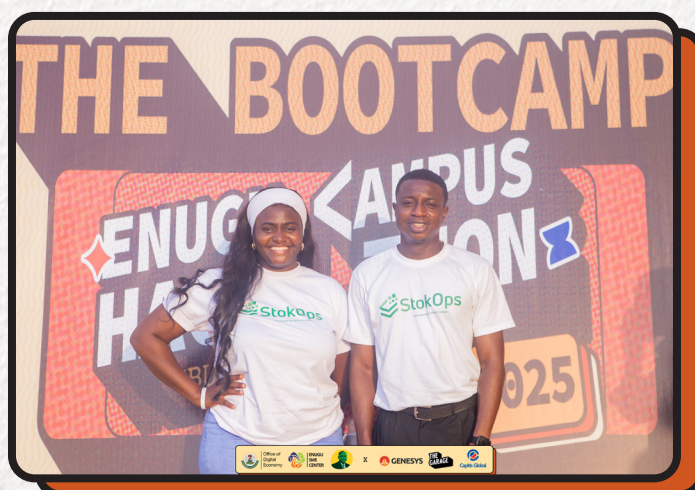
(SME Tools)

Product: StokOps

What it does: Mobile-first inventory and customer management for African SMEs.

Why it matters: Cuts stockouts, overstocking, and shrinkage with real-time visibility.

Key strengths: Simple workflow, practical ROI, built for everyday merchants.



Growdex

(AdTech / Creator Economy)



Product: Growdex

What it does: AI-powered ad automation platform to create, publish, and optimize ads across channels from one dashboard.

Why it matters: Helps SMEs and creators run smarter campaigns with less friction.

Key strengths: Unified wallet, AI copy support, performance insights

ChainMove

(Blockchain / Asset Financing)



Product: ChainMove

What it does: Transparent vehicle co-financing through smart hire purchase agreements

Why it matters: Helps drivers own the vehicles they operate, with secure investment rails.

Key strengths: Trust layer, automated agreements, real-world asset backing.

Linia Finance

(FinTech)

Product: Linia Finance

What it does: Smart budgeting linking multiple wallets to one bank account and debit card.

Why it matters: Gives users real control over how they spend, save, and plan.

Key strengths: Wallet switching, expense clarity, practical day-to-day use.



TellPerson

(Health / Community Support)

Product: TellPerson

What it does: A confidential, mobile-first support and reporting platform designed for safe communication and guided help.

Why it matters: Encourages early intervention and healthier communities through accessible support.

Key strengths: Privacy-first approach, simple UX, safety-centered design.





AgroTrack

(AgriTech)

Product: AgroTrack

What it does: GPS tracking and geo-fencing to reduce farmer-herder conflicts with alerts, an AI education bot, and a secure marketplace.

Why it matters: Protects livelihoods and supports peaceful, sustainable farming.

Key strengths: Conflict prevention, farmer education, marketplace layer.



FLOF Mart

(AgricTech / Commerce)

Product: FLOF Mart

What it does: Digital discount platform connecting farmers, manufacturers, and retailers for bulk buying.

Why it matters: Makes essentials cheaper and more accessible across supply chains.

Key strengths: Aggregation model, cost reduction, trade enablement.

High Flyer

(Logistics)

Product: Zaddy Express

What it does: Dispatch platform connecting individuals and businesses with independent riders for last-mile delivery.

Why it matters: Speeds up local commerce with reliable, on-demand movement.

Key strengths: Marketplace model, flexible supply, SME usefulness.



VentroPay

(FinTech)

Team: BuildNation

Product: VentroPay

What it does: Instant, low-cost cross-border payments using stablecoins (built for local currency use, no crypto expertise required).

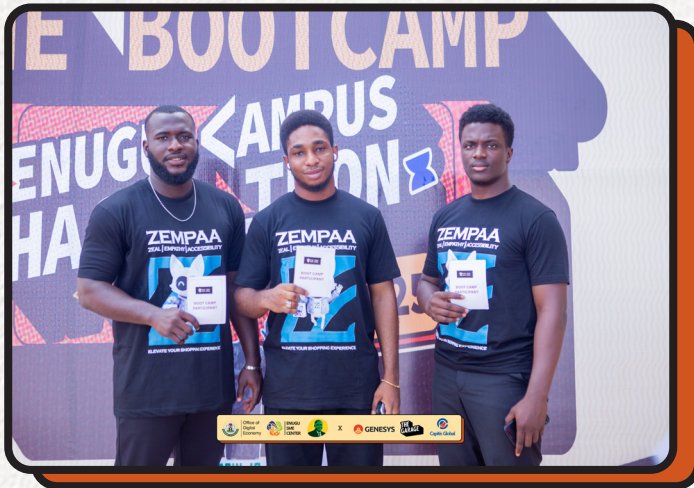
Why it matters: Reduces friction for trade, freelancers, and small businesses.

Key strengths: Fast settlement, lower fees, user simplicity.



Team Tech Titans

(Artificial Intelligence /
Commerce)



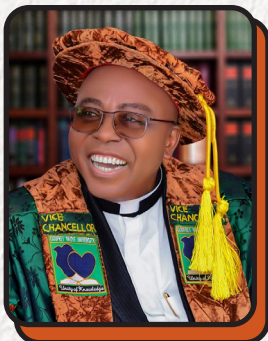
Product: ZEMPAA (ZAI & ZOT)

What it does: An AI-powered e-commerce platform redefining how Africans shop—with voice and chat assistants, smart payments, real-time price bargaining, and inclusive features that make online shopping effortless and accessible.

Why it matters: Expands access to commerce and improves the buying experience for everyday users.

Key strengths: Conversational shopping, inclusive UX, localized market behavior

Meet the Judges



Rev. Fr. Prof. Dr. Christian Anieke

Vice Chancellor, Godfrey Okoye University

Rev. Fr. Prof. Christian Anieke is a Professor of English and Literary Studies, renowned for his leadership in higher education and his commitment to academic excellence. As the founder and pioneer Vice Chancellor of Godfrey Okoye University, he has played a pivotal role in advancing faith based and values driven education in Nigeria.

A respected scholar, author, and poet, he has published widely in reputable journals locally and internationally. A polyglot and advocate of community engagement, he is dedicated to bridging scholarship with service, fostering innovation, integrity, and societal development.



Cynthia Chisom

Principal Partner, SDC Startup School

Cynthia E. Chisom is a distinguished Startup Advisor and ecosystem leader shaping Africa's early-stage innovation landscape.

As Principal Partner at SDC Startup School, she supports founders through education, tailored mentoring, and community-building. She is the Program Manager for the MTN Cloud Accelerator Program.

Cynthia's expertise includes designing pitch battles, incubator programs, accelerator programs, advising & teaching on business models, product-market fit, fundraising, team building, and co-founder relations.

She has collaborated with top organizations like VillCap Accelerator, Mastercard Foundation, CC Hub, and UNIDO, and earned recognitions including Nigeria's 100 Most Inspiring Women (2022) and Tech Cabal's key Abuja ecosystem builder (2024).

Cynthia holds an MSc from Imperial College London Business School. Beyond startups, she leads a company dedicated to preserving a century-old craft, earning awards from PEBEC, Anshiza Prize Africa, and others, and has worked with London's Crockett and Jones and Hoxton Shoe Repair.



Alex Onyia

CEO, Educare

Alex Onyia is a Nigerian entrepreneur and the CEO of Educare, a leading education technology platform in Africa serving over 2 million students and 600,000 parents. He is widely recognized for his contributions to the edtech sector and is often referred to as the "Sultan of Software" due to his extensive experience in software development across various industries, including EduTech, FinTech, AgriTech, HealthTech, and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP).

Beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors, Onyia is deeply committed to improving education in Nigeria. He has initiated programs to enhance students' performance in standardized exams like the UTME and is involved in projects to build digital learning centers equipped with solar power and internet connectivity in underserved communities.

Onyia's vision is to leverage technology to transform education in Nigeria and across Africa, ensuring that students are equipped with relevant skills for the modern world.





Victoria Fabunmi

National Coordinator, ONDI

Victoria Fabunmi is a seasoned investment professional with over 15 years' experience spanning buy- and sell-side advisory, principal investments, private equity, and venture capital.

She currently serves as National Coordinator of the Office for Nigerian Digital Innovation (ONDI) under NITDA, driving digital innovation adoption and startup ecosystem growth through multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Previously, as Investment Principal at Atlantica Ventures, she led deal teams, executed investment opportunities, and scaled impact-focused initiatives across Africa, including startup boot camps, incubator/accelerator support, and innovation network development. A recognized thought leader in venture capital and impact investing, she has spoken at regional and international events.

Beyond her professional roles, Victoria has co-founded three businesses in QSR, executive talent management, and last-mile distribution. Her core competencies include corporate finance, strategy, stakeholder management, ESG, market research, compliance, and governance, with a consistent focus on mobilizing resources to create economic and societal impact.



Francis Sani

Programme Director, 3MTT Nigeria

Francis Sani is an innovation and strategy expert with experience supporting technology entrepreneurs and innovators globally.

With a background in management consulting and innovation engineering, Francis has supported over 300 high-growth startups across the world to raise millions of dollars funding, create thousands of jobs, and build value-driven companies impacting the world.

He previously led Pan-African acceleration programs at Co-Creation Hub, the largest Innovation Center in Africa, where he oversaw the execution of innovation projects with international partners such as Facebook, Airbus, GIZ, Google and others. After CcHUB, he led global operations as Principal at MAGIC Fund, a \$30M global early-stage VC fund investing in startups across the globe and whose portfolio companies are valued at \$10B+. He also managed strategy for the CEO of one of the largest health tech startups in Africa, Helium Health.

Francis sits on several advisory boards and is an occasional guest facilitator for leading innovation centres.





Innocent Isiche

Managing Partner, ACIOE Associates

As Managing Director of ACIOE Associates, he leads a leading policy advisory firm supporting governments, development partners, and corporations to strengthen healthcare financing, expand local manufacturing capacity, and advance digital inclusion.

His career also includes strategic roles as Director of Policy at Paystack, Assistant Director at the Central Bank of Nigeria, and Head of Governmental Policy (West Africa) at IBM, where he contributed to landmark reforms such as the National Collateral Registry and the Payment Service Banks framework.



Ekene Odum

Director, Operations and Programs, Genesys Tech Hub

Ekene Anthony Odum is a business manager with over 15 years in IT operations, innovation hub leadership, and business support. He has designed and led programs that trained more than 10,000 youths in Nigeria, built digital products, and guided startups from idea to investment, with portfolio companies collectively valued above \$5 million.

At Tenece Professional Services, he led large-scale network infrastructure projects, championed innovation, and delivered measurable growth. Ekene holds a B.Sc. from Nnamdi Azikiwe University and an Executive MBA from the Quantic School of Business and Technology; he is an alumnus of Lagos Business School. With multiple industry certifications, he is committed to lifelong learning and excellence, building teams, products, and partnerships that scale and impact across Africa.

Meet the Team

This program is delivered through deliberate collaboration, public sector leadership, private sector partnership, and an execution team committed to excellence. Here are the team members responsible for strategy, campus coordination, bootcamp delivery, partnerships, communications, media production, and participant support.



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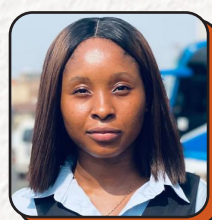
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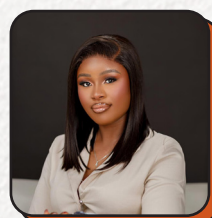
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Enugu MSME & Startup Agency

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Powering Enterprise. Structuring Innovation. Driving Growth.

The Enugu MSME & Startup Agency (Enugu SME Center) is the statutory institution responsible for enterprise development, startup growth, and digital economy expansion in Enugu State. Established under the Enugu State MSME & Startup Agency Law, 2025, the Agency serves as the central platform coordinating MSMEs, startups, innovation infrastructure, and ecosystem partnerships across the State.

Its mandate is clear: build structured systems that transform ideas into scalable enterprises and enterprises into sustainable economic value.

Over the years, the Agency has strengthened businesses across all 17 LGAs, expanded digital capacity, facilitated access to capital, and built credible pathways for startup incubation and venture activation. It operates across five core pillars:

- Digital Infrastructure & Innovation Ecosystems
- Entrepreneurship & Skills Development
- MSME & Startup Growth Acceleration
- Access to Finance & Capital Pathways
- Technology Adoption & Digital Transformation
- Creative Economy & Market Expansion
- Creative Economy & Market Expansion

Under the Digital Economy Transformation Agenda of His Excellency, Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, the Agency plays a central role in repositioning Enugu as a knowledge-driven, innovation-led subnational economy.

The objective is deliberate and measurable-Convert talent into products, products into startups, startups into jobs, and jobs into long-term economic value.

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Partners Spotlight



Crown Caste

Crown Caste is a media platform built around honest, intelligent conversations on fundraising, investing, and personal finance, designed for founders, operators, and ambitious builders who want to understand how money really moves.

At the Enugu Campus Hackathon Finalist Bootcamp, Crown Caste delivered an in-depth financial training session that equipped teams with practical tools to think like founders, speak the language of capital, and plan for scale. From understanding how investors evaluate opportunities, to building smarter funding strategies, to managing resources with discipline, the session helped teams strengthen the financial foundations behind their products.

Through thoughtful podcast interviews and curated insights, Crown Caste breaks down how capital works, how investment decisions are made, and how founders can build strong companies alongside strong financial habits. Their content blends venture strategy with real-world financial literacy, giving innovators the clarity and confidence to navigate growth at every stage.

Impact at Bootcamp

- Funding readiness: how to structure a convincing funding story
- Resource discipline: budgeting, burn control, and smart allocation
- Growth planning: planning for scale with realistic financial models
- Investor perspective: what funders look for and how to prepare
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