

 Early Warning System

IFC-41699

ISC-Flat6Labs Tunis



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Tunisia
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2019-01-10
<b>Borrower</b>	ANAVA SEED FUND
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Equity
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million



## Project Description

Anava Seed Fund (“Flat6Labs Tunis” or the “Fund”) is a startup accelerator and early stage venture capital fund raising TND 30 million to invest in around 90 early stage companies in Tunisia. This investment will fall under the IFC Startup Catalyst initiative, which supports entrepreneurship and innovation at the earliest stages.

According to bank documents, the following are the expected development impacts of the funding:

1. **Address Funding Gap:** Flat6Labs Tunis will support approximately 90 early stage companies, helping to fill the void of early stage capital. More broadly, by investing in incubators/accelerators and early stage funds via the IFC Startup Catalyst program, IFC aims to help build and support local, sustainable ecosystems for entrepreneurship and venture capital.
2. **Catalyze and Support the VC Ecosystem:** Through its bootcamp, acceleration cycles, early stage investments, and various outreach events, Flat6Labs Tunis will help to accelerate the development of the nascent VC ecosystem in Tunisia.
3. **Increased Inclusion of Women:** IFC’s investment will include funding from the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (“We-Fi”) aimed at expanding the inclusion of women entrepreneurs into the VC ecosystem through two distinct channels: capacity building and demonstration effect.
4. **Job Creation and Economic Growth:** Since its inception, the Flat6Labs platform has generated more than 1,000 jobs across the MENA region. Similarly, the Fund’s graduates are expected to create high-skilled jobs to match the highly educated workforce in Tunisia and spur economic growth.

Anava Seed Fund was launched in March 2017 and is a partnership between Flat6Labs for Incubators (“Flat6Labs”), Le15, and Meninx Holding with the aim of stimulating and supporting the startup ecosystem in Tunisia and North Africa. The Fund is managed by Flat6Labs Tunisia. The shareholders of Flat6Labs Tunisia include Flat6Labs, Meninx Holding, the Tunisian American Enterprise Fund, Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie, and the Le15 founders.



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## People Affected By This Project

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## Investment Description

The proposed IFC equity commitment is up to \$1 million, not to exceed 20% of total commitments. Flat6Labs Tunis is targeting total commitments of TND 30 million.

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## Private Actors

- [Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie](#) -- Investor
- [Flat6Labs](#) -- Investor
- [Flat6Labs Tunisia](#) -- Fund Manager
- [Le15](#) -- Investor
- [Meninx Holding](#) -- Investor



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