Press release

AXIAN Partners with 42 to Launch a New Coding School in Madagascar

Pan-African conglomerate AXIAN, a group that specialises in services and infrastructure, and the prestigious school 42 are pleased to announce a partnership to open a new 42 campus in Antananarivo by the end of the year. This will make Madagascar the second African country to join the world's largest network of digital academies, offering free trainings and courses that are innovative and open to all, regardless of prior education or age.

42 Antananarivo will be located at the Galaxy office park in Andraharo across 1,000 m^2 furnished specifically for future students and will benefit from synergies across the AXIAN group, also headquartered at Galaxy. 42 Antananarivo will be the network's fourth campus in Africa—the first three being in Morocco—and the 49th worldwide.

Online registration for the selective tests will open in May and will give access to the "Piscines", French for "swimming pools", from September to December 2023. This one-month trial will be fully immersive within the school to gauge students' determination and compatibility with 42's coaching philosophy, which emphasises independence strongly. In early 2024, 150 should be ready to integrate into the common part, which incorporates courses in programming and backend management, innovation entrepreneurship, with the stated ultimate goal of finding long-term employment opportunities in the labour market. Indeed, they will have acquired skills in key digital and programming fields such as big data, artificial intelligence, web development, network and system administration or cybersecurity.

"The private sector has a crucial component to play in young Africans' growth and success in the digital field and the world of work. We need to be able to nurture them here, in Africa, and still have the capacity to provide them sensible and promising career prospects. That is the reason why we have partnered with 42, who share our perception in inclusion and excellence. Establishing a campus in Madagascar will allow us to reinforce local talent and meet the growing demand for competencies in the digital field. We are already discussing the prospect of opening 42 additional campuses across the other countries we operate in, including in Senegal, as part of our commitment to always having a positive impact on our continent."
Hassanein HIRIDJEE, CEO of AXIAN Group.

"We have always been committed to creating the world's best IT school and now we have the ideal conditions to do so by replicating the model that has made us successful on an international scale. We've already set the standard for accessible education and ethics, and our international network

allows us to keep our edge while staying true to ourselves and the values that guide us without compromising the quality of the education we provide. Our goal is to attract diverse talent, and each capable of leveraging their unique experience to solve problems, and are motivated to push their limits wherever they are. "

Sophie VIGER, Managing Director of 42.

ABOUT THE AXIAN GROUP

AXIAN is a pan-African group that operates in ten countries and focused on five sectors with high growth potential; namely telecoms, financial services, real estate, energy and open innovation. AXIAN is a partner dedicated to the socio-economic growth of the countries where it operates. With over 6,500 courageous and passionate collaborators, the group systematically ensures that its products and services have a positive and sustainable impact on daily lives of millions of Africans. The AXIAN Group is a signatory of the United Nations' Global Compact initiative and committed to the integration of its 10 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into group strategy, policies and operations. Find out more about AXIAN: www.axian-group.com

ABOUT THE 42 NETWORK

42 Antananarivo is part of the 42 network. 42 is the first free computer training course open to anyone over the age of 18, regardless of diploma. Its education is based on peer-to-peer learning: participatory, no classes, no professors, all this lets the students fully express their creativity thanks to learning based on project completion. 42 was founded in 2013 in Paris when the computer industry was hit by a major shortage of developers. To train in numbers the best talents of tomorrow, regardless of their origin, 42 is deploying internationally its network of partner campuses in Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Portugal, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, USA. 42network.org - www.42.fr

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