

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO QP DRONES AND ITS CONSORTIUM PARTNERS FOR BREAKING ENTRY BARRIERS IN THE DRONE ECONOMY

"The digital revolution is not coming, it is here. Drones are not coming, they are here. The Drone Council is so excited to see our members starting to break the entry-barriers and we wish to congratulate QP Drones and its CEO and Co-Founder(Ms Queen Ndlovu)and its Consortium partners Vula Air Technologies and Ntiyiso Consulting on launching South Africa Flying Lab. They are positioning our country for high global competitiveness in the drone economy. We will fully support such high achievers. It is the perfect timing." says Mr Irvin Phenyane Chairperson of the Drone Council SA.

Flying Lab South Africa is a local robotics innovation hub with a global model, implementing social projects with sustainable impact commonly known as drone for good. South Africa Flying Lab builds local expertise in drones, robotics, data, and 4IR knowledge and skills through training, workshops, and field projects. Their aim is to promote digital revolution, through enhancing local expertise in drones, robotics, data and IR following best practises from Global Flying Labs Network with a specific focus on local schools, start-ups, and youth, which they plan to engage with STEM education.

With this opportunity, Flying Lab SA will be able to tap into global network provided by other Flying Labs and be afforded an opportunity to collaborate, share resources, support and insights, including donor funding.

South Africa Flying Lab will also create entrepreneurial opportunities for small businesses ,start-ups and youth through projects and strategic partnerships with companies and organizations that invest in drones for social good projects to build use cases. They will promote and facilitate social dialogue with relevant stakeholders such as NGOs, government and private sector actors, and universities to adopt drones, robotics, and IR.