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## **GE REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN PARTNERS WITH CAPACITY BUILDING**

### **TRIGGER SKILLS & DEVELOPING LEADERS**

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**USPA NEWS** - GE, which has operated in Africa for over 100 years, committed at the 2014 event to invest \$2 billion in facility development, skills training, and sustainability initiatives across Africa by 2018. The African growth story is still real sated, in Washington DC, United States of America on Sept 22

GE investing in capacity building that will ensure sustained growth by providing skills training and developing leaders through partnerships with local governments, schools, and hospitals: 1. GE employs more than ~4100 workers across 35 countries in Africa. Since the U.S.-Africa Business Forum in 2014, GE has received over \$11B in orders. In 2015, GE saw \$6.4B in revenue across the continent. 2. Since 2014 GE upgraded GE facilities in South Africa and Nigeria; opened new facilities in Kenya and Ghana; and launched offices in Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Cote d'Ivoire. 3. In 2014, the GE Foundation announced a \$20M commitment (<http://APO.af/7nRiES>) to advance maternal and child health in Africa, through the extension of programs supporting the Sustainable Development Goals to eradicate preventable maternal and infant mortality. Nearly 800 health workers have been trained so far through biomedical equipment technician and nurse anesthetist programs. 4. The GE Foundation further committed in 2015 (<http://APO.af/Jylli8>) to its Safe Surgery 2020 Initiative, a \$25 million-dollar, 3-year commitment to accelerate access to safe surgery in low- and middle-income countries. The Initiative launched in Ethiopia and will expand to Tanzania next. -----

5. GE and the GE Foundation's 2014 investment in Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon (<http://APO.af/8AAevw>) has trained 30 technicians in equipment repair and maintenance in Ethiopia. The program is launching a biomedical center of excellence there. 6. GE has facilitated leadership development and helped develop curricula at Regional Leadership Centres for President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). GE staff members also serve as mentors to youth in the program. 7. GE expanded its GE Garages program into Kenya (<http://APO.af/4oXYn8>) in 2015, collaborating with Gearbox and Seven Seas Technologies help build a skilled workforce and drive entrepreneurial development in the country. Source APO

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