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## **Developer Circles launches in South Africa**

Facebook has rolled out its Developer Circles in Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Pretoria. Launched at F8, Facebook's Developer Conference held in April this year, with now over 70 around the world, the four South African circles join groups across Cairo, Casablanca, Dakar, Harare, Lagos, Nairobi, and Tunis.



Developer Circles is a community-driven initiative that brings together people who are passionate about technology. Members join for free and are able to connect, share ideas, learn, and collaborate to develop the future.

Each circle is led by a volunteer who arranges offline meetups and discussions, as well as manages their own dedicated <u>Facebook Group</u> where members can continue the conversation between meetups, share code and deepen their knowledge on topics like React and Bots in Messenger.

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Partnering with online training platform, Udacity, Facebook has launched a custom training programme for the Developer Circles community, available via Developer Circles Facebook Groups, Facebook's website, and on Udacity.

"The developer community has played a large role in Facebook's success to date, and is one we're committed to investing in and growing, especially across Africa," says Proud Dzambukira, Facebook strategic product partner, platform partnerships. "We see these groups as key in helping to drive forward Africa's innovation in tech, and we're extremely excited to welcome on-board teams from across key cities in South Africa to an ever expanding list of African Developer Circles."

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