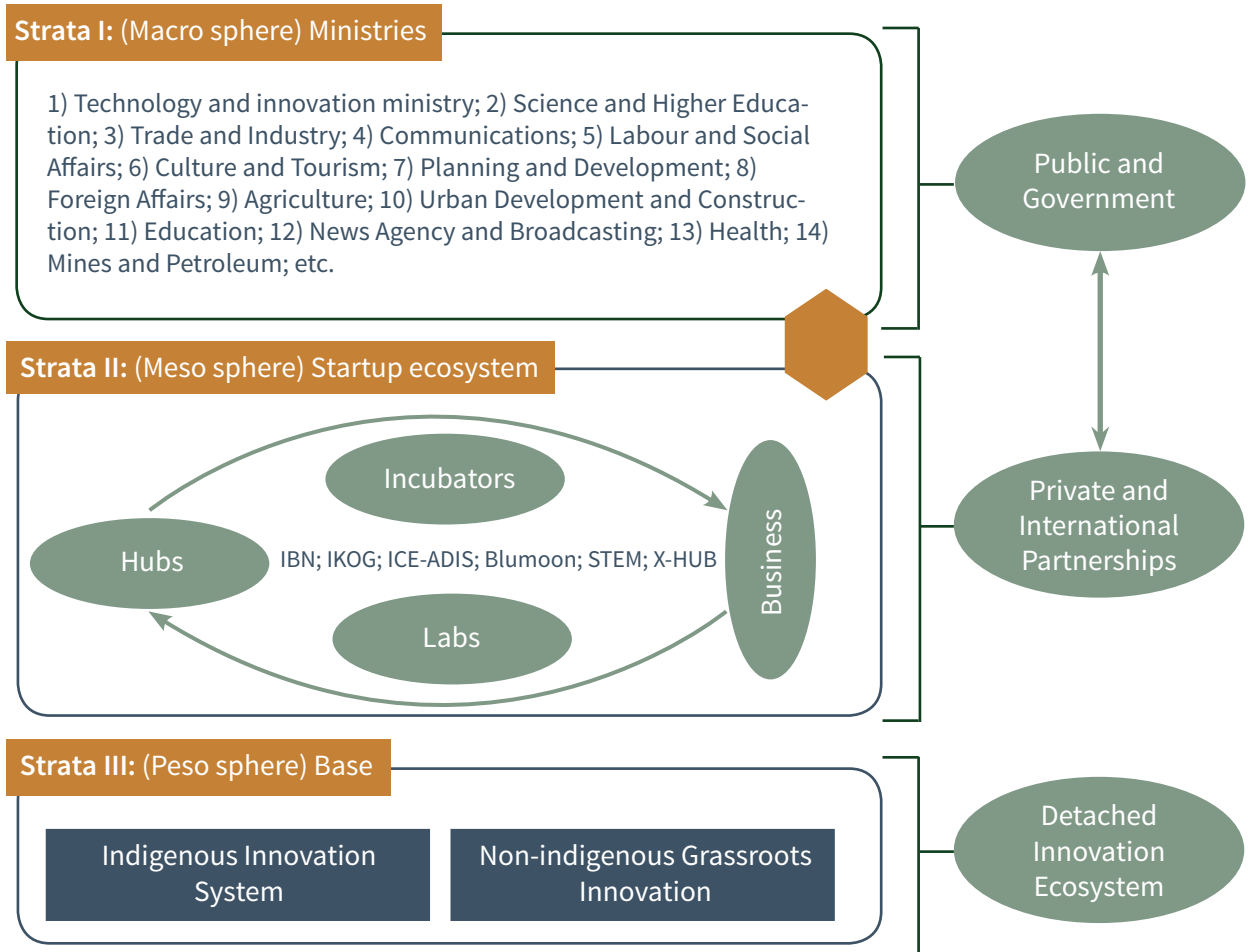


ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

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The Ethiopian Innovation Ecosystem consists of three main levels:

The top layer encompasses macro level state organ institutions and ministries that have impact on business innovation. The central organ is the Ethiopian Innovation and Technology Ministry.

The lower or “Strata II” embraces actors, drivers, and accelerators that interact and influence business. IBA innovation centre is a fast growing Hub that aspires to be the leading Hub in Africa.

The other important but neglected innovation ecosystem in Indigenous Innovation. It includes Ethiopian traditional, ecological, organic and craft-based and manual producers. Its linkage with the top two layers is not strong, yet it has great potential for solving unemployment and poverty via sources of ecobusiness. The study focused on crafts women, potters, cotton weavers, beverage distillers, and so forth.

The result of the study showed that indigenous innovation has great potential for eliminating poverty and achieving many of the United Nations Development Goals (SDGs).