LAUNCHED THE 2021 EDITION OF THE AFRICA PRIZE FOR ENGINEERING INNOVATION

The United Kingdom's Royal Academy of Engineering launched the 2021 edition of the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation to support African innovators who are developing engineering solutions to local challenges, demonstrating the importance of engineering as an enabler of improved quality of life and economic development.

Applications close on 14th September 2020. All applications must be submitted via the online grants system. Applicants can read the guidance notes as well as the FAQ – Africa Prize and eligibility pages to submit their application.

Applications are invited from entrepreneurs and engineers in sub-Saharan Africa who have developed an innovative product or service that can provide scalable solutions to local challenges, with a particular emphasis on sustainable social and economic development. Applicants with engineering-related innovations from all disciplines are invited to enter, whether or not the applicants themselves have an engineering background.

The Prize selects innovators from across the continent and provides training and mentoring to help turn engineers with incredible ideas into successful entrepreneurs. After an eight-month period of tailored training and mentoring to help the selected innovators accelerate their businesses, the process culminates in a showcase event where a winner is selected to receive £25,000 along with three runners-up, who are each awarded £10,000.

The African Engineering Innovation Award was launched in 2014 by the Royal British Academy of Engineering to stimulate, celebrate and reward innovation and entrepreneurship in sub-Saharan Africa. The award provides financial support to African innovators who develop solutions to improve living conditions in rural areas. Since its launch, the prize has supported projects that, in five years' time, should impact close to three million people and generate 500 jobs.

An interactive tool of the website allows to know the shortlisted entrants, finalists and winners of the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation selected by engineering category, country, year and UN Sustainable Development Goal.

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How to apply

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