

## THE WINNERS OF THE 2014 INNOVATION PRIZE FOR AFRICA

The [African Innovation Foundation](#) (AIF) celebrated the winners of the third edition of the Innovation Prize for Africa 2014. This award, initiated in 2012, is a joint initiative of the [Economic Commission for Africa \(ECA\)](#) and the African Innovation Foundation (AIF).

The Prize aims to encourage innovations that contribute to sustainable development in Africa and invites African entrepreneurs and innovators to promote projects that open new potential in one of the following five categories: agriculture and agro-industry, environment, energy and water, health and wellness, computer applications, secondary and tertiary sectors.

### In 2014 the winners were the following innovators:

- Nicolaas Duneas and Nuno Pires, from South Africa, are the winners of the Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) 2014 Grand Prize for their Osteogenic Bone Matrix (OBM): an innovative product for the treatment of bone injuries that voids through the use of a regenerative biological implant.
- Melesse Temesgen from Ethiopia is the winner of the Special Prize for innovation with the highest Social Impact: the Aybar Broad Based Furrow Maker (BBM). It is estimated that the income of farmers will more than triple as a result of using this technology.
- Logou Minsob, from Togo, won the runner-up Prize for the FofouMix machine, seen as the innovation with the best business potential. The Fofou Mix is a food processor designed to replace the mortar and pestles used to prepare fofou, a popular dish in West Africa.

The African Innovation Foundation (AIF) is calling on all African innovators to submit their entries for the fourth edition 2015 of the Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) competition. The IPA 2015 consists of three prizes: USD 100,000 for the best innovation based on marketability, originality, scalability, social impact, scientific/technical aspect and clear business potentials; USD 25,000 for the Second Prize with the best commercial/business potential and USD 25,000 for the Special Prize for Social Impact Innovation.

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