

INNOVATION PRIZE FOR AFRICA 2018

NEW CALL OF THE AFRICAN INNOVATION FOUNDATION

The African Innovation Foundation (AIF) announced the 7th edition of the [Innovation Prize for Africa \(IPA\)](#) *Investing in inclusive innovation ecosystems*, to reward the best home-grown innovations on the continent. The annual IPA initiated in 2011 and today has a network of 6000 African innovators from 50 countries.

The award celebrates outstanding practical and commercially viable African solutions that are innovative and sustainable. The Prize honours and encourages pioneering achievements that contribute towards developing new products, increasing efficiency and/or saving cost in Africa. Applications will be accepted from all Africans including those living in the diaspora. The edition 2018 encourages greater participation from women innovators who are increasingly playing a key role in driving African economies forward through business and entrepreneurship.

The IPA 2018 recognizes innovative solutions in the following five priority areas: agriculture and agribusiness; environment, energy and water; health and well-being; ICTs; manufacturing and service industry.

The IPA 2018 consists of three prizes: USD 100,000 (First Prize) for the best innovation based on innovativeness, commercial and scalability potential and social impact; USD 25,000 (Second Prize) for the innovation with the best marketability and commercial potential; USD 25,000 (Special Prize) for the innovation with the greatest social impact; USD 5,000 for 7 Recognition Prizes. Additionally, the winners shall also benefit from the AIF-IPA brand, receive ongoing local, regional and international media coverage, and support and training opportunities can be mobilized for them.

IPA 2018 winners will be awarded at a ceremony in July 2018 bringing together some of Africa's most inspiring innovators and entrepreneurs, leaders of accelerators, angel and venture capital investors, development institutions, government leaders and media practitioners. The submission deadline for the entries is 10 January 2018.

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