

DST invites SA innovators to enter the Empowering People Award

ESI-Africa reports that the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has encouraged the South Africans to enter a competition seeking technology solutions to development challenges, and showcase their innovations on the global stage.

The DST has endorsed the competition, which is aimed at small businesses, inventors, researchers, NGOs and technology organisations.

According to ESI-Africa, the 23 winners of the Empowering People Award - a six-month long competition that was launched by the Siemens Foundation at the Rio +20 sustainable development conference in June 2012 - will share R2m in prize money. Entries are invited in six categories: Water & waste water, energy, food & agriculture, waste management & recycling, housing & construction, healthcare, and information & communication technology (ICT). All intellectual properties will remain with the inventor or inventors, and the entries will be valued by an interdisciplinary and international jury.

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