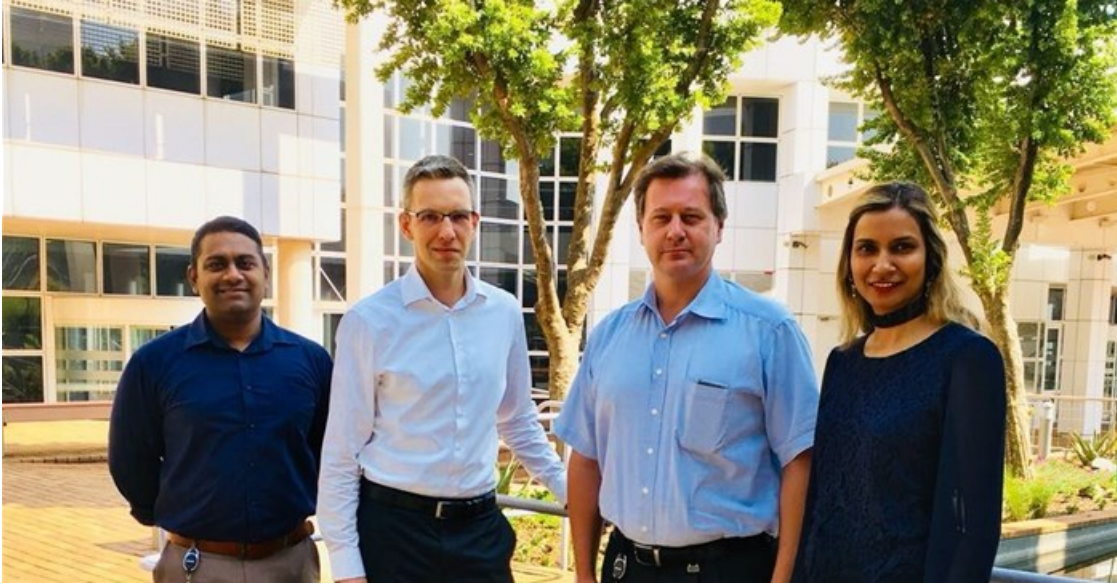# Team Siewasser wins #DigihackAfrica2018

The inaugural #DigihackAfrica2018 saw team Siewasser's decentralised intelligent water management system take the win.

Team Siewasser

#DigihackAfrica2018 was the first of its kind for Siemens South Africa. It brought together 10 interdivisional teams from Siemens alongside IoT and digital industry experts from companies such as IBM, IoT.Nxt, Atos, and Wits University to work on ideas that have the potential to positively disrupt the IIoT environment in Africa.

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For 48 hours the teams were hard at work in an attempt to address Africa's development needs. The purpose of the event was to identify some of the most reliable and efficient digital solutions to help address Africa's water and energy needs.

Within the allotted two days, the teams, with all their hardware and software, developed working application prototypes and models, which clearly demonstrated how their solutions will operate in a real-life setting, along with some basic functionality.

After intense deliberation, the judges announced five finalists who were invited to present their ideas to the panel with a

winner announced through an audience vote and judges scorecard.

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Kavidhan Naiker, portfolio consulting professional, Siemens Southern and Eastern Africa says: "this is a fully automated water accounting and leak detection system, based on decentralised computing, ensuring continuous system uptime and coupled with automated support.

"Saving our valuable resource should start now. Our solution will ensure high availability of drinking water to communities. The solution reduces water losses by attending to leaks timeously and assists utilities with water accounting and therefore planning," Naicker adds.

The solution was build in collaboration with IoT.NXT.

The winning team will travel to Siemens HQ in Germany to further develop their idea and receive seed capital towards building making their idea commercially viable. The two runners up will also receive allocated funding to develop their ideas.

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