

...:AIT'S ASSOCIATE DEAN OF INNOVATION AT THE INNOVATION PRIZE FOR AFRICA EVENT IN CAPE TOWN::



Dr Benjamin Aggrey Ntim, Associate Dean of Innovation and Industrial Partnership Programmes at the Accra Institute of Technology, (AIT) was among the four external expert judges that selected the 10 African innovators to compete for the three categories of the Innovation Prize for Africa worth US\$150,000 awarded at a gala dance in Cape Town, South Africa on the 7th May 2013.

The Innovation Prize for Africa (IPA) is an award founded in 2011 by the African Innovation Foundation (<http://www.africaninnovation.org>) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (<http://www.uneca.org>). It mobilizes African innovators and entrepreneurs who deliver market-oriented solutions for African-led development. The IPA honours and encourages innovative achievements

that contribute toward developing new products, increasing efficiency or cost savings in Africa. The prize also encourages private equity investors, government and development leaders to invest across sectors and build a climate that fuels Africa's economic growth. In 2013 the panel of judges dealt with 903 applications from 45 African countries. The 10 finalist innovators that met in Cape Town were drawn from South Africa, Nigeria, Tunisia, Senegal, Sudan and Cameroon.

The overall winner was the fly larvae project from South Africa, intended for producing feed meal for poultry and fish followed by the zero blade wind turbine developed in Tunisia. The third prize was awarded to the Senegalese project on the machine for de-husking fonio, a protein bearing seed from the wild grass.

For more information on the origin of the Prize, its founder, past projects and the conditions attached to its operations please visit <http://www.InnovationPrizeforAfrica.org>. For additional media background information please visit <http://www.AfricanInnovationNews.org>.