

Innovation Business Idea Competition



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|Energy Innovation Challenge

We challenge you to find **innovative** ways
of distributing or implementing
new or existing **energy technologies** for
off-grid villages

Technological innovations for providing electricity services, lighting and cooking have recently



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The Network of African Science Academies (NASAC) has launched the first innovation and entrepreneurship competition for current and recently graduated East African students.

The Energy Innovation Challenge seeks to find innovative ways to improve energy access in off-grid communities, using new or existing energy technologies.

Top entries will win a spot in the Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) Summer 2015 Entrepreneurship Training Course based in Dar es Salaam at absolutely no cost.

All travel and accommodation costs will be paid by Smart Villages project.

There will also be an opportunity to pitch and win a grand capital prize of \$3000.

The objective is to give students and recent graduates an opportunity to:

- ✓ develop business skills
- ✓ build their network
- ✓ meet peers for collaboration and
- ✓ win capital for energy access ideas to benefit East African villages beyond the reach of the electricity grid

Application begins from **March-April 2015**.

University of Nairobi students and staff are encouraged to apply.

Access details on the competition

<http://e4sv.org/competitions/challenge/>