

UoN students to participate in the Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Two University of Nairobi students, Taita Ngetich, 5th year, Mechanical Engineering and Brian Bett, 4th year, Economics and Statistics, have been declared finalists of the Global Innovation for Science and Technology (GIST) competition; this will give them the opportunity to pitch their innovation dubbed 'Mkulima Hodari' during the Global Entrepreneurship Summit scheduled for July 2015, in Kenya.

The duo who are now among the 30 finalists, were ranked position 2 in Africa and 5 in the world out of 792 innovations pitched. While thanking the University of Nairobi community for voting for them to proceed to the finals, Taita revealed that their innovation garnered 6,059 votes. The summit is expected to draw attention from world leaders including United States of America's President Barack Obama.

Mkulima Hodari is a solar powered greenhouse automation system with sensors that monitor temperature, humidity and soil moisture and regulates water through the drip lines. The system is then linked to the farmers mobile phone via SMS to enable remote monitoring and control of the greenhouse from anywhere.