

Our Students won energy innovation challenge

Date and time:

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Location / Venue:

Bank of Tanzania

DAR ENTERPRISE COURSE AND SMART VILLAGES ENERGY COMPETITION



I James Ogola REG NO I 08/1236/2012 and my colleague Clifford Okoth REG NO: I08/1226/2012 entered an energy innovation competition by Smart Villages that required university students and recent graduates across East Africa with noble ideas to increase access to energy to off-grid communities. We got shortlisted and ended in top 5 teams that saw us being invited for 8 weeks entrepreneurship course run by Cambridge Development Initiative, of Cambridge University at Dar Es Salaam University, Tanzania.

Over the period of 8 weeks from 3rd July -20th August 2015 of the course we covered the following aspects: social entrepreneurship, human centered design, impact evaluation, team work, research methods, visit to innovation hubs (BUNI, DTBI), business ideation, business model development, prototyping, personality, leadership, revenue models, Kwanza Coca Cola site visit, marketing, social impact assessment, accounting and ways of raising capital.

On the 21st August 2015 we pitched our business ideas at Bank of Tanzania we emerged the best out of the five teams across East Africa and were crowned the winners of energy innovation challenge by Smart villages.

The course has enabled us to learn a lot that we wouldn't have achieved in normal class .We have acquired practical training, develop business skills, build network and meet peers for collaborations.

We give many thanks to the department of Chemistry for the financial support they gave us towards our going to Dar Es Salaam to attend the course.