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PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION AWARDS

MAIN THEME:
UNLOCKING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL THROUGH INNOVATIONS

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The East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) is organizing the first “Youth Innovation Forum” with “Presidential Innovation Awards” which will offer a platform to catalyze the effective engagement of young people in steering the course of future developments within EAC through innovations.

The Forum will bring together young researchers, developers and innovators, entrepreneurs, finance actors, academia and public policy makers to discuss the regional facts and latest trends in Research and Development, Innovation and Product Development, understand the challenges and opportunities associated with the promotion of the youth talent in technological development/capture and innovation for the regional marketplace and globally.

Youth Innovation Forum will recognize outstanding Applications developed by East African youth as well as outstanding youth innovators that are enabling the local innovation Eco-System through presidential Awards. The goal is to create a regional platform that will stimulate and support young innovators in generating scientific and technological innovative solutions to social needs and market demand.

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### YOUTH INNOVATION PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS THEMES:

The Presidential Innovation Awards for 10 selected Innovators through a rigorous and validated process driven by expert panel of judges will be recognized in the following categories:

1. Manufacturing and Service Industry
2. Food security and agriculture
3. Energy
4. Water and Sanitation
5. Health
6. Education
7. Environment
8. Telecommunication – Mobile Apps.
9. Financial Services
10. Media & Entertainment

### INNOVATION AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Originality:** The uniqueness of the product and its superiority in comparison with similar or alternative products in the market
2. **Marketability:** The extent to which the innovation sufficiently addresses the problem it seeks to solve at a cost or model that is accessible to the target market and can generate profits or is self-sustainable.
3. **Scalability:** The extent to which the solution can be easily applied to other similar markets beyond the applicant’s immediate or local environment
4. **Social impact:** The ability of the innovation to create or effect positive and desirable benefit beyond profit within the target community and other stakeholders
5. **Scientific/technical aspects:** For tangible technical/scientific products; the extent to which the technical/scientific specifications of the innovation are grounded on established science and sufficiently address anticipated product risks.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, EXHIBITIONS AND SPONSORS

EASTECO is accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the conference and workshop.

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