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BMCE AFRICA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURS AWARD 2017

12 WINNERS SUPORTED BY 300 MENTORS

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First PRIZE: $100 000
“¢ Category : Education
“¢ Louise Williamson “‘ South Africa: Sustainability Professionals, Startup « Sustainable fuel ovens for schools in remote areas »

“¢ Category: Environment
“¢ Allen Kimambo “‘ Tanzania: Zaidi General Enterprises, Start Up

Paper collection and recycling to protect the environment
“¢ Folashade Amusa “‘ Nigeria: VicFold Recyclers , Start Up

Waste collection, processing and recycling with reward system for households
“¢ Adan Mohammed “‘ Kenya: Ecodudu, Start Up

Animal food production from insects and larva.
“¢ Sylvester Mujakperuo “‘ Nigeria: Saint Michelles and Joey Limited , Start Up

Transforming used paper and cardboard into new paper products
“¢ Kwame Ababio “‘ Ghana: Green Afro Palms , Start Up

Optimizing the cultivation and use of palm oil
“¢ Category: Unchartered Fields
“¢ Flavien Simo “‘ Cameroon: Save Our Agriculture, Start Up

Production of aquaponics kits that combines fish farming and plant farming.
“¢ Paul Bartels “‘ Afrique du Sud: Waterbok Community Fire-Fighting Cart, Prototype

Fire-fighting Cart
INNOVATION PRIZE: $50, 000
“¢ Meryam El Ouafi “‘ Morocco: Green Engineering Mission , Prototype

New irrigation technology to optimize water consumption
“¢ Badr Idrissi ““ Morocco: Atlan Space, Start Up

Smart drone use to combat illegal fishing
“¢ Geoffrey Ssekatawa ““Uganda: Brent Technologies, Start Up
Lubricant collection and recycling
“¢ Christelle Kwizera ““Rwanda: VOMA Groundwater Solar Kiosks, Start Up
Drinking water purification and distribution to vulnerable communities“”“The 12 winners were selected by a remarkable jury, presided by the Chairman of BMCE Bank of Africa Mr. Othman Benjelloun and composed by:
“¢ Mr. Gong Li, ex-Chairman of Accenture, China,
“¢ Mr. John-Bernard Duler, French-American investor and entrepreneur,
-Ms. Marie Paul Niat, Cameroonian entrepreneur
“¢ Mr. Brahim Benjelloun Touimi, Group Executive Managing Director of BMCE Bank of Africa
Announced by Chairman Othman Benjelloun during Global Entrepreneurship Summit, held in Marrakech in 2014, and illustrating the commitment of BMCE Bank of Africa to spur innovative entrepreneurship in Africa, African Entrepreneurship Award reached its third year with more than 12,000 project proposals from 132 countries, including all the 54 African countries, and hosted more than 112 entrepreneurs who were coached in the bootcamp. This unique initiative has enabled BMCE Bank of Africa to concretize its vision of a growing Africa, boosted by its young entrepreneurs to bolster economic and social opportunities presented to all Africans. With Morocco, APO Group on behalf of African Entrepreneurship Award (AEA).

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