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## AIS announces Top 50 Innovations for Innovation Exhibition at Africa Innovation

Selected for next forum Kigali 6-8 June

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LIST OF ALL THE INNOVATORS AND APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON THE 3 CATEGORIES-----To see a list of all the innovators, please click on link below "www.AfricaInnovationSummit.com/exhibitors" Applications were accepted in one of three categories; either idea stage, ready to commercialize (minimal viable product) or ready to scale. The focus is on innovators who are tackling the challenges in Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Agriculture, Healthcare, Governance and Energy. Over 600 innovation submissions were received from 44 African countries: including Morocco, Tunisia, Mali, Gambia, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, Chad, Congo, Comoros, Mozambique, Lesotho and Namibia, to name a few, with the majority being submitted from Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Ghana and Tanzania. "AIS has partnered with Enterpriseroom, a transformation consultancy specializing in starting, sustaining, and accelerating enterprises, to drive the sourcing and selection process. Tracey Webster CEO of Enterpriseroom said "The evaluation process was extremely thorough, and we are grateful for the valuable support of a panel of 25 leading African experts from across all sectors and regions, who served as evaluators in the review process. We ensured that we had French speaking sector experts vetting the francophone countries to ensure that every application received an equal chance in the process." Other key sponsors of the summit and Innovation Track include Government of Rwanda, Government of Cabo Verde, the European Union, Luxembourg, African Development Bank, Development Bank of Southern Africa, NEPAD, United Nations Development Programme and Accenture. With apo Group on behalf of Africa Innovation Summit.

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