INVENTORS GARAGE COMPETITION

Do you have a product from proven concept to early commercialisation? Get exposure, expert advice, mentorship and possible deal-making!

WHO SHOULD TAKE PART?
- Organisation or individual who has a proven concept, prototype or demo version of an invention
- Garage and Kitchen inventors who are crafting up a storm
- Entrepreneurs who are experimenting with new inventions
- Established companies with a new product launch
- Researchers with the latest tech at their fingertips

HOW TO ENTER:
- Let us know who you are: Name, Surname, Town, Contact number and Email address
- Take a selfie
- Think of a title for your invention
- Write a paragraph (150 words) about your invention
- Take photos of your invention. (Photos must not exceed 4 MB)
- Email your entries to info@ncrst.na
- Submit entries between 12 June 2015 and 25 June 2015 – No late entries!

ONCE ENTERED:
- Wait for the email confirmation to ensure that your entry has been received. If you have not received confirmation within 48 hours, let us know by sending an e-mail to info@ncrst.na
- Look out for your title, description and invention photo on Facebook.
- Get everyone to like your invention to count for a vote for your entry.
- There is a prize for the invention with the most likes on Facebook.

COMPETITION RULES:

Competition closes 25 June 2015.
The first round of judging will take place from 26 - 29 June 2015. This will be an online screening of inventions for VALIDITY and FEASIBILITY.

Worthy finalists from the first round will be invited to exhibit at the National Science, Technology and Innovation Festival from 29 June to 2 July 2015. Judging will take place at the Science, Technology and Innovation Festival, where the inventions must be showcased. The inventions will be judged on CREATIVITY, ORIGINALITY, NEED and POTENTIAL.

The winners will be announced at the STI Festival Closing Ceremony on 3

MORE INFO

For information on terms and conditions, judging and intellectual property visit our website: www.ncrst.na
COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The Intellectual Property should belong to you / the inventor and you should be able to supply proof of ownership on request.
- You can enter as an individual, group or a company.
- You can enter as many inventions as you like.
- Finalists must be able to exhibit at the STI Festival 2015 in Windhoek.
- The Science, Technology and Innovation Festival or competition organisers are under no obligation to finance the finalists’ travel expenses to exhibit in the STI festival.
- This competition officially starts on 12 June 2015 and closes on 2 July 2015.
- Only entries received via the online submission will be accepted.
- All of the information should be valid. If it is discovered that any information is false, the entry will be disqualified.
- The STI Festival reserves the right, at its sole discretion, not to accept entries or to disqualify entries at any stage should it transpire that such entries have been made by illegitimate, suspicious, and/or unqualified participants.
- Winners will be chosen by a qualified appointed judging panel.
- The judging panel’s decision is final. The STI festival cannot be held accountable if IP is taken by another party that was not protected by the inventor themselves.
- Entering the competition will result in the posting of your innovation on the official NCRST Facebook Page, and the subsequent exhibition thereof at the STI Festival will constitute a public disclosure which may preclude you from obtaining patent and/or design protection for your innovation. Innovators are therefore advised to take the necessary steps to protect their intellectual property before such disclosure.
- The STI festival reserves the right to use the images entered for promotional and marketing purposes.
- The STI festival reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at its sole discretion.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT:

The Inventors’ Garage Competition is an open competition and all entries will be seen on public platforms. You are therefore advised not to submit any information deemed to be confidential. By entering the competition, you confirm that you are the rightful proprietor of any Intellectual Property underlying the invention and that you are entitled to disclose the invention to the public. Entering the competition will result in the posting of your innovation on the official NCRST Facebook Page, and the subsequent exhibition thereof at the STI Festival will constitute a public disclosure which may preclude you from obtaining patent and/or design protection for your innovation. Innovators are therefore advised to take the necessary steps to protect their Intellectual Property before such disclosure. For more information, innovators can contact Ms Elzita Beukes at NCRST: ebeukes@ncrst.na