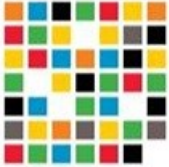


# Get those innovative ideas in for Inventors Garage and PwC Pitching Den competitions

Entries are now open for the Inventors Garage and PwC Pitching Den competitions. Inventors, researchers and entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to expose their invented prototypes and demo-version technologies to a market of investors, venture capitalists, enthusiasts, SMEs and fellow inventors at the SA Innovation Summit.



**SA INNOVATION SUMMIT.**

The summit takes place from 26 to 29 August 2015 at Cape Town Stadium. The conference once again promises to deliver awesome inventions, amazing innovations, networking opportunities and a wealth of support for budding inventors and entrepreneurs, corporate R&D and Innovation managers and people who want innovation to happen.

Over and above the feedback, investment and networking opportunities, inventors will also stand to win cash and other exciting prizes. Finalists will also enjoy exhibition space at the Innovation Summit market. The competition closes for entries on 30 June 2015.

## Competitions

The 2015 Pitching Den - Entrepreneurs and emerging companies are invited to showcase their ideas and technologies to an experienced panel of judges, tap into different markets and access expertise, advice and capital. The PwC Pitching Den focus on two categories:

- *Start-ups or research council/ academic institutions commercialisation products:* This category calls for great concepts and early stage businesses that want to pitch for funding, market, distribution channels and more.
- *Emerging companies with tech-enabled solutions:* This category is for the high growth business. These entrants are fast growing from R5-50m annually. One of the entry requirements is that you will reach R25 million annual turnover in the next three years... are you up for a challenge?

The Vision to Reality awards programme aims to recognise and reward companies whose innovative solutions will have a significant impact on the growth of the African continent.

PwC has collaborated with SA Innovation Summit for the 2015 Vision to Reality awards programme and will use the SA Innovation Summit Pitching Den as the platform for the top 20 Vision to Reality entrants to pitch. The 2015 programme includes two awards categories: Top 10 up-and-coming who will enter into the PwC's mentorship programme before making a final pitch to determine the Vision to Reality Award winner.

For more information, go to [www.innovationsummit.co.za/inventors-garage-competition](http://www.innovationsummit.co.za/inventors-garage-competition).