

Top five finalists announced

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SingularityU Chapters in Southern Africa has chosen its top five finalists who will go on to present its global crisis solutions to an esteemed judging panel and live audience.



Singularity University (founded in 2008) is dedicated to leveraging technologies for the benefit of humanity. Global Impact Challenges aim to discover entrepreneurs who will solve global issues through innovative technology. This is South Africa's second year of hosting a Challenge and once again the winner will be invited to participate in Singularity University's Global Solutions Program in Silicon Valley worth \$40k and have the opportunity to develop their moonshot, world-changing ideas.

Finalists are as follows:

- **Michael Schmid** – Michael is a 27-year-old mechanical engineer with design experience in the aerospace industry.
- **Benji Coetzee** - Benji has decades of experience in top tier consulting, CIB & insurance and is now CEO of tech start-up EmptyTrips.
- **Spencer Horne** - Spencer is the Founder at Public Assembly (Pty) Ltd. Spencer wants to make 'big stuff' and dreams of helping usher Africa into an age of technical prosperity following his degree in aeronautical engineering.
- **Brett Jordaan** – Brett is the Founder and Director at Evolution Africa Capital which is a private equity investment into solar PV projects across Africa - 3MW to 150MW sizes.
- **Jonathan Lun** – Jonathan is an experienced senior engineer with a demonstrated history of working in the aerospace industry.

During the ceremony finalists will present their concepts to a panel of judges and guests who will select the winning concept via an interactive voting system.

Mic Mann, Mann Made Media Partner, explains: “We are proud to have such a great line-up of finalists and can’t wait to see who will win the GIC Challenge and represent South Africa to the global innovation community at Singularity University.”

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