Terms and conditions The Spindle Award for Best Innovation for Development 2018

This document contains the terms and conditions of The Spindle Award for Best Innovation for Development 2018. It lists the terms during application, selection and process of awarding the prize money.

Application process

- Deadline for submission of entries is 31 July 2018 at 23:59h Amsterdam Time.
- Competitors can participate in the competition more than once with different submissions and as a part of different teams or individually. Multiple submissions on the same entry form will not be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only complete entries submitted in the English language via the online form will be accepted.
- Only existing innovations that contribute to inclusive and sustainable development in low and middle income countries, and address an issue in one or more of the four thematic areas will be taken into consideration.

Selection process for shortlist

- The Spindle team will do a pre-selection of all entries on the basis of the eligibility criteria (see above). The eligible applications will be sent to the jury.
- On the basis of the pre-selection, the jury will select ten candidates as shortlisted teams for The Spindle Award for Best Innovation for Development.
- Subsequently, these ten selected candidates will be invited by The Spindle to submit a short plan on how they would spend any award money if granted, on the further development or scaling of their innovation. Further instructions will be provided upon selection.

Provisions for entries from outside The Netherlands

- The ten shortlisted teams will have an opportunity to pitch their idea at the Partos Innovation Festival 2018 (11 October, Amsterdam).
- If you are participating from outside The Netherlands and you are selected for the shortlist, The Spindle will compensate your travel costs, in order for to be present at the Pitch event on October 9th and the Innovation Festival on October 11th. Due to budget restrictions, The Spindle can only compensate for travel costs and lodging in The Netherlands.
Upon selection, The Spindle will contact the teams that are invited to The Netherlands. Teams are required to sign the Terms & Conditions for Fly-in for The Best Innovation for Development Award, in which they agree upon the terms and conditions that come with participation in the next phase of the selection procedure of the Award.

Selection of three nominated competitors and the final winner

- The winners are selected by the jury on the basis of the judging criteria, as mentioned on The Spindle website (via http://thespindle.org/criteria-best-innovation-2018) for the innovation and on the basis of their plan on the use of the award money.
- The award money of €15,000, €10,000 and €5,000 that is to be awarded to the three winners, will be granted by The Spindle on the basis of the written proposal and a grant agreement with the winning teams, including reporting requirements.
- The decisions of the jury about the winning entry for The Spindle Award for Best Innovation for Development are final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into the decisions.
- In the rare event that the award winner, despite a careful selection procedure, does not meet the criteria or requirements of The Spindle to be financially supported, then The Spindle team reserves the right not to grant the (full amount of) award money.

Selection for the Public Award

- The Public Award is an extra award in addition to The Spindle Award for Best Innovation for Development. This extra award is open to all applicants for Best Innovation for Development. Participants are invited to campaign for votes of the public. Every individual internet user can cast one vote.
- The application with the most unique votes, wins the award. The three applicants who collected most unique votes, win a supported crowdfunding campaign by OnepercentClub.
- In case of a serious suspicion of fraud, The Spindle reserves the right to exclude the applicant from the competition.

General conditions

- All competitors are expected to treat the innovations of other participants with respect and discretion.
- With their submission, competitors give consent to The Spindle to use the information they provide to be uploaded onto The Spindle website and used on Partos and The Spindle social media channels.
- All motivated requests to handle information confidentially will be respected by The Spindle team and the jury.
- When competitors communicate on (social) media about their submission for the innovation award, they are obliged to refer to The Spindle Awards as an initiative of The Spindle, the innovation platform of Partos. The Spindle is financially made possible by The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
All innovations submitted to The Awards are the intellectual property of the participant(s) that submitted and developed these innovations.