

Application for #GIC2016 now open

Making All Voices Count has launched its third annual Global Innovation Competition (GIC 2016). Anyone with a great idea for a project that uses technology of any sort to improve relationships between government and citizens in Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, Indonesia, the Philippines, Liberia, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Mozambique, Uganda and Nigeria, is welcome to apply.

'The GIC is always an exciting time for all of us as we stir innovators around the world to share their ideas and to use their ingenuity to change their communities for the better.' - Declan Ottaro, innovation manager of Making All Voices Count

This year's themes support both the goals of the Open Government Partnership and the Sustainable Development Goals, which this year will replace the MDGs as the marker for global progress on development issues.

Looking for inspiration?

BSDU, led by a hugely committed government officer in Bahawalpur, Pakistan won our 2014 Global Innovation Competition and are using SMS and geotagging to ensure that more women have the opportunity to give birth safely.



BSDU – previous GIC winners

One of the 2015 winners, Paul McNally of Citizen Justice Network in South Africa, discusses what prompted him to apply:

'Having worked in community radio for a long time, we saw that a lot of people in rural areas in South Africa don't have access to information about the law. There is this hunger for justice content on the radio, to get access to this kind of information. We wanted to use that knowledge and scale it up. That's why we applied for the GIC 2015.'

What's up for grabs this year?

£450,000 in grants available to winners

Finalists will attend the Global Innovation Week in Accra, Ghana and have the chance to work with expert mentors to make their idea a reality;

Do you want to know more or submit an idea? [Apply here](#).

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