

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE



BACKGROUND

Throughout history, a select few out-of-the box thinkers have challenged the normal and even fewer have managed to bring their ideas to life. But despite their very limited number, these crazy thinkers are responsible for the inventions that have changed the course of human existence, all the way from the discovery of fire to the recent more complex particle accelerator.

Like other parts of the world, Africa has had and still has many accomplished and upcoming members of this unique class. Divergent thinkers that have not been recognized, rewarded or nurtured as for the case of upcoming ones.

Called the Ugandan Nobel Prize, the prestigious **MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE** is given in reward and recognition of outstanding local excellence in ideation and creation. All while shining a light on past worthy-mentioning innovators.



This medal is awarded annually to someone or a team that submits the best solution to that year's specially chosen real-life related challenge (though currently we are keeping the challenges open). The award comes with multiple cash prizes and most importantly the opportunity to bring the winning idea to life through tested implementation by our experienced technical team

The Medal of Excellence award was started in 2022 by the Innovation Consortium which is a duly registered group of companies and individuals with different, highly specialized skill sets and backgrounds, but all with a common goal of solving emerging world challenges through innovation. The Medal Award is designed and crafted locally by us and a unique design identifier is attached to each year's Award.



This award is not limited to particular fields because creativity comes in many forms. And this was the inspiration for the medal logo which translates to “Summation of infinity”

METHODOLOGY

Influenced by societal challenges, the boundlessly experienced Innovation Consortium team chooses a different challenge every year and the best submitted solution to that challenge wins the Medal of Excellence Award for that specific year. Each of these challenges is aimed at inspiring simple yet practical out-of-the-box solutions to everyday challenges. Each year's Award edition is themed after a local laudable innovator, achiever or inspirational figure, and is open to the general public without limitations on race, country, continent, age, gender, profession or background because we believe there is an innovator in each of us.

Medal Award Process

The chronology below explains the process of awarding the Medal of Excellence;

1. Medal of Excellence team announces challenge (Around June each year)
2. Innovators, ideators and all interested participants submit their proposed solutions/submissions via a temporary portal availed on our website www.innovug.com
3. A highly technical team from Innovation Consortium evaluates all submissions and selects the best ten (10) submissions. This evaluation constitutes 75% of the total mark and the verification process



involves subjecting all submissions to a thorough technical assessment which scores their performance against;

- **Relative Advantage:** How the idea is better than the available options
 - **Compatibility:** How easy is it to blend your idea with the current lifestyle and society
 - **Complexity:** How easy is it to use your innovation
 - **Trialability:** How easy is it for potential users to adopt your idea
 - **Observability:** To what extent are the benefits of using your idea visible to potential adopters
4. The selected top ten (10) submissions are availed for an online public vote via a temporary portal availed on our website www.innovug.com This public vote constitutes 20% of the total mark.
 5. After the online public vote, the ideators of the top ten (10) ideas are invited to present their ideas to specially invited guests at the Medal Awarding ceremony. This presentation constitutes 5% of the total mark.
 6. The idea with the highest cumulative marks is awarded the prestigious **Medal of Excellence** together with the Prize money

In summary, submissions are assessed as below;

- Technical assessment – 75%
- Public vote – 20%
- Final presentation – 5%

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE 2024

The Innovation Consortium

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THEME: 10 YEARS OF SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

CHALLENGE: Unlike before, this year's challenge is **OPEN** to participants from all fields (Engineering, Health, Governance, Economics, Agriculture, Climate Etc...) to submit your excellent idea/innovation or solution

REWARD:

- 1st Place UGX 11,000,000 (3,000 USD)
- 2nd Place UGX 5,500,000 (1,500 USD)
- 3rd Place UGX 3,500,000 (950 USD)

AWARD: A Prestigious Medal and a chance to scale/ implement your idea/innovation

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals and groups irrespective of age, gender and education background

SUBMIT AT: www.innovug.com

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 22nd September 2024

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2024 was a special year in the history of your “Home of Next-Generation Solutions” Innovation Consortium, because it marked 10 years of us championing excellent sustainable socially-aware solutions that have seen us impact over 5,000 lives.

Patron: Innovation Consortium

Theme: “10 Years of Sustainable Innovation”.

Challenge: Throughout the previous Medal of Excellence editions, our team of experts always chose a specific challenge for participants to submit solutions to. But in celebration of a decade of sustainable diversity, we chose to leave the challenge **OPEN**. Open to all innovators and divergent thinkers to submit their ideas/innovations/solutions in their

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different fields be it; Engineering, Agriculture, Economics, Education, Health, ICT, Governance, Climate and Others

Reward: In celebration of Innovation Consortium's 10th birthday, we multiplied the inaugural Medal of Excellence cash prize of one million (UGX 1M) by the ten (10) years we had been at the top of providing sustainable solutions in Uganda. One million for each year we have Innovated, Incubated, Implemented and Inspired, And a **BONUS** one million for that year's excellence, therefore;

1st Place Prize: UGX **11,000,000/=** or USD **3,000**

2nd Place Prize: UGX **5,500,000/=** or USD **1,500**

3rd Place Prize: UGX **3,500,000/=** or USD **950**

Hundreds of clearly thought out local and international submissions were received in the fields of engineering, agriculture, economics, governance, law, climate and health. And after verified and detailed assessment, the winning idea was "WOKOBER-E" which is a competence base Learning approach inspired by the culture of toy/innovation using the power of recycling. This was submitted by Wokorach Ben, who is an architect turned innovator and he took home **UGX 11,000,000** and the prestigious award.



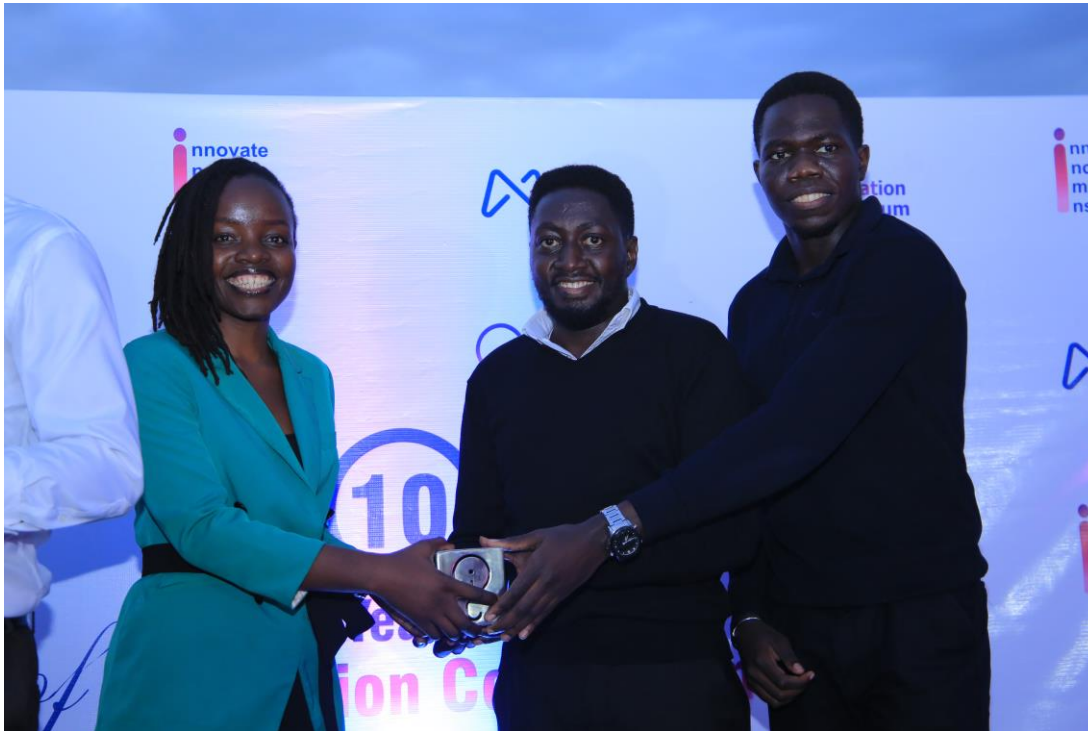
2024 Medal of Excellence winner Wokorach Ben with the M.O.E Award and UGX 11,000,000 cash prize



2024 Medal of Excellence First Runners up Benjamin Lutakome and team won UGX 5,500,000



2024 Medal of Excellence Second Runners up Keshara Samantha and team won UGX 3,500,000



2024 Medal of Excellence Honorary Mention received by Gwotcho Emmanuel and Bimark Kyabangi

As all other previous editions, the Medal of Excellency Award ceremony was held at the Innovation Consortium head offices at Plot 723 Buto Bweyogerere.



MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE 2023



2023's challenge was to design a Semi-Permanent Shelter that is practically viable for both recreation and disaster stricken settings. As before, the chosen patron for this edition was an accomplished local innovator who championed many innovations in construction, Dr. Moses. K. Musaazi. He pioneered the use of Interlocking Stabilised Soil Blocks (ISSB) and Thin Shell Concrete construction.

Patron: Dr. Moses. K. Musaazi

Theme: Sustainable Construction

Challenge: Semi-Permanent Shelter

Reward: 1st Place Prize: USD 500

2nd Place Prize: USD 150

3rd Place Prize: USD 100

The many submissions received were nothing short of mind-bending that we increased the number of finalists from three to six. These were presented for a public vote, and all presented their work at the Award ceremony.

From which Nankabirwa Anointed, a third year architecture student from Makerere University emerged the winner, taking home the prestigious Medal of Excellence Award and a cash prize of **USD 500**



2023 Medal of Excellence winner Nankabirwa Anointed



2023 Medal of Excellence First runners up Tumwesigye Robinah & Walusimbi Joseph

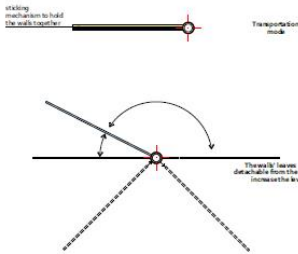
The first runners up was a team of two students, Walusimbi Joseph (3rd year Electrical engineering) and Tumwesigye Robinah (3rd Year Architecture). These won a cash prize of **USD 150** and a special physical token of appreciation from Innovation Consortium.

The second runners up was a team of four students from Kyambogo University (Aturinde Nuwe, Musiitwa Isaac, Kibirige Jethro and Mugoya Raymond). These took home a **USD 100** cash prize and a special physical token of appreciation from Innovation Consortium.

The Semi-Permanent Shelter Challenge produced some really excellent ideations. From the winning submission, the **“Pivotal Shelter”**, which encapsulates the core concept of a shelter anchored around a central pole with recycled plastic walls rotating 360 degrees about this steel column. To submissions with shelter walls made out of sawdust and whole shelters made from eucalyptus poles and tarpaulin.

PIVOTAL SHELTER

an innovative solution that embodies the essence of adaptability, sustainability, and affordability in contemporary living spaces. The name "Pivotal Shelter" encapsulates the core concept—a shelter anchored around a central pole



rotating mechanism to hold the walls together

Transportation mode


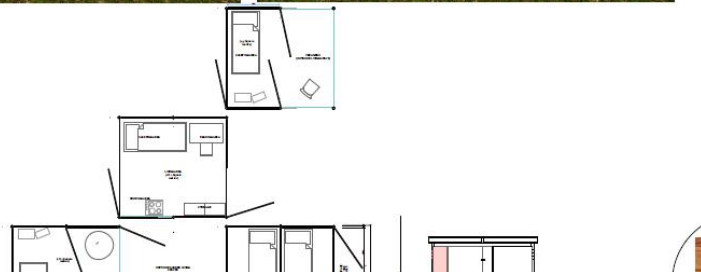
These 10' sections should ideally be detachable from the pole or attached to increase the level of flexibility



the walls are bright colored to also reflect the sunlight and not cause overheating of the space

walls made from recycled plastic pivot around a central metallic (steel) column tube, enhancing strength and stability. These walls have the unique ability to rotate a full 360 degrees, allowing them to be positioned according to specific needs. This design not only ensures flexibility but also provides a versatile and adaptable living space."

since its plastic, the walls can be made of different colors making the spaces more visually exciting and reducing the footprints of plastics in society

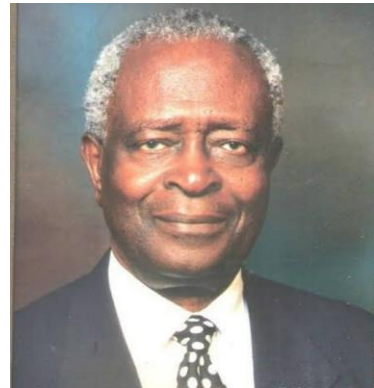





MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE 2022

Each year's challenge is themed after a worth-recognising local innovator, achiever or Inspirational figure. And the inaugural Medal of Excellence challenge was called "Zikusooka Challenge", named after Uganda's first civil engineer, James Mbuzi Zikusooka Nyonyintono who designed Jinja city. The challenge was to design a modern **Kiosk/Mudaala**.

Patron: Eng. James Mbuzi Zikusooka Nyonyintono



Theme: Sustainable Construction

Challenge: Modern Kiosk/Mudaala

Reward: 1st Place Prize: UGX 1,000,000

The challenge attracted many local and international submissions. All of which were impartially assessed as per the set evaluating criteria described above.

The winners of this challenge were two Kyambogo University Architecture students, Opio Jacob and Ahairwebyona Monica. Who beat very close competition to take home the unique Medal of Excellence Award and a cash prize of **UGX 1,000,000**



2022 Medal of Excellence winners Ahairwebyona Monica and Opio Jacob

Gwoktcho Emmanuel and Musiitwa Isaac were the First and Second runners up respectively



2022 Medal First Runner up Gwoktcho Emmanuel



2022 Second Runner up Musiitwa Isaac receiving a token





Besides the prestigious Award and cash prizes, Innovation Consortium's real prize, is the opportunity to bring the exceptional submissions to life through our **Innovation Kazi Project**. And currently, we are working with all the previous Medal of Excellence finalists in different capacities and on several projects to bring the submitted brilliant ideas to life through tested innovation, incubation and implementation. We call upon all interested parties to join and support this future defining endeavor.

From the organizing committee, the judges, wonderful guests, well-wishers to the participants, we **THANK YOU** for making the Medal of Excellence the prestigious Award that it is today and we look forward to your active participation in this year's Challenge.

“The foundation of excellence is built with the quality of your actions and the integrity of your intent”

Catch the moments from the previous award ceremony at the link below:

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