

Calling Namibia's TVET innovators! Here's your chance to showcase your ideas at Africa Skills Week



Are you a trainee at a Namibian technical and vocational education and training (TVET) centre, or a recent TVET graduate? We want to hear your innovative business ideas that could win you financial support, mentorship and a fully funded trip to Africa Skills Week in Addis Ababa in October!

Introducing the **Namibia TVET Trainee & Graduate Innovation Challenge**, an initiative of the Republic of Namibia, supported by its Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (MEIYSAC) and the Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

This initiative is also supported by the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) through the Skills Initiative for Africa.

We are looking for young innovators, trailblazers and pioneers who have game-changing ideas to put their TVET skills into practice while using all the digital tools at their disposal.

Specifically, we want to hear your business pitches anchored in technologies that address community challenges through:

- **People:** advancing inclusive, equitable practices that integrate marginalised groups
- **Planet:** advancing green skills and environmentally sustainable solutions

The competition aligns with the African Union's Continental TVET Strategy (2025-34), which emphasises TVET's critical role in driving economic transformation across Africa. It also correlates closely with the TVET focus areas of Namibia's National Development Plan.

Ultimately, we are looking for novel ideas driven by Africa's TVET-educated youth! Let's find youth-led solutions for a sustainable Africa.

Competition mechanics

The call for submissions will open on 29 August 2025, and the closing date for applications is 16 September 2025.

[Click here to complete and submit the application form.](#)

Entrants must be between 18 and 35 years of age, and must either be enrolled in a Namibian TVET centre or have graduated in the past five years (since 2020).

Six finalists will be shortlisted to go through to the next (online) round of judging.

Prizes

Each of the six shortlisted candidates will receive a certificate and the opportunity to pitch their ideas or solutions to a technical jury during an online seminar. This will include a networking workshop with potential funders and private-sector entities.

The two winning innovators will each receive a fully funded trip to participate in Africa Skills Week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 18 October 2025, with the theme "Powering Africa's Industrial Future: Skills for Innovation, Growth and Sustainability". In addition, they will each receive a six-month support package from MEIYSAC, including financial backing and technical expertise, to help refine and launch their business ideas.

Share your ideas to transform your community and win a fantastic prize to kick-start your entrepreneurial journey!

- Enter the Namibia TVET Trainee & Graduate Innovation Challenge
- Find out more about Africa Skills Week
- Read the AU's Continental TVET Strategy (2025-2034)