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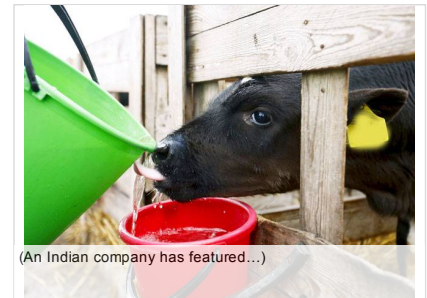
Indian firm among agriculture innovation competition finalists

PTI Nov 20, 2015, 11.15PM IST

Tags: Tanzania | Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) | Government of Germany | Funding | Entrepreneurship | Duke Energy | and Duke Energy Corporation.

WASHINGTON: An Indian company has featured among the 13 finalists for an international agriculture innovation competition here in the United States. Claro Energy has been selected for its low-cost pay-per-use irrigation using solar trolley system, USAID said in a statement.

In all, 13 companies from across the globe has been selected by Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge for Development.



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Powering Agriculture is a partnership between the USAID, the Government of Sweden, the Government of Germany, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), and Duke Energy Corporation.

Selected from a pool of 871 applicants – 62 per cent of which are from developing countries – the winning organisations that comprise the 2015 Powering Agriculture Innovator Cohort will collectively utilise USD 12.9 million in funding to commercialise clean energy technologies and innovative business models that will: (i) enhance agricultural yields/productivity; (ii) decrease post-harvest losses; (iii) improve farmer and agribusiness income generating opportunities and revenues; and (iv) increase energy efficiency within the operations of farms and agribusinesses.

"The 13 winning innovators are a testament to the power of how partnerships can have a positive, transformative impact in development," said USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator Charles North.

"Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge for Development demonstrates how we can harness the collective intelligence and entrepreneurship of innovators to help end extreme poverty by providing clean energy to feed the developing world," he said.

The finalists for the awards and the countries in which they will implement their projects include Ariya Capital Group (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania) for powering agriculture with renewable energy, and Futurepump (Kenya) for sunflower pump: asset-financed solar irrigation pumps for smallholder farmers.

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Kalyan Kumar (Asansol)
25 Nov, 2015 09:06 PM

We hear/read of so many innovations from time to time Govt should set-up a fund to bring all such cost effective innovations to mkt. There's already a startup fund which needs to be better utilized and targeted (e-comm don't need govt support as enough pvt fund flow already their)

Baskarrao (Unknown)
25 Nov, 2015 06:46 PM

This country is full of Brainy people & knowledge boxes with least opportunities.If given opportunity we would have been a developed country 25 years ago.

Evelyn (delhi)
23 Nov, 2015 03:45 PM

Great to here this... This shows the wealth of Indian agriculture sector... Evelyn from Bizbilla