

MTC presents innovation awards

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MTC chief commercial officer Melvin Angula (right) awarding the winner in the communications and media category, Jaua Marie Badchous (left). Photo: Contributed

TELECOMMUNICATIONS company MTC on Tuesday awarded winners of an innovation competition that was launched in September this year.

The Tech Innovation Bazaar was a collaboration with the Namibian University of Science and Technology (NUST), faculty of computing and informatics. □ □

The awards were aimed at bringing innovators and their ideas together, with the objective of incubating and bringing the ideas to the market. The event also recognised Namibian technological innovations.

□ The event was attended by the MTC chief commercial officer, Melvin Angula, and representatives of United Nations Development Programme and NUST.

□ The awards were for six categories including the UNDP Challenge session, which was agriculture and Internet of Things, health and wellbeing, finance, communication and media and education. □ □

One of the winning entries was the Aweh doctor-telemedicine by Tuuliki Kaahalele Amwele who took the prize in the health and wellbeing category. □ □

Kaahalele initiated a medical app called Aweh doctor-telemedicine, which allows Public service medical aid (Psemas) members to know how much is allocated to them.

“This app also allows doctors to subscribe and consult patients directly,” said Kaahalele.

She added that the app can also rate doctors, making it easier for patients to choose the best doctors.

Leonard Akathingo scooped two awards – best presentation and the category of agriculture and IOT, with the Agrotech smart farming app.

“Agrotech is a mobile app which potentially turns non-farmers into farmers,” said Akathingo who added that winning the award will inspire him to work harder and he expressed appreciation to the event organisers for the opportunity.