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## Two South Africans win German research prize

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Leading young scientists from 20 countries are meeting Germany's sustainability research elite.



The Green Talents winners 2015 in Germany(© DLR) The Green Talents Award, held under the patronage of the German Research Minister Prof. Johanna Wanka, is providing a platform for the seventh time to young talents to share their views on green concepts and to make our world a better place.

A high-ranking jury of experts selected 27 up-and-coming scientists out of more than 550 applications from over 90 countries. Their prize is one of the treasured tickets to the “Green Talents - International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development”. This year, two South African scientists were awarded.



South African PhD graduate, Dr. Kapil Moothi(© DLR) The 29-year old chemical engineering PhD graduate, Dr. Kapil Moothi and Geraldine Brennan, PhD student in Strategic Management and Sustainable Development are this year's up-and-coming South African scientists. Having done his research on converting coal into carbon nanotubes (CNTs) to significantly reduce the cost of CNTs in nanotechnology applications, the Green Talents jury applauded Dr. Moothi's track record of successful research by combining practical knowledge with innovative thinking. The jury praised Ms. Brennan's capable grasp of diverse

disciplines and her unique model that combines scientific research and business management in her business ecosystem case study.

This year's "Green Talents" can expect two weeks of interaction with leading experts and some of the most renowned research institutions and companies, including Fraunhofer Fokus, KWB - Berlin Centre of Competence for Water, Ecologic Institute, Henkel and ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe.



South African Green Talent Geraldine Brennan(© DLR) Getting connected to the science community and exchanging ideas with its key innovators allows the winners to lay the foundation for future cooperation. Such efforts are supported by the invitation to return to Germany for a fully funded research stay at an institution of their choice in 2016.

The 27 Green Talents will be honoured during a festive awards ceremony attended by representatives of participating institutions, jury members, and other distinguished guests. The awards ceremony will be held on October 30 at the Ministry in Berlin