

EDUCATION**AUSTRALIAN PROJECT DUCERE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S STORIES, BY DUCERE FOUNDATION,
FINALIST FOR THE WISE AWARDS 2018**

African Children's Stories, an initiative of Ducere Foundation Ltd, is among 12 finalists chosen by the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) for their innovative and impactful approaches to today's most urgent education challenges

10 April 2018 –Ducere African Children's Stories, by Ducere Foundation Ltd in Australia, has been selected as one of the 12 finalist projects for the 2018 WISE Awards.

Each year, the WISE Awards recognize and promote innovative projects from around the world that are addressing global educational challenges.

[African Children's Stories](#) is a sustainable and scalable model nurturing creativity, imagination and tradition through the publication of stories written by primary-aged students from all African nations. This project aims to fix the lack of available African authored education material while increasing literacy rates and preserving oral traditions through stories children captured from their elders.

Di Fleming, Executive Director of Ducere Foundation Ltd, stated: "Ducere Foundation is committed to publishing stories authored by African children, for African children to be shared across the globe. These stories come from student imaginations, life's realities and the desire to preserve oral tradition. We are steadfast in our goal to publish stories from the 54 African nations by 2024. Today, we have over 50 Collections from 20 African countries – the pride and joy as authors see their stories in print is truly extraordinary".

Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO of WISE, said: "We congratulate African Children's Stories for making it to the finalist stage. Each of the 2018 WISE Awards finalists has constructed an effective, tested solution to a global educational challenge. Whether it's ensuring fundamental education for refugees or creating the next generation of empathetic and conscious leaders, each project is already transforming lives, and provides an inspirational model for others to adopt."

The 12 projects come from eleven countries and were shortlisted for their innovative solutions to education challenges and their positive social impact. The awards finalists were picked from a pool of 413 projects, and evaluated according to strict criteria. They must be successful, innovative education projects that have already demonstrated a transformative impact on individuals, communities, and society. They must be financially stable, have a clear development plan and be scalable and replicable.

The finalists will be reviewed by a jury of experts and the six WISE Awards winning projects will be announced mid-July 2018 and celebrated at WISE@NewYork Forum in the United States, September 2018. In addition to publicity and networking opportunities, each project receives \$20,000 (US).

For further information, visit <http://www.wise-qatar.org/wise-awards>.

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