

AI-powered language tool LangBot wins Seedstars Ethiopia

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LangBot, a gamified and artificial intelligence (AI)-powered language teaching chatbot, has been named the winner of the Ethiopian leg of global early-stage startups competition Seedstars World, earning the chance to pitch at the grand final in Switzerland next year.



Seedstars Ethiopia.

[Seedstars World](#), which is hosting local events across Africa ahead of the global final, has already picked winners in [Mozambique](#), [Tunisia](#), [Tanzania](#), [South Africa](#) and [Uganda](#).

[LangBot](#) will now join the winners from those countries at the final, where it will pitch for the chance of securing US\$500,000 in equity investment. This came after seven Ethiopian startups pitched to a panel of judges at local innovation hub, [iceaddis](#).

Offline learning startup [SRE](#) was second, while on-demand taxi app [ZayRide](#) came third. The other startups pitching were individualised teaching platform [Mak-Addis Tutors](#), chat-based money transfer service [Meda Messenger](#), business automation startup [SemayDocs](#), and news provision service [smsCrush](#).

The jury comprised of Marc Lepage, Africa knowledge and innovation advisor at UNDP Ethiopia; Eleni Gabre-Madhin, chief executive officer (CEO) at Ethiopia Commodity Exchange; Shem Asefaw, entrepreneur and angel investor at ShemTECH Ventures; Eyob Tolina, director at Schulze Global; and Fanny Dauchez, associate for Africa at Seedstars World.

Previous years' winners of the Ethiopian edition of Seedstars World have included software development startup AhadooTec, [for its e-learning and school management system](#) Fidel; and [last year's winner](#) Hulubet – an online events marketplace and aggregator.

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