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Youth rewarded for weather device

Three Ugandan youth groups were rewarded for their innovative efforts in developing weather forecast devices.

The devices developed with the supervision of Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) are intended to alert farmers on when to plant crops.

The first group winner walked away with Shs300, 000, first runner up was given Shs200, 000 and the 2nd runnersup took home Shs150, 000.

Speaking at the awarding ceremony in Kampala on Saturday, Rosa Malango, the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) Country Director said addressing weather challenges is very important.

"In March 2016, Uganda was one of the eleven (11) countries that participated in the early warning innovations challenge in Livingstone, Zambia. This challenge helped us to realize that our weather products needed to be upgraded to match the increasing demand for timely and accurate weather information. This information is required to plan for agricultural production as well as aviation service among other things," she says.

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