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## **IEEE Smart Village Entrepreneur Receives Obama Foundation Honor**



[Ifeanyi Orajaka](#), one of [IEEE Smart Village's](#) energy entrepreneurs was selected as a recipient of [Obama Foundation Leaders Program: Africa](#). The Obama Foundation Leaders Program: Africa will ultimately serve as the backbone of a larger ecosystem of Foundation change-makers across the continent and,

eventually, the world, as the Foundation launches similar leadership programs in regions around the world.

**The IEEE Foundation's Smart Village Fund helps train and inspire entrepreneurs like [Orajaka](#) across the African continent.**

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## What's New



### [Startup Battlefield Africa](#)

Any type of tech startup may apply. Highly discerning TechCrunch editors will review the applications and choose the 15 startups they deem most likely to produce an exit or IPO.



### [Here's how you can run a startup without external funding](#)

One of the most common and popular examples of venture funding is UBER. However, people tend to forget about the original startups like Microsoft, DELL and Virgin, that started without any external funding.

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**SLINGSHOT@SWITCH powered by Startup SG** gives promising startups a platform to showcase their technology and business ideas, gain early exposure to investors, corporates, industry leaders, mentors, media, and tech-savvy early adopters through this startup competition. There will be an IEEE N3XT® Stars Competition at the event.

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## Upcoming Community Events

*Events with a strong technology focus that overlap with IEEE's field of interest*

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### **IEEE WIE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

IEEE Women in Engineering

*Tunisia*

August 10, 2018

### **FrizBee 2018**

IEEE MESCE

*Kuttippuram, India*

August 17, 2018

### **IEEE PES Hardtech Summit (3rd PES Student Congress)**

IEEE PES

*São Paulo, Brazil*

August 24, 2018

**SINGAPORE WEEK OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Featuring the SWITCH Competition

*Singapore*

September 17-20, 2018

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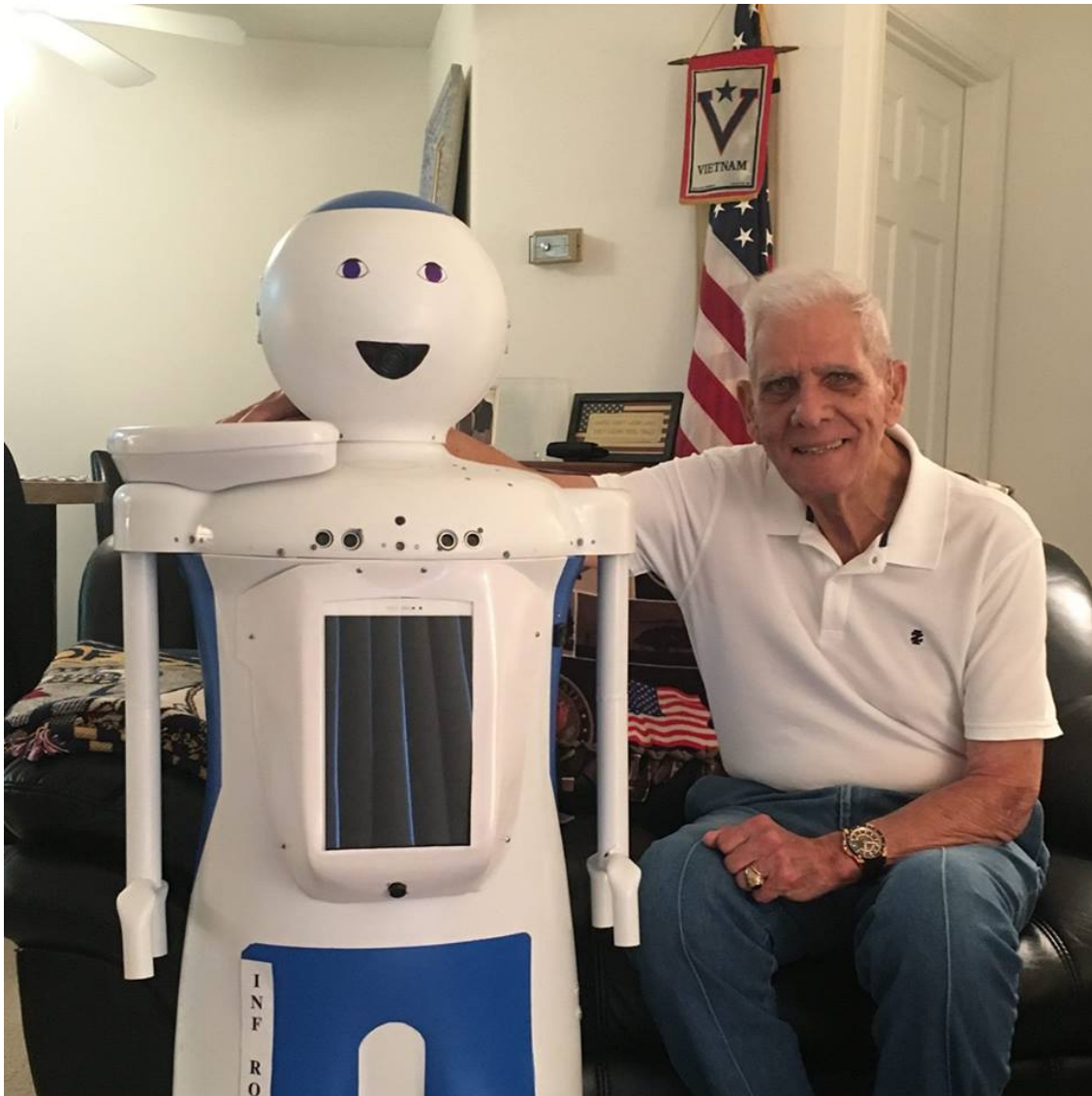
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A banner for Innovation Women. The top half has a dark blue background with white text. The bottom half features a circular logo with a microphone icon and the words 'INNOVATION WOMEN' around it. Below the logo is a photo of a woman in a blue shirt speaking into a microphone. The website 'www.innovationwomen.com' is at the bottom.





Startup Highlight:

### **INF Robotics**

[INF Robotics](#) has developed an automated in-home care companion for seniors that also acts as a force multiplier for home care agencies. In this age of the smart machine, robots are increasingly playing roles in different fields. When it comes to caregiving for the elderly, which depends mainly on human interaction, it turns out robots can also help.

**Learn more about the [IEEE Robotics and Automation Society \(IEEE RAS\)](#).**

**Be part of the upcoming [IEEE RAS Entrepreneurship Forum and Startup Contest \(EFSC 2018\)](#) at [IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems \(IROS 2018\)](#).**

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