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The *Pioneers of Prosperity Awards Program* is a global program made-up of regional competitions spanning the Caribbean, Africa and Central America. The program identifies outstanding entrepreneurs who can serve as high-profile role models in each region. The finalists receive financial prizes for investment in the further development of their ventures.

The Pioneers of Prosperity Awards Program is based on our experience that great companies exist in even the most challenging business environments. We believe that greater prosperity can be achieved in emerging markets if these existing models of success are better understood and effectively replicated. Showcasing local success stories, focusing on small to medium size firms, will help to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs that can serve as the engine of increased growth and prosperity for their country.

The Program is sponsored by the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank, the [Social Equity Venture Fund \(S.E.VEN Fund\)](#), and the [John Templeton Foundation](#). It was devised by [Michael Fairbanks](#), co-founder of S.E.VEN Fund and co-author of Templeton Press' recently released title, *In [the River They Swim: Essays from around the World on Enterprise Solutions to Poverty](#)*.

Earlier this month the winners of the Caribbean region were announced at the final award ceremony hosted by Prime Minister Bruce Golding in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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