



IDDS at a Glance

International Development Design Summits (IDDS) are **hands-on design experiences** that bring together **people from all walks of life** to **co-create low-cost, practical innovations** to improve the lives of people living in poverty.



Summits emphasize the importance of “co-creation,” the idea that working with communities is more powerful than designing solutions for them. During a summit, participants work in teams with community members from developing countries, learn the design cycle, identify problems and solutions, and test prototypes.

Design summits can last two weeks or a month and typically take place in a developing country. Some summits delve into a specific topic such as urban waste systems and result in innovative ideas and proposals, while others summits address broad topics like agriculture, health, and education and result in viable prototypes.

After a summit is over, IDDS participants become a part of the growing IDIN Network. Some participants continue to work on projects from the summit, while others pursue their own local innovation projects.

Upcoming International Development Design Summits

2015: IDDS Zero Waste in Cali, Colombia (June 2015), IDDS Aarogyam in Chennai, India (July 2015), and IDDS D’Kar in D’Kar, Botswana (August 2015)

2016: IDDS ICT in Lahore, Pakistan (January 2016), IDDS Permaculture in Para, Brazil (July 2016), IDDS Botswana in D’Kar, Botswana (July 2016), and IDDS Cookstoves in Kampala, Uganda (August 2016)



Examples of IDDS Projects



Avocado Oil Press — IDDS Tanzania 2014

This project began at IDDS Tanzania in 2014 where participants and community members designed avocado presses and dryers to produce valuable oil for cooking and cosmetics. Today, local community members and MIT students continue to take the project forward.



Zasaka — IDDS Zambia 2013

This project began as a post-harvest storage container made of local materials at IDDS Zambia in 2013, and has now evolved into Zasaka, a social venture that helps small scale Zambian farmers reduce post-harvest storage loss through a variety of technologies and services



PoupaCerto — IDDS Brazil 2012

An approach to financial management that was born at IDDS Brazil in 2012 is now PoupaCerto, a growing mobile application designed to help low-income households to track and accomplish financial goals in Brazil

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