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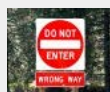
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There will also be lighting talks on the state of global entrepreneurship and the Startup World team will be sharing what they learnt from startups in emerging markets.

Answer 10 easy questions [here now](#) to compete against startups from across the world to win a place in the grand final.

We will have a panel of all-star judges including tech-famous blogger Robert Scoble.

If you would like to attend as an audience member you can sign up free [here](#):



Startup World has identified 36 technology hubs globally and will be holding pitching competitions in each locations, with the grand final being held in Silicon Valley.

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- 5 million Echo real-time streams per month for 1 year worth \$30,000
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San Francisco is our first stop of the North America tour. The winners of the regional pitch competitions will travel to Silicon Valley for a grand showdown in late 2013.

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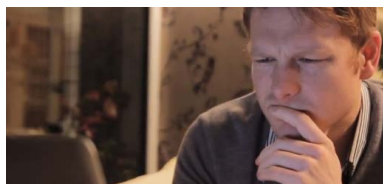
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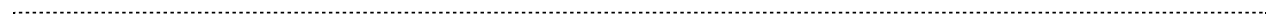
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