United Nations Public Service Awards

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UNPSA Goals

Rationale and objectives:

- An international recognition of excellence in public service

- Rewards Governments’ efforts to innovate
- Promotes a culture of efficiency, inclusion & responsiveness
- Replication and adaptation
- Improved access to services and accelerated development
2014 UNPSA Categories

Category 1
Improving the Delivery of Public Services

Category 2
Fostering Participation in Policy-making Decisions through Innovative Mechanisms

Category 3
Promoting Whole-of-Government Approaches in the Information Age

Category 4
Promoting Gender-Responsive Delivery of Public Services
Who can apply?

Eligibility Criteria

- Public organizations and agencies at the national and sub-national levels

- Regions: Asia and the Pacific; Europe and North America; Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western Asia

- Nominations are pre-screened for eligibility prior to evaluations
- Three criteria for pre-screening:
  - Self-nominations are not accepted
  - Relevance to UNPSA Categories
  - Completeness of nomination forms
Who can nominate?

Eligible nominators include:

- Government Ministries, departments and agencies;
- Universities;
- Non-governmental organizations;
- Professional associations.
When and how to apply

Submitting the Nomination

• Nominations are being accepted from **18 September 2013 to 18 December 2013**

• Nominations are done online at:

• Nominations can be made in any of the six UN official languages

Submission Rules

• Minimum one year implementation
  • Only institutions can be nominated and receive the award

• Online submission of supporting documents only

• Ownership of initiative required for the award
Process - evaluation/selection

**First Round**
- Two Reviewers evaluate each nomination within their area of expertise and language proficiencies
- Based on a specific threshold, nominations are ranked and selected for second round of evaluations
- Supporting Documents requested

**Second Round**
- Two different reviewers
- Only nominations with supporting documents are evaluated
- Documents submitted online only
- Documents: Two letters of reference; minimum of two and maximum of five supporting documents
- A reference letter cannot be written by the nominating institution

**Final Round**
- United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Validation process upon completion of CEPA's selection
- Winners announced in May each year
Other important facts

- All nominated projects are evaluated in the context of their country and region’s development level

- CEPA reserves the right not to choose a winner in a given category and region

- New project on transfer and adaptation of innovations collected in the UNPSA for LDCs in Asia and Africa
Process - forum & awards ceremony

- Awards Ceremony held in June each year along the Public Service Forum and celebration of the Public Service Day

Forum
Unique global event on public governance that provides a platform to explore, discuss and learn about:

- Emerging challenges, issues and trends facing governments
- Innovative practices to address these challenges
- Lessons learned from the strategies and how they can be adapted

2013 Forum – Manama, Bahrain

- 6 Workshops
- 1 Expert Group Meeting
- 2 Ministerial Round Tables
- Exhibition of winning projects
# Process - forum & ceremony

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Themes for past forums


2013 Manama Kingdom of Bahrain: Theme: “Transformative e-Government and Innovation: Creating a Better Future for All”

2012: New York, UN Theme: “Innovation and Citizens Engagement for Effective Governance”

2011: Dar-Es Salaam, Tanzania with African Union Commission: Theme: "Transformative Leadership in Public Administration and Innovation in Governance: Creating Better Life for All"

2010: Barcelona, Spain Theme: "The Role of Public Service in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Challenges and Best Practices"

Past UNPS Forum Countries’ Representation & Participants

- 2010 Barcelona: 400 Participants, 77 Countries
- 2011 Dar es Salaam: 500 Participants, 70 Countries
- 2012 New York: 500 Participants, 96 Countries
- 2013 Manama: 800 Participants, 100 Countries
Number of Nominations (2003-2013)

- 2003: 81
- 2004: 193
- 2005: 215
- 2006: 149
- 2007: 198
- 2008: 188
- 2009: 168
- 2010: 207
- 2011: 299
- 2012: 470
- 2013: 601
Countries represented in nominations
Aggregate percentage of nominations per Region
2003 - 2013

- Western Asia: 18%
- Africa: 17%
- Latin America & the Caribbean: 12%
- Europe & North America: 18%
- Asia & the Pacific: 35%
Past winners’ initiatives

Past UNPSA winners and short-listed initiatives are available on UNPAN for the benefit of policy makers at the national, regional and international levels; the academic community, NGOs; the private sector; and nominees.

http://ww.unpan.org/Directories/UNPublicServiceAwardsInitiatives
A record of excellence

Case studies of all past winners and finalists’ initiatives, are available on UNPAN in an eBook titled: **Good Practices and Innovations in Public Governance**

The ebook is available on the following links:

**UNPAN**


iPad and iPhone applications at: : http://tiny.cc/u3jcj

On the Amazon Kindle at:

http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0057P2IRQ

On the Barnes and Noble Nook at (till 2011 initiatives)

1. Policy Analysis, Research and Publications

iPAD, iPhone Mobile Application
• The UN's mobile application on Innovations in Public Governance, was launched by DPADM/DESA at the UN Public Service Awards Ceremony in Dar es Salaam on 23 June 2011.

• The free application, available worldwide for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad, lets users easily explore the entire archive of Public Service Award-Winning Initiatives.

• The App allows users to filter by Subject, Category, Region, Country and Year, and learn about each initiative from content that is optimised for a mobile platform.

http://www.UNPAN.org/DPADM/
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?