

"Water for Life" Best practices award 2011 edition



Purpose

 To promote efforts to fulfill international commitments made on water and water-related issues by 2015 through recognition of outstanding best practices that can ensure the long-term sustainable management of water resources and contribute to the achievement of internationally agreed goals and targets



Focus

- Yearly focus: World Water Day
- 2011: Urban water management

Categories

- Category 1: Best water management practices
- Category 2: Best participatory, communication, awareness raising and education practices



Award

- An invitation to participate in the UN event celebrated on WWD
- A video produced on each of the winning best practice categories
- A certificate
- A nomination for the Stockholm water Prize.

The prize will be awarded on World Water Day, **22 March**



Eligibility

 Open to projects or programmes achieving particularly effective results in the field of water management or in raising awareness in water issues

Submission of candidatures

 Through an independent nominating organisation



Selection process

- Evaluation by an independent international Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Selection of 10 submissions to be forwarded to the Best Practices
 Jury for final selection (including a members from the Stockholm Water Institute).



General selection criteria

The best practice responds to one or more of the following **requirements**:

- Respect for social and cultural diversity;
- Transferability, adaptability and ability to be up-scaled;
- Appropriateness to local conditions and levels of development.



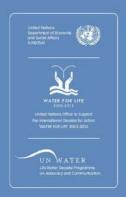
Selection criteria

The best practice **contributes** to, but is not limited to:

- The promotion of social equality and equity;
- The eradication of poverty;
- The preservation of traditional knowledge



- The best practice must have substantially contributed to:
 - the improvement of the living environment on a sustainable basis, especially to the living conditions of the poorest and most disadvantaged groups
 - the sustainable management of water
 - Lasting changes in at least one of the following areas: legislation, regulatory frameworks; institutional frameworks and decisionmaking processes; efficient, transparent and accountable management systems.



- The best practice is based on engaging different stakeholders.
- The best practice includes social policies and/or sectoral strategies that have the ability to be up scaled
- **Empowerment** of the community to maintain services/infrastructures
- How others have learnt or benefited
- Means used for sharing or transferring knowledge, expertise and lessons learnt



- Ability to improve participatory practices and communicate clearly and effectively
- Providing a model and inspiring action and change
- Outstanding and tangible contribution to improving participation and developing awareness on water and sanitation issues
- Successful in developing awareness among most disadvantaged groups
- Contributed to education



- Successful in proposing the most appropriate formats to the target audience
- Community perceptions have been considered and integrated
- Has contributed to change people's attitudes and/or behaviours
- It's associated with a water supply/sanitation project
- Has helped people to exchange experiences
- Has led to effective change in water management



Timetable for 2011

- 13-17 December 2010: Official announcement of the 1st edition
- 30 January 2011: Deadline for receipt of submissions
- 1-15 February 2011: Evaluation of submissions by the TAC, short-listing
- 28 February 2011: Best Practice Jury selects Award recipients.
- 22 March 2011: "Water for Life Best Practices" Award ceremony.