



UN Public Administration Programme

Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM)
UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)



United Nations Public Service Awards







Purpose of the Awards

- To recognize the institutional contribution made by public servants to enhance the role, professionalism, image and visibility of the public service

(Economic and Social Council decision 2000/231)





Objectives

More specifically, the Awards aim to:

- Discover innovations in governance
- Reward excellence in the public sector
- Motivate public servants to further promote innovation
- Enhance professionalism in the public service
- Raise the image of public service
- Enhance trust in government, and
- Collect and disseminate successful practices for possible replication.





Categories

- **Category 1:**
 - Improving transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in the public service
 - **Category 2:**
 - Improving the delivery of public services
 - **Category 3:**
 - Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms
 - **Category 4:**
 - Advancing knowledge management in government
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Who can apply?

- All public organizations and agencies at national and sub-national levels
- Public-private partnerships
- Organizations performing outsourced public service functions

UNPSA takes into consideration the geographical distribution of five regions:

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

No more than 20 prizes can be awarded per year: one per region and per category.



How to Apply?

- **Complete an online questionnaire at:**
<http://www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2010>

 - **Self-nominations are not accepted**
 - A self-nomination is when the institution being nominated and the institution making the nomination are either the same, or hierarchically dependant (i.e. a division nominating one of its branches or an entity under its authority), or belonging to the same entity (i.e. within the same ministry, one division nominates another).

 - **Deadline for 2010 UNPSA is 31 December 2009**
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What are the application process steps?

1. **Nominations are submitted online at <http://www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2010>**
2. **DPADM identifies qualified nominations**
3. **Selected nominees are asked to submit additional information, such as letters of reference and supporting documentation**
4. **DPADM then short-lists nominations on the basis of the documentation provided**
5. **The United Nations Committee of Experts in Public Administration selects the winners and finalists of the Awards.**



Presentation of the Awards

The Awards are presented by high-level officials of the United Nations on 23 June, which was designated by the General Assembly as United Nations Public Service Day.





Awards by Year

2009 Winners and Finalists



2008 Winners and Finalists



2007 Winners and Finalists



2006 Winners



2005 Winners



2004 Winners



2003 Winners





Past winners' initiatives



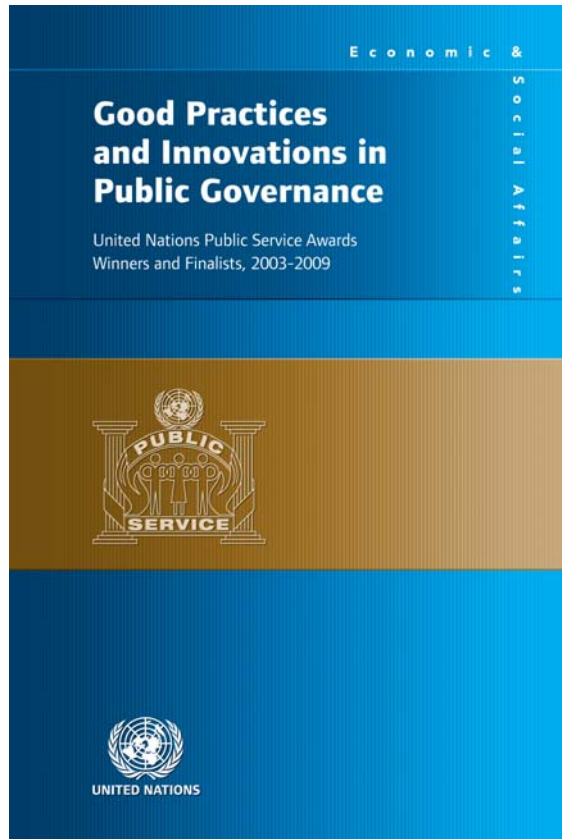
Past UNPSA initiatives that were short-listed are available on UNPAN for the benefit of policy makers at the national, regional and international levels; the academic community, NGOs; the private sector; and nominees.

<http://www.unpan.org/Directories/UNPublicServiceAwardsInitiatives>





Past winners' initiatives



Case studies of all past winners and finalists' initiatives, 2003-2009, are available in a publication entitled:

"Good Practices and Innovations in Public Governance".

Link - <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un-dpadm/unpan035284.pdf>



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