

WHAT WINNERS AND FINALISTS HAVE SAID ABOUT WINNING THE UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

"The UNPSA has set a new standard of excellence and innovation not only for my organization, but for many other ministries. This prestigious award is not meant to generate tangible forms of recognition; public servants rarely seek or receive such validation. Rather, it has raised the profile of our work, created greater respect from our peers, and – most importantly – the UNPSA has inspired some of our leaders to become even greater champions for change and innovation throughout government. These champions will be the engine of innovation; therein lays the legacy of the UNPSA.

Moreover, the UNPSA has created a sense of belonging to a great community of like-minded public servants, with shared values beyond their countries, cultures or languages. It has enhanced pride, for my team, my government and me, with pride, confidence that one can make a difference; and with this confidence, the knowledge that others may benefit from our experience. This way, the public service truly becomes borderless. This way, we build together, not in silos. Recognition both recognizes and promotes excellence. The UNPSA award transformed the way our peers, our leaders and our stakeholders looked at our work. It gave us renewed profile, and thus, increased influence”.

Eric Mezin, Canada, 2009 UNPSA Finalist

“Winning the United Nations Public Service Awards was celebrated at the national level. We combined this event with the Ubudehe villages competition. Around 2000 people from all over the country were invited to Kigali’s small stadium to celebrate this event in which the President of the Republic, H.E. Mr. Kagame, cabinet ministers and donors participated and received the UNPSA award and testimonies from different districts.”

Rwanda, UNPSA Winner 2008

“I am very proud for my innovation to have won the UNPSA 2008 and this has motivated me and team and the rest of Pharmacy staff because more staff are now interested to join the TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT TEAM.”

Botswana, UNPSA Winner 2008

“The whole day - United Nations Public Service Awards Ceremony - was highly motivating and it provoked and promoted the idea of innovation in public service in various interesting ways.”

Zuhair Al-Kayed, Jordan UNPSA Winner 2008

“Receiving this Award was one of the most significant highlights in the history of Transnet, Transnet Foundation and the Phelophepa Health Care Train. It enhanced the morale of civil servants and thus encouraged a positive environment for change. .. All staff members are determined to continue to walk the talk of excellence in service delivery.”

South Africa, UNPSA Winner 2008

“After winning the UNPSA we won several other awards: “Selo Cidade Cidadã – Câmara dos deputados Federais – Brasília – Brasil; Iniciativa Jovem Anhembi Morumbi – Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Sylvan Laureate Foundation, International Youth Foudation – São Paulo – Brasil”. Our co-workers, students, citizens and friends are very proud about winning the UNPSA until nowadays. We are very glad to be a winner and it made us big and stronger. We are grateful to the United Nations”

Cecilia Barros, Brazil, UNPSA Winner 2008

“The best part was the receipt of the UN Public Service Award on the stage for HDB’s Home Ownership Programme. As the only winning organization from Asia in 2008, HDB is proud to be honoured with the recognition by the United Nations for its 48 years of contribution to nation-building through the provision of affordable public housing for over 80% of Singapore’s population. The Home Ownership Programme gives Singaporeans a valuable asset and a tangible stake in the country and its future. The Award will spur HDB to continue to improve on its Home Ownership Programme, and innovate new concepts and programmes to bring greater benefits to the people.”

Chong Hui Chin, Housing & Development Board (HDB), Singapore, UNPSA Winner 2008

“I have been contacted by a number of media and advocacy groups interested in our Court and the information that we have learned. I now realize that the awareness must happen first and that each community must study its own situation to determine what course of action it needs to take. A juvenile domestic violence court requires this

process. Before the UN Public Service Award was given to our Court, fewer communities realized that teen dating violence is in every community. The difference that the Award has made is to bring this serious social forward. It is my hope that once identified as present severe concern, that more communities will then consider addressing the problem using our model.”

Hon. Eugene Hyman, United States, UNPSA Winner 2008

“This was a wonderful and exciting experience and winning the United Nations Public Service Award has energized our people and our project, and brought us a great deal of attention and positive comments from far and wide.”

Canada, UNPSA Winner 2006

“Our innovation has been featured in many newspapers and specialized journals after winning the United Nations Public Service Awards”

Morocco, Winner 2005

“Since receiving the United Nations Public Service Awards, our institution has promoted more innovative and creative solutions in fighting crime.”

South Africa, Winner 2004

“The Commission was proud to have participated in the United Nations Public Service Awards Programme and to have been recognised for our important achievements.”

Australia, Winner 2004

“I feel that sharing information is very important and it is especially true for the decision makers. If international organizations like the United Nations, World Bank organize a forum and give high ranking officials a chance to disseminate and exchange their views and stories, it would greatly help public organizations which are keen to innovate in their services.”

Republic of Korea, Winner 2003