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for Better Governance

“By working together, we can
reinvent government in ways
that matter to ordinary people
everywhere, and thereby secure
their trust.”

Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations



The United Nations bestows the Public Service Awards every year.

To apply for the UN Public Service Awards, please visit:
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What is the UN Public Service Awards Programme?

The United Nations Public Service Awards Programme is the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service. It rewards the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions to development in countries around the world. Through an annual competition, the UN Public Service Awards Programme promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of public service.

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.

Who is eligible?

All public organizations/agencies at national and sub-national levels, as well as public/private partnerships and organizations performing outsourced public service functions are eligible for nomination. Self-nominations are not accepted.

How to apply?

An application form has to be completed online. The form is available from http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_psaward.asp and only online nominations will be allowed to enter the competition. Nominations should be submitted in the fall in one of the six United Nations official languages, namely, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish. Please consult our web-site for the exact deadline at www.unpan.org.

What is the selection process?

Upon reception of the applications, the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) pre-selects nominations and shortlists candidates who are then asked to submit additional information, including letters of reference and supporting documents (e.g., evaluation and audit reports, results of client surveys). Short-listed candidates are subsequently considered by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (<http://www.unpan.org/cepa.asp>). The Committee advises the Secretary-General concerning the winners of the Awards.



Government and people celebrate the winning of the 2008 UNPSA, Kigali, Rwanda

Awards Ceremony on Public Service Day

Winners of the UN Public Service Awards are celebrated every year at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 23 June, the date designated by the UN General Assembly as UN Public Service Day (A/RES/57/277). The United Nations Public Service Day celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlights the contribution of public service in the development process; recognizes the work of public servants; and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector. The Awards ceremony is also web-cast live through the United Nations Internet web-site (www.un.org).

Since the first Awards Ceremony in 2003, the United Nations has received an increasing number of submissions from all around the world.



“The awardees are an inspiration for all of us, in their ability – with ingenuity, creativity and commitment – to improve the public service”

Sha Zukang , Under-Secretary-General
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