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SCROLL OF HONOUR AWARD GUIDE 2024

—
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

GUIDELINES

November 2023

Resilient urban economies.
Cities as drivers of growth
and recovery.



UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif handing over the 2023 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour awards in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan © UN-Habitat

The UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award was launched in 1989 and is one of the most prestigious human settlements awards in the world. The award recognizes individuals and institutions that have made outstanding contributions to urban development, including improving the quality of urban life for all and provision of adequate, affordable, and accessible housing.

The call for nominations for the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award is open from Monday, 27 November 2023 until Friday, 17 May 2024. The winners will be presented with the award at the Global Observance of World Habitat Day on Monday, 7 October 2024.

To nominate a candidate, please fill in and submit the [online form](#) in English.

NOTE: it is not possible to nominate yourself, your own organization, programme, institute, or project. A ministry cannot nominate its own projects or programmes.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals and organizations working on sustainable urban projects that have had a great impact on society can be nominated for the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour.

These include:

- Government and intergovernmental organizations or agencies, including bilateral aid agencies
- Local and regional governments or their associations
- Civil society organizations
- The private sector
- National habitat committees or focal points
- Research and academic institutions
- Public or private foundations
- Multilateral agencies (United Nations agencies, World Bank, etc.)
- Media
- Individuals

Nominations must come from a third party. A government may nominate a programme of a ministry or an institute. An institute may nominate another institute or entity such as an NGO or an individual. The head of a university may nominate a professor from a different university or an institute. A government may nominate a city or an individual. A city may nominate a government representative, programme, project, university, or NGO. An individual may nominate an institution or programme as long as the individual is not employed nor affiliated in any way by the institution or project.

OUTLINING MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

A key area of the online form is the “Short description of main achievements of the Project, Individual or Organization”. This section of 800 words should include information on:

1) Background

Substantive information about the organization or individual nominated, including their mission, goals, history and years of experience in the field of human settlements.

2) Description of the initiative or project

Situation or problem addressed, objectives, target beneficiaries, investment in the project in terms of capacity, material and financial resources, activities undertaken, duration of the project, achievements, and outputs (provide photographs/evidence of outputs).

3) Main partners

List partners and their roles and levels of participation in the planning, design, implementation, and funding of the project.

4) Impact

Estimated number of beneficiaries, types of beneficiaries (e.g. women, children, people living in poverty, victims of displacements, etc.), impact on the living conditions of beneficiaries (e.g. social, economic, environmental, health, education, employment, security of tenure, crime, etc.), providing quantitative and qualitative values.

5) Transferability and upscaling

Indicate whether this is replicable best practice, demonstrate potential for replication at local, national, regional, and global level. Explain the process of replication, where applicable.

6) Innovation and recognition of the initiative

Describe the main innovation aspects and provide a list of references, articles, publications, and media reports about the initiative starting with the most recent ones, including URLs.

7) Relationship with best practice

Describe how best practice initiatives are related to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 on sustainable cities and communities, especially to any of its 10 targets or 15 indicators.

8) Relationship with World Habitat Day theme

Describe how the initiative is related to the World Habitat Day theme “**Engaging youth to create a better urban future**” and how cities play a major role in economic recovery after crises (e.g. conflicts, pandemic).

9) Relationship with implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Describe any efforts or activities that align with or assist in achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

After the **closing date of 17 May 2024**, UN-Habitat will make an initial assessment of the nominations and submissions and verify that the submission conforms to the standards outlined in the guidelines. Qualifying submissions will be sent to the Selection Committee comprising UN-Habitat experts and senior management.

The Selection Committee will make their recommendations for winning entries which will be endorsed by a panel of experts and senior leaders. Thereafter, the Executive Director will make the final selection of a maximum of five UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour winners.

The UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour nominees will be notified from **15 July 2024** onwards of the outcome.

The winners will receive their awards during the Global Observance of World Habitat Day on **7 October 2024**.

AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT

In selecting the winners for the award, the Selection Committee will look at best practice initiatives and achievements related to SDG 11, which consists of 10 targets and 15 related indicators. In addition, particular attention will be given to achievements related to the World Habitat Day theme of **“Engaging youth to create a better urban future”**.

The world is rapidly urbanizing, and many urban residents are nowadays young people, especially in some countries of Africa and Asia. World Habitat Day 2024 will focus on how the world can engage the new generation in planning their urban present and future through participatory processes and local leadership opportunities.

Through the 2024 World Habitat Day theme, UN-Habitat aims to foster the discussion on local actions to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda, and the national climate targets under the Paris Agreement.

TIMEFRAME

27 November 2023	Opening of the call for nominations
17 May 2024	Closing of the call for nominations
July 2024 onwards	Winners selected and notified
7 October 2024	UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Awards presented at the Global Observance of World Habitat Day

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The prize for the winning entry will be awarded to the person or organization named in the submission form but can also be received on their behalf by an officially appointed representative.
- All entries will be available for international exhibition, demonstration, publication, and media coverage, and UN-Habitat will not be required to seek further permission for any such use.
- Where the submission of a project is made by someone other than the overall organizer/holder of the copyright, it is assumed that they have given permission for the submission and per the terms indicated above.
- Supporting materials as part of the online submission such as media articles (URL), videos (URL) and photographs (JPEG) are highly welcome.
- Submissions in another language than English will be disqualified.
- All attachments are also to be submitted online in English.
- Submissions are to be sent via the online web form only.
- Any submission which does not meet the criteria, is incomplete, or received after 17 May 2024 will not be considered.

For any questions, please contact us at unhabitat-whd@un.org.

TABLE 1: SDG 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

TARGETS	CURRENT INDICATORS
SDG Target 11.1 By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe, and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.	11.1.1 Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements, or inadequate housing.
SDG Target 11.2 By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons.	11.2.1 Proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age, and persons with disabilities.
SDG Target 11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated, and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.	11.3.1 Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate. 11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically.
SDG Target 11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.	11.4.1 Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection, and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage (cultural, natural, mixed and World Heritage Centre designation), level of government (national, regional and local/municipal), type of expenditure (operating expenditure/ investment) and type of private funding (donations in kind, private non-profit sector, and sponsorship).
SDG Target 11.5 By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations.	11.5.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population. 11.5.2 Direct disaster economic loss in relation to global GDP, damage to critical infrastructure and number of disruptions to basic services, attributed to disasters.
SDG Target 11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.	11.6.1 Proportion of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge out of total urban solid waste generated, by cities. 11.6.2 Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter (e.g. PM2.5 and PM10) in cities (population weighted).
SDG Target 11.7 By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive, and accessible, green, and public spaces, for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.	11.7.1 Average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space for public use for all, by sex, age, and persons with disabilities. 11.7.2 Proportion of persons victim of physical or sexual harassment, by sex, age, disability status and place of occurrence, in the previous 12 months.
SDG Target 11.a Support positive economic, social, and environmental links between urban, peri-urban, and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.	11.a.1 Proportion of population living in cities that implement urban and regional development plans integrating population projections and resource needs, by size of city.

TARGETS

SDG Target 11.b By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels.

SDG Target 11.c Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials.

CURRENT INDICATORS

11.b.1 Number of countries that adopt and implement national disaster in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

11.b.2 Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with national disaster risk reduction strategies.

11.c.1 Proportion of financial support to the least developed countries that is allocated to the construction and retrofitting of sustainable, resilient, and resource-efficient buildings utilizing local materials.



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