



Innovate 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 Public Service Awards are granted each year to promote innovations and excellence in public service.

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

The United Nations Public Service Award 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 awards promote the role, professionalism and visibility of public service.

The awards program is intended 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 and agencies at national and sub-national levels, as well as public-private partnerships and organizations performing outsourced public service functions are eligible. Self-nominations are not accepted.

How to apply?

Applicants nominations must be completed online at: www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2010, and should be submit-
ted in one of the six United Nations official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish). Submission deadline for the 2010 awards is 31 December 2009.

What are the main steps of the application process?

First, applicants fill out online the nomination form. Second, short-listed candidates are requested to submit additional information, including letters of reference and supporting documents by 15 February 2010 at: www.unpan.org/applyunpsa2010

What are the awards categories?

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



Awards Ceremony on Public Service Day

Every year, winners of the United Nations Public Service Awards are honoured on 23 June, the date designated by the United Nations General Assembly as United Nations 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 webcast live through the United Nations Internet website at: www.un.org/webcast.

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

Past winners and finalists:

- Australia • Austria • Azerbaijan • Belgium • Bolivia • Botswana • Brazil • Cameroon • Canada • Chile • Egypt • Germany • Greece • India • Italy • Jordan • Kenya • Republic of Korea • Lebanon • Malaysia • Mexico • Morocco • Netherlands • Oman • Philippines • Poland • Commonwealth of Puerto Rico • Saudi Arabia • Rwanda • Singapore • Slovenia • Spain • South Africa • Sweden • Switzerland • Thailand • Tunisia • United Arab Emirates • United States • Zambia •



“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
Economic and Social Affairs
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