



**2017 SECRETARY-GENERAL AWARDS - FINALISTS**

**CATEGORY I: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY**

• **Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (2 projects) – Team**

- Automated System for Relief Emergency Consignments (ASYREC)
- Grant Management system (CBPFs)

OCHA introduced two innovative tools, the Grant Management System, a web-based platform that allows for seamless collection, management, oversight and disbursement of funds to be channelled to the highest priority humanitarian projects in the world's most severe and complex crises, and the Automated System for Relief Emergency Consignments (ASYREC), which enables customs authorities to take preparatory steps, prior to an emergency, such as defining lists of emergency relief items, establishing streamlined customs procedures, and pre-registering humanitarian partners.

• **United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) (4 projects) - Team**

- UNMAS Solar Powered Risk Education Talking Device
- UNMAS South Sudan Risk Factor Talent Competition
- UNMAS Mali IED Training
- UNMAS "Meet Daniel Craig and Take Home an Aston Martin" Project

UNMAS demonstrated innovative and creative approaches to its mandates through as seen in four nominated projects: risk education for conflict-affected populations and with innovative measures enhancing the capacity of troops to mitigate the impact of asymmetrical threats through a talent competition including recording a song and video with a popular South Sudanese music group; distribution of solar powered risk education messaging devices at UNAMID by the national risk education teams; implementing along with the UN Office for Partnerships and the Office of Legal Affairs, a ground-breaking fundraising campaign featuring the actor Daniel Craig, the UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Landmines and Explosive Hazards, and finally, quick results in efficient deployment of training on IEDs at UNMAS in Mali.

• **UN Information Centre (UNIC) Lagos - Arts 4SDGs and SDGs Theme song – Team**

The wonderfully creative Arts4SDGs campaign aimed at increasing awareness and improving knowledge of the SDGs through the interpretation of any of the SDGs in artistic form by the almost 600,000 students in public secondary schools in Lagos State, including video story-telling using the artworks submitted. With the production of an SDG theme song by a multi-talented singer the project also aimed at using a youth mass-appeal outreach.

• **Department of Safety and Security - TRIP Application Continuous Improvements**

The longstanding TRIP app continues to serve the need of the Organization. The application remains relevant as a crucial online security tool from the Crisis Management and Information Support Section of DSS though continuous improvements and innovations implemented. These allow the processing of thousands of security clearances through TRIP, including monitoring of staff and interface with other ERP solutions etc.



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**CATEGORY II: IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCIES**

- **UNOG Indico (Integrated Digital Conferences) Project – Team**

The UNOG Indico project, thanks to extensive automation and standardisation of process and IT systems, resolved the long-standing problem of waiting queues of conference participants to get accredited, as well as the inefficiency of the registration process. The project delivered a solution whereby accreditation time and the registration process delays were significantly reduced.

- **Medical Services Division (MSD/OHRM), New Medical Clearance Process – Team**

MSD and OICT colleagues developed a new process for employment and travel medical clearances that is based on occupational health best practices, provides individual risk-based medical clearances, and saves time for the Organization and candidates and drastically reduces costs for the organization.

- **Ms. Chloe Saimpert Labbe, Organizational Change: Staffing Component, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) – Individual**

As an essential part of a major organizational change process to align the structure and capacities of its staff to better deliver on its mission, Chloe Saimpert Labbe conceived and led the implementation of the staffing component that was fair and transparent, based on merit and performance, with the greatest degree of integrity and efficiency, in close consultations with stakeholders, especially the affected staff members.

- **Department of Management Financial Statements Automation via BPC – Team**

The BPC solution was designed with maximum flexibility, where feasible, to allow for future enhancements as new requirements arise. The flexibility of changing the dimensions of the data model of BPC allows the Organization to be easily responsive to changes to the accounting standards promulgated by the IPSAS Board or changes required by any future amendments to the UN Financial Regulations and Rules.



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**CATEGORY III: ACHIEVING GENDER PARITY**

- **UN for All: Dignity and Inclusion in the UN system workplace (global team members) – Team**

The UN for All project on Dignity and inclusion in the UN system workplace is an inter-agency training initiative created by UN Cares for the benefit of the United Nations system. In addition to addressing human rights and inclusion in the UN workplace, UN for All is a strong example of inter-agency and cross-functional collaboration, involving most UN system organizations, including those that fall under the UN Secretariat. Specifically, on the LGBTI module, the project has partnered closely with UN-GLOBE, the staff group representing LGBTI staff members of the UN system and its peacekeeping operations.

- **United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) Gender Champions – Team**

The Gender Champions at United Nations Office at Geneva are a team of staff members who have devoted time and efforts to developing and implementing UNOG's first-ever Policy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. They have conceived and formulated a policy that is far-reaching, but most of all realistic and based on a solid accountability framework. They are working every day to implement it and reaching out to managers, staff and a wide range of partners to make it happen.

- **Department of General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) for achievement in Gender Parity Efforts (USG Pollard and the Gender Focal Points) – Team**

DGACM developed the first departmental Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and an Action Plan, fully aligned with the UN system-wide strategy on gender parity, which was praised by UN Women as "a shining example of strengthening parity, career development support to women, providing advocacy for and counsel to female staff, monitoring progress towards gender targets, promoting gender awareness, and addressing informal barriers at the Departmental level."

- **ICTY Gender and Empowerment Project - Team**

By appropriately taking gender into account, the ICTY has ensured that at all moments of a staff's time at the ICTY, from recruitment, to the day-to-day work culture, to, finally, the downsizing process, a positive, gender equal atmosphere prevails, with benefits and opportunities for both female and male staff members to succeed and thrive.



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**CATEGORY IV: CHAMPION OF THE SDGs**

- **United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), Establishment of a new UN entity, Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries and achievement of SDG 17.8 – Team**

The creation of the Technology Bank (TB) marks the first SDG target to be achieved, SDG 17.8. The OHRLLS team successfully brought all stakeholders together towards achieving the first SDG target. Turkey has pledged more than USD 12 million for five years with the option of annual review for an increase, and additional commitment to contribute to the TB's project activities from its international development agency, TIKA. This pledge constitutes an important initial capital to operationalize the TB. It will enable the Bank to catalyse contributions from Member States, and other development partners and stakeholders.

- **Department of Public Information (DPI): “Be the Change Week” – Team**

DPI coordinated the first "Be the Change" week for New York-based UN staff. Colleagues were invited to "take the sustainability challenge" to implement habits which are in line with the values of the SDGs. Staff were encouraged to participate in different environmental challenges at home that were reinforced by related events each day at UNHQ.

- **Mr. Nawal Yadav (retired), Office of Internal Oversight (OIOS) - Individual**

Inspired by the Millennium Development Goal of achieving universal primary education, Nawal Yadav has been supporting the community school in Nepal, where he completed his primary education. He contributed from his savings to the renovation and development of the school infrastructure, to help to improve the quality of education, and founded the "Nawal-Dukhani Yadav Foundation" to foster this goal.

- **Mr. Youssef Sfeir, UNIFIL - Individual**

Mr. Youssef Sfeir is engaged in community humanitarian service and civil society empowerment on a voluntary basis. His humanitarian mission is to promote peace, serving the society, and alleviating human suffering. He is striving to build the capacity of citizens to become agents for social change and economic development as a key strengthening safe and resilient communities.