

Winner of 1 million US dollar UN-DESA Energy Grant to be revealed at Ceremony

The recipient of the 1 million US dollar UN-DESA Energy Grant ‘Powering the Future We Want’ will be revealed at an awards ceremony taking place from 11am to 12:30pm on Monday, 14 September 2015, at UN Headquarters in New York, Conference Room 2.

WHAT

The work of the top ten applicants to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) energy grant will be briefly illustrated, demonstrating how energy plays a central role in promoting progress towards the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The winner of the grant will be revealed.

The “Powering the Future We Want” grant offers one million US dollars to fund capacity development activities in energy for sustainable development. It seeks to encourage dissemination and scaling up of successful experiences and best practices in this area. The Grant is awarded to an individual, institution or partnership based on past and current achievements.

The initiative is being carried out by UN-DESA in collaboration with the China Energy Fund Committee (CEFC), a Hong Kong based NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC. Grant website: <https://poweringthefuture.un.org/>

WHO

The ten finalists to the energy grant will be honoured and the winner of the grant will be revealed. The ten finalists are: Eco-Fuel Africa; Electricity Regulatory Authority of Uganda; MicroEnergy International; Pact Institute; Powerhive; Self Employed Women’s Association, Bharat (SEWA Bharat); SolarAid; Solar Electric Light Fund (SELF); Strathmore Energy Research Centre (SERC), Centre for Research in Energy and Energy Conservation (CREEC) and Village Energy; and We Care Solar. *[Masdar will receive a special award, and BYD was chosen to receive special recognition – please note that this information is embargoed until 14 September 12:30pm EDT]*

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, President of the General Assembly Sam Kutesa, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Wu Hongbo, and Secretary-General of the China Energy Fund Committee, Dr. Patrick Ho, will make remarks.

WHEN

Monday, 14 September 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE

United Nations Headquarters New York, Conference Room 2.

PRESS CONTACT AND INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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The event will be **webcast live** on webtv.un.org

UN-accredited visual media wishing to cover the event will need to be escorted from the Media Accreditation and Liaison Office in room S-250 (second floor of Secretariat building).

Programme

Master of Ceremony Mr. Nikhil Seth

Director, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA
Executive Director (Appointed) UNITAR

10:40 am - 11:00 am Seating of guests and music performance by UN Staff Symphony Orchestra String Quartet

11:00 am – 11:20 am Remarks by H.E Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Remarks by H.E Sam Kutesa
President of the General Assembly

Remarks by Mr. Wu Hongbo
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Remarks by Dr. Patrick Ho
Secretary-General of the China Energy Fund Committee

11:20 am – 11:30 am Announcement of the Finalists
Announcement of the Special Award
Announcement of the Winner

Presentation of Trophy and Certificates

11:40 am – 11:50 am Acceptance speech by the Winner

11:50 am – 12:00 pm Acceptance speech by recipient of Special Award

12:00 pm- 12:20 pm Showing of videos

12:30 pm- 2:30 pm Luncheon