

2015 'Water for Life' UN-Water Award invites nominations

*The 5th edition's focus is **Water and Sustainable Development**. Applications accepted from 4 July to 15 September 2014.*

4 July 2014 – The 'Water for Life' UN-Water Best Practices Award is now accepting nominations for its 5th edition. The theme is 'Water and Sustainable Development', which mirrors that of World Water Day 2015.

This year's award will represent the culmination of the 'Water for Life' Decade (2005-2015). Winners will be awarded at a special UN World Water Day ceremony on 22 March 2015 at UN Headquarters in New York in two categories: 'Best water management practices' and 'Best participatory, communication, awareness-raising and education practices'. The ceremony will also provide an opportunity to reflect on the Decade's achievements.

The 'Water for Life' Best Practices Award aims to acknowledge and promote efforts to fulfill international commitments made on water and related issues by 2015, by recognizing outstanding best practices that can ensure sustainable long-term management of water resources and help achieve the water and sanitation targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

The award is managed by the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015/UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC) and the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP).

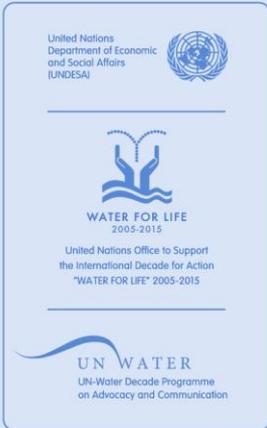
Please send your nominations between 4 July and 15 September 2014.

The 'Water for Life' Best Practices Award is awarded to projects, initiatives or programmes, rather than individuals or organizations. Self-nominations are not accepted. Candidatures must be submitted through an independent nominating organisation.

Any questions? Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the Award webpage. View a list of previous [winners and finalists](#).

More information at www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/waterforlifeaward.shtml

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The Water for Life Decade 2005-2015. The primary goal of the 'Water for Life' Decade is to promote efforts to fulfill international commitments on water-related issues by 2015. These commitments include the Millennium Development Goal to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015, and to stop unsustainable exploitation of water resources. www.un.org/waterforlifedecade

The United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015 based in Zaragoza, Spain, implements the **UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)**. UNW-DPAC facilitates and implements communication, information and awareness-raising activities in the framework of the 'Water for Life' Decade. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) hosts and leads the Office www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/unwdpac.shtml

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