



United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction

deadline 18 March 2009



Nomination process 2009

*Recognizing excellence in reducing
disaster risk - for a safer, more
sustainable world*



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Disaster Reduction

The United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction is worth approximately US \$50,000, and is shared among the Sasakawa Laureate and recipients of the Certificates of Distinction and Merit. It is presented biennially during the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. The next Sasakawa Award Ceremony will be held during the Global Platform 15-19 June 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Eligibility for the Award

The candidate can be an individual or an institution that has carried out outstanding and internationally recognized action that contributes to the strategic goals and priority actions of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

Please see the nomination instructions for more details.

Nomination of Candidates for the Award

No candidate may nominate themselves. Candidates can be nominated by:

1. Former Sasakawa Award Laureates;
2. Representatives of institutions specializing in disaster reduction;
3. UN agencies;
4. Resident Coordinators of the UN System;
5. Permanent Missions to the UN Office in Geneva;
6. Members of the ISDR System, a multistakeholder system of partnerships which includes participants at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction such as the Media Network for DRR, academic institutions, NGOs, and other thematic networks.

Nominations shall be made to the UNISDR Secretariat, the Administrator of the Award, who will submit them to the Jury with comments. The Administrator may seek independent reports on the work carried out by candidates for the Award, which shall be submitted, when appropriate, by the Administrator for the consideration of the Jury.

Selection of the Laureate(s) and recipients of Certificates

An international Jury composed of experts from different continents will vote in a private meeting on the basis of specific selection criteria, to identify and select the Laureate of the UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. Since 1998, Certificates of Distinction and of Merit have also been awarded to those who make valuable contributions in the field of disaster risk reduction. The Jury may however decide not to designate any laureate, if it so wishes. The current Jury is composed by representatives from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia & Oceania, the Americas and Europe.

Nomination

Nominated candidates should send the completed cover form to the UNISDR Secretariat by 18 March 2009, together with the requested detailed information in support of the nomination. Candidates are requested to provide a Power Point presentation in English with details of their work and contribution to reducing risk and vulnerability to natural hazards. Late nominations will not be considered.

Instructions for candidates

Please supply the following information

PART I: For individuals

(you may attach a Curriculum Vitae that covers this information)

- 1. Name
- 2. Telephone
- 3. Email
- 4. Address
- 5. Nationality
- 6. Date and place of birth
- 7. Gender
- 8. Qualifications: Give details in chronological order, starting with the most recent qualification. Include date conferred, institution, and qualifications obtained:
- 9. Present position
- 10. Current job description
- 11. Previous positions held (in chronological order, starting with the first position held). Include dates held, positions held and mandate

PART II: For institutions

(Please give succinct information)

- 1. Name and address
- 2. Date of creation
- 3. Main fields of activity
- 4. Size and structure (if applicable)
- 5. Optional: Funding (annual budget and sources of income)
- 6. Name of Head of Institution

PART III: Special achievements

Candidates must demonstrate the impact of their achievements, and show that the results of their activities are sustainable. They should show how their achievements relate to the strategic goals and priority actions of the Hyogo Framework for Action (attached). Candidates may make their submission under one or more of the following sections.

- 1. Sustainable implementation of disaster risk reduction at a community level. Evidence must be provided of
 - i. sustained change and impact on a community
 - ii. integrated partnerships with government and civil society, including the private sector and non-governmental or community-based organizations.
 - iii. integration of and contribution to Hyogo Framework priorities
- 2. Distinguished service to disaster risk reduction in the fields of science, technology or engineering, which includes the use of empirical knowledge and social processes. Evidence must be provided of:
 - i. sustained change and impact on best practice, from innovation to adoption.
 - ii. how achievements contribute to the Hyogo Framework priorities.
- 3. Consistent, sustained advocacy for the cause of disaster risk reduction at a global or regional level. Candidates can include journalists or media institutions, scientific and professional communities, educators, and general advocates. Evidence must be provided of:
 - i. the achievement of a higher profile for disaster risk reduction as a result of advocacy, or
 - ii. increased institutional commitment to disaster risk reduction as a result of advocacy.
 - iii. How achievements contributed to the Hyogo Framework priorities.
- 4. Significant achievements and impact through other activities recognized as essential in promoting disaster risk reduction, and which contribute to the strategic goals and priority actions of the Hyogo Framework for Action.

PART IV: Proposal for the use of the award money

Please give details on the use to be made of the Award money for further development, improvement and promotion of disaster risk reduction activities. A questionnaire on the use of the Award money will be sent to all Sasakawa Laureates to evaluate what extent this financial assistance has contributed to implementing the disaster risk reduction activities planned under this item, and facilitated the advancement of a global culture of prevention.

PART V: Documentation

Please list and attach supporting documents that provide evidence of the outcomes and sustainable change made by the candidate's work in disaster risk reduction. To facilitate the nomination process, kindly provide as much information as possible in English.

The most recent and pertinent documentation directly related to the work and its results should be submitted along with the nomination. Such materials should illustrate clearly:

- the nature of work carried out
- its relevance to Hyogo Framework for Action priorities
- the results achieved
- the sustainability of the change
- the difficulties and obstacles encountered, and the solutions proposed and implemented.

Documentation provided need not necessarily have been published in a scientific or other journal. Evidence of work in community organizations should include materials such as constitution/charter, membership list and annual reports. Inadequate or inappropriate documentary evidence of the work carried out will greatly handicap the Sasakawa Award Jury in the assessment of the candidature.

To further support the documentary evidence, if necessary, the Administrator, on behalf of the Sasakawa Award Jury, reserves the right to examine the work done by the candidate/candidates.

PART VI: Supporters

Candidates must include three letters of support from suitably qualified persons who are familiar with the candidate's work. Please provide their contact details.

Submitted by:

Date of submission:

All nomination forms and letters should be sent before 18 March 2008 to:
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR)
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Hyogo Framework for Action: strategic goals and five priority actions

Strategic goals

- (a) The more effective integration of disaster risk considerations into sustainable development policies, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction;
- (b) The development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities at all levels, in particular at the community level, that can systematically contribute to building resilience to hazards;
- (c) The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities.

Priority Actions

1. Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.
2. Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning.
3. Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels.
4. Reduce the underlying risk factors.
5. Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.