



### Innovate to Make a Difference for Better Governance

*“In this changing world of new challenges, we need, more than ever before, dedicated and talented individuals to enter public service. More than ever before, we need people like you sitting here today, to make the choice of service to humankind.”*

Kofi Annan,  
1998 World Youth Forum



### The United Nations bestows the Public Service Awards every year.

To apply for the UN Public Service Awards, please visit:

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## United Nations Public Service Awards



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### What is the UN Public Service Awards Programme?

The United Nations Public Service Awards Programme 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 UN Public Service Awards Programme promotes the role, professionalism and visibility of public service.

The Awards aim 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/agencies at national and sub-national levels, as well as public/private partnerships and organizations performing outsourced public service functions, are eligible for nomination. Self-nominations are not accepted.



### How to apply?

An application form has to be completed online. The form is available from [http://www.unpan.org/dpepa\\_psaward.asp](http://www.unpan.org/dpepa_psaward.asp) and only online nominations will be allowed to enter the competition. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible and are due no later than 31 October of each year in one of the six United Nations official languages, namely, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish.

### What is the selection process?

Upon reception of the applications, the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) pre-selects nominations and shortlists candidates who are asked to submit additional information including a cover letter, letters of reference, supporting documents (e.g., evaluation and audit reports, results of client surveys), etc. Short-listed candidates are subsequently considered by the United Nations Committee of Experts in Public Administration (<http://www.unpan.org/cepa.asp>). The Committee advises the Secretary-General concerning the winners of the Awards.

*“We are looking forward to discovering and rewarding innovations in governance and public administration around the world.”*

**Guido Bertucci**, Director  
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and Development Management  
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### Awards Ceremony on Public Service Day

Winners of the UN Public Service Awards are celebrated every year at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 23 June, designated by the UN General Assembly as Public Service Day (A/RES/57/277). The United Nations Public Service Day intends to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlight the contribution of public service in the development process, recognize the work of public servants, and encourage young people to pursue careers in the public sector. The Awards ceremony is also web cast live through the United Nations internet website ([www.un.org](http://www.un.org)).

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

