



The
SASAKAWA
AWARD

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

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“The path of disaster risk reduction has moved beyond the individual, as communities, towns, cities and nations begin to rise to the challenge of coordination across sectors and organizations, and forging partnerships across political institutional, government, NGOs, private sector and academic lines.”

Rowena Hay, 24 August 2011
UN Sasakawa Jury member

Aware and ready

This training session for villagers in Natutu on Fiji's main island is building community awareness and understanding of risk. The training covers how to prepare for and respond to floods, cyclones, earthquakes and tsunamis.

The SASAKAWA AWARD



We are pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 2013 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction, under the theme “Acting As One.”

Theme

Disaster risk reduction is everybody’s business. The purpose of the theme “Acting As One” is to bring out examples where everyone plays their rightful part to bring about a disaster resilient society.

- After a disaster, **government authorities, businesses, community groups** and **individuals** should all ask whether appropriate actions were taken to save life and property. All should work together to improve the chain of information and decision-making, so that their communities are better prepared should hazards strike again.
- **Cities** have never been so at risk. For **local governments and city administrations**, disaster risk reduction is about stronger building codes, sound land use planning, better early warning systems, environmental management and evacuation plans and, above all, education. It is about making communities and individuals aware of their risk to natural hazards and how they can reduce their vulnerability.
- Repeatedly portrayed as victims of disaster and climate change, boys, girls **and young people** on the contrary, are often very resourceful and should be encouraged to participate in disaster risk reduction and decision making. Similarly, **women** are powerful agents of change. They have unique knowledge and skills often applied to lead their families and communities – or as professionals – to address disaster risks and build resilience. The **ageing population** and **people with disabilities** have special needs in times of disaster and their voices must be listened to and their experience respected so they can make their contributions to building more resilient societies.

What does this award recognize?

This award recognizes excellence in innovation, outreach, and collaboration to improve the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. Nomination letters should tell us what your nominee is doing to reduce disaster risk whether at the national, local or community level. Reducing disaster risk is a wide open field but here are a few suggestions. It could be an ambitious project to mitigate the impact of climate change at national level. Or it could be an urban initiative which brings citizens together to agree on new ways to reduce the impact of floods. It could also be a nomination for an innovative local community project to address the risks posed to the most vulnerable in the community. Whatever the focus, nominations should describe an effort sustained over time which demonstrates clear benefits for the targeted community.

Who can be nominated for this award?

You may nominate individuals, communities, local governments, governments, NGOs, civil society organizations or private sector entities for this award. Previous winners cannot be nominated again and you cannot nominate yourself or your own institution. For more details on who can be nominated, see the section “**Rules and Conditions.**”

For a detailed list of criteria, see the section “**Criteria Review.**”

Awards

Laureate \$ 50,000

Certificate of Distinction non-monetary prize

Certificate of Merit non-monetary prize

A shortlist will be announced in mid-April. Winners will be announced on 22 May 2013 at the Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (19-23 May) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Timeline

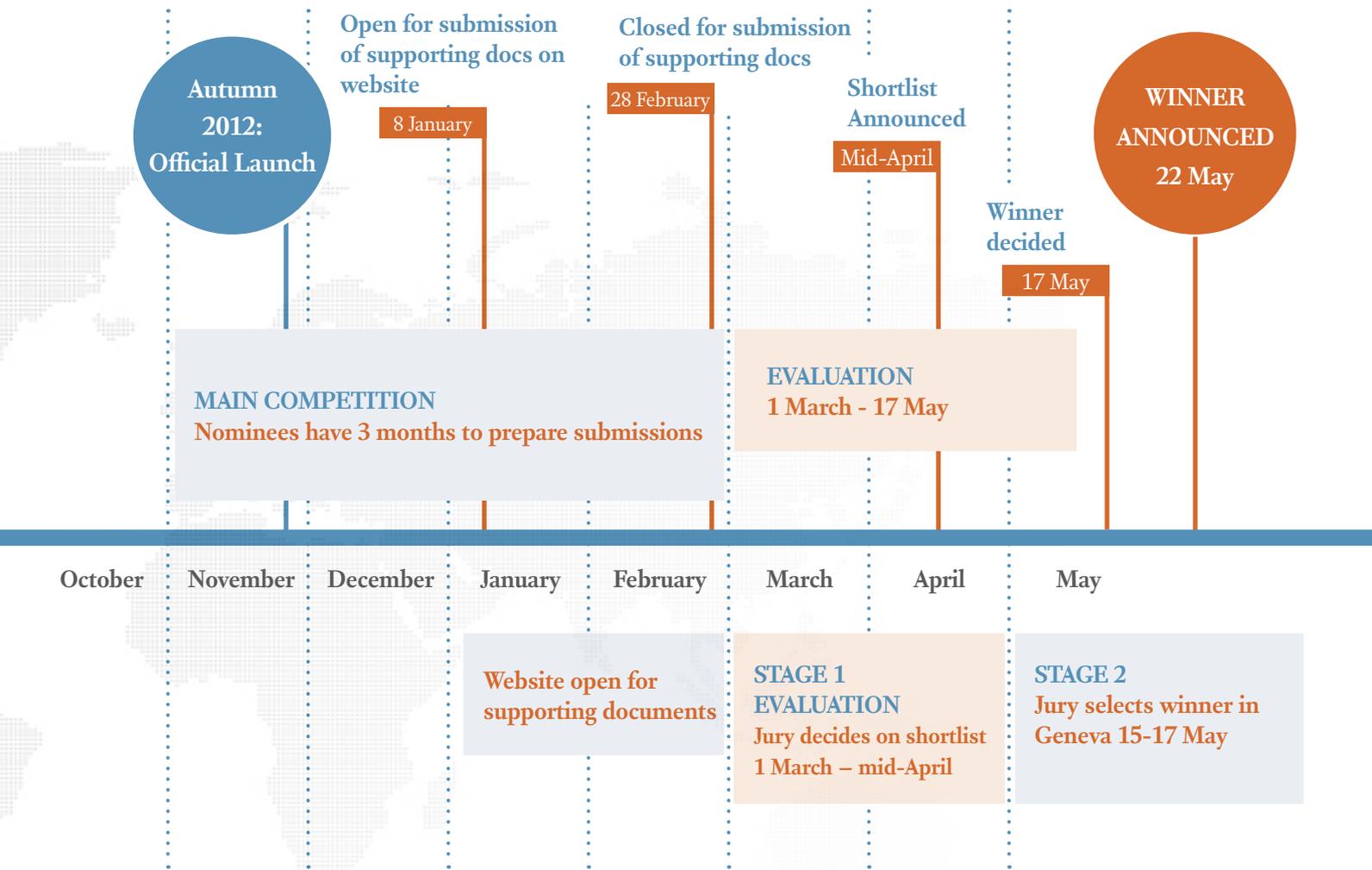
Autumn 2012: Competition is open

28 February 2013: Last date for candidates to submit applications

1 March 2013: Evaluation of entries begins

Mid-April 2013: Shortlist is announced

22 May: Winner is announced at the Global Platform



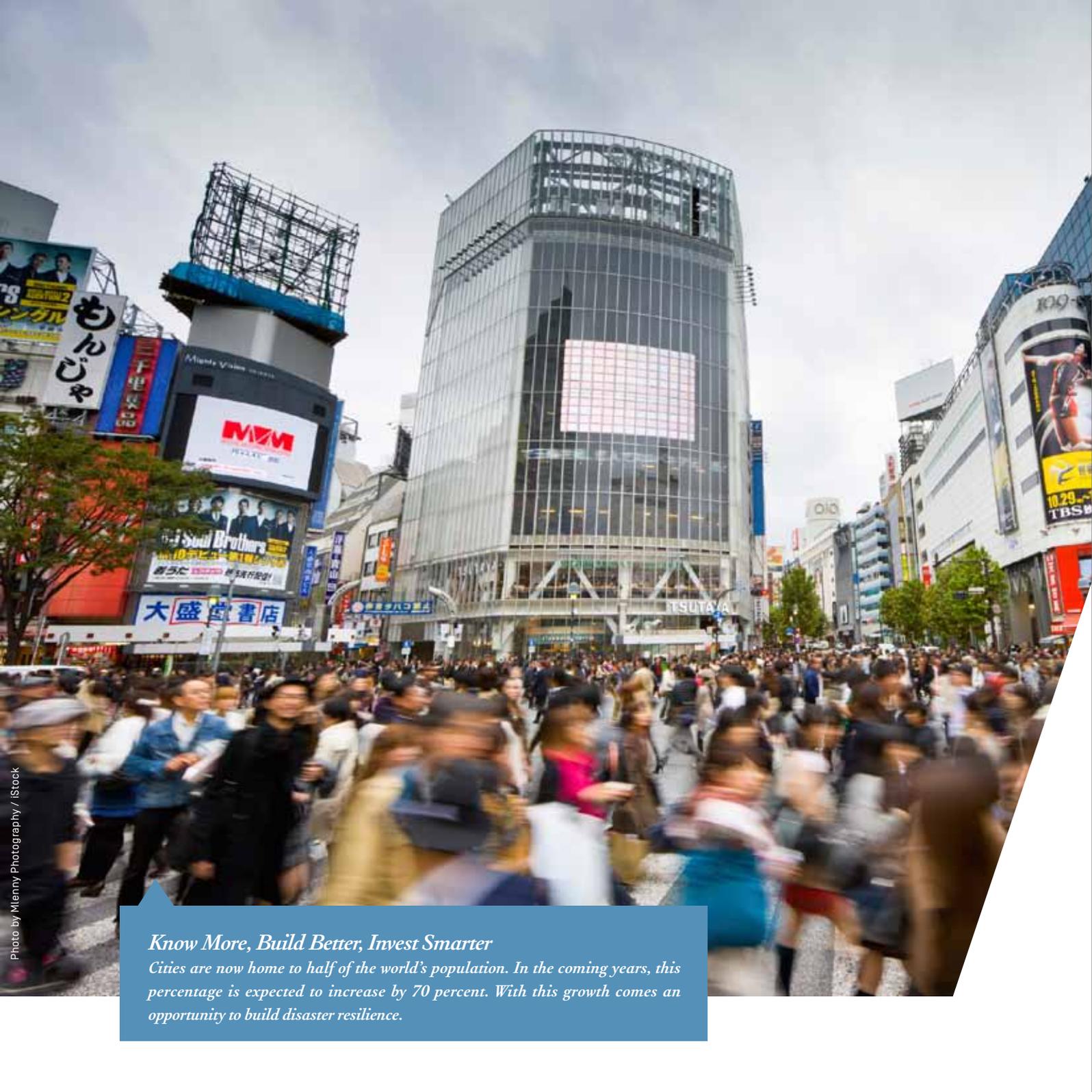


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Know More, Build Better, Invest Smarter

Cities are now home to half of the world's population. In the coming years, this percentage is expected to increase by 70 percent. With this growth comes an opportunity to build disaster resilience.

Rules and Conditions

How to nominate candidates for the award

Nominations of candidates for the award shall be made to UNISDR, the Administrator of the Award, who shall submit those proposals to an independent Jury of four eminent persons from the field of disaster risk reduction. Where considered appropriate, UNISDR may seek independent reports on the work carried out by candidates to be submitted for consideration by the Jury.

Nomination for the Award may be made by:

- Former UN Sasakawa Award Laureates;
- Representatives of institutions specializing in disaster reduction;
- UN agencies, funds and programmes and UN Resident Coordinators;
- Permanent Missions to the United Nations;
- and individuals that are part of UNISDR's thematic platforms and other networks (this may include national or local government officials, UN agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, the private sector, regional organizations and those who have participated in UNISDR's Global Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction)

Who can you nominate for this award?

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Nominees should be individuals and organizations that have shown outstanding action in one or more of the following fields:

- a) Heightening people's awareness of their vulnerability to disaster;
- b) Transmitting new insights and knowledge to the larger community on how to build resilience to disaster;
- c) Engaging the larger community in activities – economic, financial, legal, educational, social or cultural – that help strengthen society's preparedness against disaster;
- d) Making clear proposals and recommendations to influence disaster risk reduction policy based on evidence;
- e) Engaging in any other activities recognized as essential in promoting disaster mitigation and building disaster resilience, such as early warning, education or similar activities.

The criteria listed above are aligned with the strategic goals and priorities of the *Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters*.

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.

Evaluation Process

The first evaluation phase results in the selection of a shortlist by the Jury after examining supporting evidence submitted by the nominee. A winner will be chosen from the shortlist shortly before the start of the Fourth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and announced at the conference.

Criteria Review

1. Demonstrates sustained contribution to disaster risk reduction objectives

Example:

Ideas have turned into established practice
Ideas have taken root with strong institutional base
Accomplishments extend over a period of time (not solely related to performance of official duties)
Ideas are being considered for replication in other settings

2. Demonstrates attention to multiple elements essential to disaster risk reduction

Example:

Creates links between preparedness, recovery and development objectives
Actions incorporate community risk assessment and monitoring

Ideas incorporate several of the following:

- Multihazard approach
- Gender perspective
- Community participation
- Cultural diversity
- Capacity building
- Technology transfer
- Training and education
- Ecosystem and environmental aspects
- Climate change adaptation

3. Shows evidence of wide outreach and impact

Example:

Ideas changed behaviour within community

Actions have an impact on people in varied settings (government, civil society, education, scientific and private sector community)

Ideas or actions:

- Helped trigger successful partnerships
- Are cited by others as being influential in other fields
- Have impact not just locally but nationally, region-wide or globally

4. Demonstrates propensity for innovative approaches

Example:

Actions taken were the “first-ever” within nominee’s network or community

Actions triggered new types of partnerships

Ideas make use of technology in ways rarely seen before

Ideas constitute a “breakthrough”

5. Relevant proposal for use of prize

Example:

Proposed use of award is relevant to disaster risk reduction

Proposed use of award is concrete

Proposed use of award is sustainable



Photo by Jeremy Lock / 1st Combat Camera Squadron

Owning the solution, working together

The Great East Japan earthquake is a reminder that disaster risk does not discriminate between developed and developing nations. Now, over 80 per cent of countries indicate that they have contingency plans and procedures to deal with major disasters, demonstrating a growing sense of ownership over risk reduction.path.

Questionnaire for those submitting nominations

Please note: Once you have nominated an individual or institution for the award, your nominee must provide supporting documenting to be considered for the award. For suggestions on how to provide supporting documentation, see section on [Guidelines for Supporting Documentation](#).

Please fill out this section *only* if you are nominating an *individual*

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's address _____

Email _____ Nationality _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Sex _____ Education _____

Present position of nominee _____

Current job description of nominee _____

Nominee's previous posts and functions _____

Please fill out this section *only* if you are nominating an *institution*

Institution name _____

Address of headquarters _____

Address of nominated institution if different from headquarters _____

Date of creation _____ Main fields of activity _____

Size _____ Organization structure _____

Annual budget and sources of income _____

Name and title of chief executive officer _____

For those submitting nominations, please provide your details

Nominator's name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Present position _____

Previous posts and functions _____

For nominees: Guidelines for Supporting Documentation

- Please include your name, address, phone number and email address on all your supporting material.
- You are strongly advised to submit documents electronically whenever possible.
- UNISDR must receive both required and optional documents, whether by post, fax or electronically, BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE of NEW 28 February 2013.

REQUIRED: Please describe in less than 800 words the initiative that is being nominated to reduce the impact of disasters and build disaster resilience, what the results are to date, who are involved, and the level of outreach. State the challenges you are confronting and the solution you have proposed.

REQUIRED: Please describe in less than 400 words, the financial implications of the initiative that has been nominated. If feasible, describe what level of funding has been invested so far and how you plan to use the award money to support the initiative, if you are the successful candidate. If you do not intend to use the award money for this purpose, state how you plan to use it.

OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIAL:

Item	Format	We prefer to receive this information:
Photos	.jpg	Via Dropbox, WeTransfer or YouSendIt, addressed to isdr-sasakawa@un.org.
PowerPoint slide	.ppt	
Video	.mpg	
Books	Digital only	
Character references	.pdf, .doc	
Item	Format	We prefer to receive this information:
Posters, pamphlets and similar printed material (excluding books)	Hard copy	Via post Attn: Dizery Salim, Sasakawa Focal Point UNISDR 9-11 Rue de Varembe CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland

NOTE: *We discourage you to send in hard copy of books. We encourage audio-visuals and we will seek permission to show these online or for educational purposes.*



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