



AMCOW AfricaSan Awards 2015

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of the AfricaSan 4 conference being convened by the Government of Senegal from May 25th -27th, 2015 in Dakar Senegal, the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) is pleased once again to invite entries for the AMCOW AfricaSan Awards to be announced on the 27th of May, 2015 during the conference. .

The AMCOW AfricaSan Awards are dedicated to recognizing outstanding efforts and achievements in sanitation and hygiene in Africa which result in large-scale, sustainable behavior changes and tangible impacts. The aim is to raise the profile of sanitation and hygiene by drawing attention to successful approaches, promoting excellence in leadership, innovation and sanitation and hygiene improvements in Africa.

Nominations for the 2015 Awards are being called for in 6 categories. . These are:

1. **RESEARCH & TECHNICAL INNOVATION:** to honor individuals and institutions who through research and development have contributed to the improvement of technical solutions for sanitation services and products to make them affordable, reliable and sustainable.
2. **YOUTH AWARD:** to honor exceptional youth (under the age of 35) or agencies that promote water and sanitation that affect youth, whose work has/have made a significant impact upon children or youth.
3. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD:** to honour outstanding local governments or utility leadership whose policies or actions have promoted innovation, enhanced capacity, mobilized resources or generally created an enabling environment for improvement in sanitation delivery.
4. **HYGIENE AWARD:** to be awarded to individuals or agencies/businesses that have undertaken outstanding initiatives or progress to promote good hygiene in relation to water and sanitation
5. **IMPACT AT SCALE AWARD:** presented in recognition of outstanding initiatives that have had impact at a significant scale (i.e. city-scale; district-scale, country-scale)
6. **INTEGRITY AWARD:** presented to individuals or agencies that have made extraordinary progress in fighting corruption and improving governance or transparency in sanitation service delivery or hygiene promotion

Nomination guidelines

The AMCOW AfricaSan Awards are open to all individuals and institutions working in the sanitation and hygiene sector throughout the African continent. Nominations will be accepted from individuals or organizations based within or outside Africa. However, the nominees must be involved in sanitation and hygiene-related activities within Africa.

All nominations should be made on prescribed Nomination Forms provided by the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW). The forms are available online at www.africasan.com and on the website of all AMCOW partner institutions. Completed Nomination Forms (in English or French) should be sent to awards@africasan.com not later than 6 pm (Abuja time) on Friday April 10th, 2015.

Selection of Winners

Entries will be reviewed by a technical committee of experts and judged by a panel of independent and eminent sector leaders. The judges' decisions will be final. **Winners will be announced at the end of April 2015 while the awards will be presented at a ceremony on the 27th May 2015 holding as part of the AfricaSan 4 Conference in Dakar, Senegal..**

NOTE: ALL NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED IN 2014 BEFORE THE POSTPONEMENT REMAIN VALID.

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