

Guidelines for the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize 2022

◆ Objectives

Water-related issues are related not only to the Goal 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all) of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) but also the other SDGs of the 2030 Agenda adopted at the UN General Assembly in 2015.

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has made us aware of the importance of safe and sustainable water and sanitation as well as the necessity of building a resilient society.

We became aware of Kyoto's resilience and its long history of development, where people pursued creativity through cultural exchange and at the same time valued harmony between tradition and innovation. We came to the conclusion that activities harmonized with unique social and cultural dimensions in the project area, would ultimately lead to sustainable development. Based on such a belief, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize was created to honor a distinguished organization involved in grass-roots activities related to solving water problems in developing countries. It also aims to improve the quality of grass-roots activities and make the importance of such activities known throughout the world.

◆ The Prize (awarded to one (1) organization)

The winner of the prize will receive 2,000,000 JPY (approximately 18,000 USD, depending on fluctuating exchange rates).

◆ Organization

Co-organizers: City of Kyoto, World Water Council, and Japan Water Forum

Collaborator: Society of Research on JAPAN ORIGIN

Sponsors: several Japanese companies

◆ Eligibility for Entry

- Any non-profit organization based in a developing country*, which is involved in grass-roots activities aimed at solving water problems through measures consistent with local cultures.

* Countries and territories classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs),

Low Income Countries (LICs), Lower Middle Income Countries (LMICs), and Upper Middle Income Countries (UMICs) from among the OECD's DAC list.

<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2020-flows.pdf>

- The following organizations are excluded:
National governments, local governments, commercial organizations (private companies), funding institutions, international aid organizations

◆ **Criteria for Selection (evaluation items)**

The winner will be decided based on the result of evaluation of the achievements of the projects which have been implemented after 2010 and completed more than two years ago. The evaluation items include ①the project's contribution to the attainment of SDGs, ②its harmony with local culture, ③its effectiveness for future development of the area, and ④further criteria set by the Prize Committee.

◆ **Application Period**

From September 4, 2020 to 2:59 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 (UTC)

◆ **Schedule for Selection (TBD)**

1st and 2nd screening process: May to June, 2021

Final screening process and selecting the winning organization: July to August, 2021

◆ **How to Apply**

- Applications shall be submitted online.
https://form.jotform.com/Japan_Water_Forum/Kyoto_Prize
- Fill in Application Form A, which includes basic information and an overview of your organization. Also, write the name of a person who recommends you, if any.
- Fill in Application Form B. First, choose at least three projects (a maximum of five) which were implemented by your organization after 2010 and completed more than two years ago. Provide all the required information, including 1) an overview of the project, 2) its relevance to the SDGs, 3)

efforts for harmonizing the project with local cultures at the project's location, 4) Changes in the area after the project was implemented and 5) Photographs of the project (before, during and after implementation).

- Please fill in one Application Form B for each of the projects you chose. If you choose five projects, please submit five Application Form Bs.
- The forms must be filled out in English. Forms or languages other than the designated ones will not be accepted.
- Application forms submitted for entry will not be returned.
- Incomplete applications may be rejected.

◆ **Awarding Ceremony**

- The prize will be awarded at the opening or closing ceremony at the 9th World Water Forum, to be held in Senegal in March, 2022.
- One representative of the winning organization will be invited to make an acceptance speech at the awarding ceremony.

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List of past winners

- The First Prize in 2006: Gram Vikas (India)
- The Second Prize in 2009: Watershed Organization Trust (India)
- The Third Prize in 2012: Katosi Women Development Trust (Uganda)
- The Fourth Prize in 2015: Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO) (Nepal)
- The Fifth Prize in 2018: Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse (Togo)