

KING HASSAN II GREAT World Water Prize





Invitation to Nominate

The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an international award jointly established by the Government of Morocco and the World Water Council, in memory of his Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco's distinguished leadership and encouragement of cooperation and sound management of water resources.

The theme of the Prize is "Cooperation and sound management in the development and use of water resources."

The Prize is awarded to an institution, organization, individual or group of individuals in honor of their outstanding achievements in any aspects of water resources including scientific, economic, technical, environmental, social, institutional, cultural or political aspect.

It is presented every three years, at the opening ceremony of the World Water Forum. The third edition will be awarded during the 5th World Water Forum of Istanbul, in March 2009.

The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize is a sum of USD 100,000, and is accompanied by a trophy and a certificate.



All applications for the 2009 King Hassan II Great World Water Prize shall be submitted no later than **15 october 2008**

Nomination Criteria

The Prize is to be awarded to individuals, groups of individuals, institutes or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the theme of the Prize.

- Any organization related to water resources may nominate a candidate.
- Candidates are judged by the evaluation of written proposals.
- No preference is given to the candidates' nationality, race, sex, language, profession or religion.
- Proposals are approved by the Prize Committee, then forwarded to the Panel of Judges.

The following criteria are taken into consideration for the selection of suitable candidates:

1. The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize rewards the excellency and distinguished achievements of the candidates in the fields relating to the theme of the Prize: cooperation and sound management in the development and use of water resources.

2. Candidates must be nominated by at least two individuals and/or organizations who have a perfect knowledge of the qualities of the candidate and his/her projects. Candidates are not allowed to nominate themselves

3. Each nomination must be accompanied by a detailed description, explaining the reasons why the nominee's work and accomplishments should be considered as an outstanding contribution to the field of the theme of the Prize.

4. The documents attached to the nomination form must demonstrate the direct involvement of the nominee in the work and achievements submitted to the evaluation of the Panel of Judges.

5. The Prize will be awarded to the individuals and/or organizations which are recognized by the Panel of Judges as having:

- Provided a significant and distinguished contribution to the improvement of water resources management
- Contributed intellectually, scientifically or politically to raising awareness, improving management, cooperation and solidarity for the cause of water.

Candidates may not have been involved in recent competition for other water-related prizes. The nominators are required to complete a nomination form providing contact details of the Nominators and the Candidate, and submit: 1) Two letters of reference supporting the Candidature; 2) A summary document reviewing the contribution of the Candidate in the context of the Prize theme; 3) A curriculum vitae of 3 pages maximum.

Panel of Judges

President: M. Abdel Kabir Zahoud, Secretary of State in charge of Water

International:

- Dogan Altinbilek, President, International Hydropower Association, Turkey
- Benedito Braga, General Director, Agencia Nacional Del Agua, Brazil
- ✓ Roque Gistau, President, Expo Zaragoza, Spain
- ✓ Hideaki Oda, President, Japan Water Forum, Japan
- ✓ Isabel Tocino, former Minister of Environment, Spain

Morocco:

- ✓ Majid Benbiba, Director of Water Research and Planification
- Aziza Bennani, Ambassador- Permanent Delegate of Morocco to UNESCO
- ✓ Abdeladim El Hafi, High Commissioner for Water, Forestry and Fight against Desertification
- Mohammed Jellali, Technical Advisor of the Secretary of State in charge of Water and Environment



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