Call for Applications:
(1a.) Best Practice Award for **National Urban Policies** – 1 Winner

The Dubai Municipality and UN-Habitat invite submissions to the 2017 Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment.

This award category (1a.) aims to recognize **national and sub-national governments** that successfully adopt and implement **National or Subnational Urban Policies**. In line with Sustainable Development Goal 11 – to make cities and communities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable – and the New Urban Agenda, the Best Practice Award recognizes significant contributions which:

- Have a demonstrable and tangible impact on improving people’s quality of life;
- Are the result of effective partnerships between the public, private and civic sectors of society;
- Are socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable.

Final **deadline** for submissions is **31 August 2017**

**Prizes**

USD 30,000 each, trophy and a commemorative certificate

**Specific eligibility criteria for the Best Practice Award for National Urban Policies:**

The application should follow the general criteria stated above. For this specific award, the submission should have demonstrated the effective adoption and implementation of urban policies that have brought **some of the following:**
1. More harmonious regional and territorial urban development, balancing social, economic and environmental concerns;
2. Stronger guidance on the future development of the national urban system and its regional spatial configuration, supported by specific plans, tools and means of implementation;
3. Wider participation and higher levels of coordination of diverse stakeholders and partners in various development levels and areas, with more public and private investments and more effective allocation of resources; and
4. Better design and more effective implementation of transformative solutions in key regional and urban development areas such as infrastructure development, urban energy and urban mobility that have contributed to improve the quality of life and the prosperity of the country’s population.

The results obtained from the implementation of the National/Sub-national Urban Policies should have succeeded in some of the following:

1. Defining the mandates and levels of responsibility for all tiers of government;
2. Improving the financial model for government functions at various levels;
3. Creating well-planned structures and plans for different regions of the country, including rural-urban linkages; and
4. Defining higher jurisdictional coherence to achieve better urban and regional governance, including urban plans with law enforcement capacity.

How to Apply

To learn more about the Dubai International Award visit our webpage unhabitab.org/dubai-award/. All applications must be submitted on-line. To register and submit an application, please visit www.dubaiaward.ae. If you have questions related to the criteria or the online application, please contact best.practices@unhabitat.org.