Call for Applications:  
(1b.) Best Practice Award for Participatory Slum Upgrading – 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 (1b.) aims to recognize impactful initiatives by national and sub national governments, local authorities and organizations including those at community level that significantly transformed the living standards of slum dwellers. 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, trophy and a commemorative certificate
Specific eligibility criteria for the

Best Practice Award for Participatory Slum Upgrading:

The application should follow the general criteria stated above. For this specific award, the submission should have demonstrated the effective adoption and implementation of policies, strategies and plans aimed at addressing one or more of the following:

1. Reducing urban poverty and applying slum upgrading solutions to social, economic and environmental problems;
2. Harnessing the power of partnerships and communities for inclusive urban transformation by establishing broad partnerships and platforms that include slum dwellers as well as key decision makers;
3. Building consensus between all urban stakeholders on the programmes undertaken;
4. Protecting and expanding the livelihood opportunities of slum dwellers;
5. Promoting social mix and diversity; including measures to counter gentrification;
6. Reducing inequalities in the urban context by integrating the people living in slums into the broader urban fabric for more prosperous and sustainable cities;
7. Empowering women and youth

The results from the implementation of participatory slum upgrading initiatives should have succeeded in some of the following:

1. Targeting the five slum deprivations by providing slum dwellers with access to portable water, improved sanitation, durable housing, adequate living space and security of residential tenure;
2. Promoting multilevel governance frameworks through multi stakeholder participation including that of youth, women and all vulnerable communities living in slums.
3. Aligning all policies, plans and strategies for slum upgrading, to existing public policies and strategies at city and national levels.
4. Financing slum upgrading through diverse financing options including public and private finances.
5. Upholding the human rights of slum dwellers including preventing forced evictions;
6. Providing a sustainable framework for ending poverty through slum upgrading.

How to Apply

To learn more about the Dubai International Award visit our webpage unhabitat.org/dubai-award/. All applications must be submitted online. 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