Call for Applications:

(3.) **Personal Award** for contribution to urban economy and municipal finance – 2 Winners

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 (3.) aims to recognize an **individual** who has made outstanding contributions to the development of urban economy and municipal finance, working for local authorities, and other related organizations. 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
Personal Award for contribution to urban economy and municipal finance:

The application should follow the general criteria stated above. For this specific award, the submission should demonstrate the effective adoption and implementation of strategies for reinvigorated urban economy and employment generation including any of the following:

1. More effective business plan that increases municipal income;
2. Sound economic regeneration and urban renewal programmes;
3. More effective strategies that promote economic cluster development and economic diversification plans for job generation;
4. Sound contractual and legal frameworks that allow for more transparent and effective public-private partnerships and other financial strategies;
5. Better targeted programmes for human capital formation and the development of knowledge sharing platforms;
6. Mechanisms and tools for fostering inclusive local economic development (job creation, entrepreneurship, microfinance, etc.), more adequate and affordable lending mechanisms that target the urban poor and other vulnerable populations;
7. Income-growth and generation programmes in favor or minorities, including immigrants.
8. Design and implement tools for fostering inclusive local economic development (e.g. job creation, entrepreneurship, microfinance, etc)

The results obtained from a reinvigorated urban economy and employment generation should have succeeded in some of the following:

1. Achieving higher municipal revenue generation;
2. Reducing unemployment and underemployment rates in the city;
3. Improving city competitiveness and better value generation to achieve a more productive urban economy;
4. More efficient supply chain factors that increase affordability of goods and services;
5. Higher land and property values linked to value capture mechanisms to increase the revenue base of the government.

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