



جائزة دبي الدولية لأفضل الممارسات  
Dubai International Award  
For Best Practices

12<sup>TH</sup> DUBAI INTERNATIONAL BEST  
PRACTICES AWARD FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Application Guide

## BACKGROUND

Best practices have been a long-standing modality of knowledge generation and sharing by UN-Habitat. Established in 1995—under the directive of the late Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum during the United Nations International Conference (Habitat II) in Dubai— as an outcome of the Dubai Declaration. This declaration created the international concept of sharing Best Practices for the accelerated development of the human settlements sector.

The 12th round of the Dubai Award, about to be completed with the upcoming Award Ceremony in Dubai (April-May 2018), marks 24 years of collaboration between Dubai Municipality and UN-Habitat in generating best practices through the Award system. Since 1995, more than 5,000 initiatives, which document various ways of solving economic, social and environmental issues, from more than 150 countries, have been compiled and disseminated through the best practices database hosted by UN-Habitat.

The Dubai International Best Practices Award for Sustainable Development aims to recognize excellence and support human settlements best practices and to create a global and unique knowledge sharing platform for best practices in human settlements. To be awarded in November 2020 during Expo 2020 Dubai.

**Total award prizes: \$1 Million**

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- *National and local governments*
- *Academic institutions*
- *Non-governmental organizations*
- *Media entities*
- *Corporate and Private sector companies*
- *Individuals (Researchers, professional teams, etc*

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The project, subject of the application, shall be implemented with tangible results for a period of at least one year (project launch should not exceed five years from the date of application)
2. The applicant should comply to the award eligibility criteria
3. The applicant should submit all requirements within the announced deadlines
4. The applicant should not participate in more than one project per category. The submitted project cannot be used in more than one category
5. The applicant should complete the online application form and submit all requirements on the official award website
6. The applicant must provide official documents to prove his status in relation to the submitted project as individual, organization or corporate (ID documents, Authorization letter, Commercial / Registration license, etc.)
7. By applying to the award, the applicant gives full authorization to the award management to archive the submitted content and use it for specific publications. It is not of his/her right to request the recovery or restrict the team to publish or share some of the submission contents

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Register as a new user in [dubaiaward.ae](http://dubaiaward.ae)

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2. Complete Online Submission Form on [dubaiaward.ae](http://dubaiaward.ae)



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### 3. Review and submit the Application form

The screenshot shows the final step of the application process. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DIABP logo and the text 'Dubai International Award For Best Practices'. Below the logo, a progress bar indicates the steps: 1. Registration, 2. Submission, 3. Criteria, 4. Narrative, 5. Attachments, and 6. Completion. The 'Completion' step is highlighted. The main content area features a teal banner with the text: 'Important! You need complete all mandatory submission fields. Please Click on the Submit button.' Below this is a 'Declaration' section with two bullet points: 'I hereby certify that the details I have provided are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.' and 'Furthermore, I agree that the information provided is going to be published for free public use and owned by the Dubai International Award for Best Practices (DIABP)'. A green 'Final Submit' button is located at the bottom of the declaration section.

### 4. Checking submission status through the platform

#### ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fill in personal and project information
2. Choose category and focus area
3. Fill in criteria requirements
4. Fill in narrative requirements
5. Submit supportive documents as attachments

The main attachment should follow the structure below:

- a) Project background and short description (Max. 250 words)
  - b) Motivations, Inspirations and problems tackled (Max. 250 words)
  - c) Technical details and information (Max. 500 words)
  - d) Results and impact (Max. 1000 words)
  - e) Proofs: Links to access related videos, Links to access related photos, press releases, project master plan adequate summary, related official documentation, proofs of results mentioned in the online submission form... etc.))
  - f) Appendix for any other information
6. Review all submission contents
  7. Review submission checklist to ensure all requirements are fulfilled
  8. Complete your submission

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Category 1:

#### **Best Practices Award in Urban Regeneration and Public Spaces**

Urban development is defined as the process of building towns and cities and making them larger. This category caters for addressing the cities of the future; finding ways in which cities ensure to provide affordable housing and access to food, water, clean air, mobility, public life and nature for continuously more numerous urban populations

### Category 2:

#### **Best Practices Award in Construction of Sustainable, Innovative and Smart Buildings**

Sustainable, innovative and smart buildings are defined as buildings that can conserve an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources, equipped with electronic devices that can be controlled remotely by smartphone. This category caters for finding sustainable, innovative, and smart projects for the development of smart buildings in order to limit environmental impact, increase human well-being and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals.

### Category 3:

#### **Best Practices Award in Sustaining Urban Food Systems**

Food security is defined as the state of having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food. This category caters for systemic change and much improved access to food by all people while maintaining a strong connection between food production, storage and supply to local, regional and global beneficiaries showing an impact on human settlements.

### Category 4:

#### **Best Practices Award in Addressing Climate Change and Reducing Pollution**

Living environment is defined as the natural world, as a whole or in a particular geographical area, especially as affected by human activity. This category caters for solutions addressing climate change, pollution reduction, and the protection of a thriving biodiversity including long-term governance mechanics, stakeholder participation and circular economy

### Category 5:

#### **Best Practices in Urban Infrastructure Planning and Management**

Infrastructure is defined as the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies, etc.) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise. This category caters for finding adaptable, local and resilient solutions, that will enable longer lifecycle of infrastructure, due to the fast-paced transformations in line with the 4th industrial revolution relying on innovative, futuristic and sustainable projects improving living conditions.