



Women's Rio+20 Good Practice Award

Women's contributions to Sustainable and Equitable Economies

April 2012

Twenty years after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, over 100 Heads of State and 25.000 interested participants will meet again in Rio, in June 2012, to reconfirm their commitment to Sustainable Development. Five non-governmental initiatives will receive the Women's Rio+20 Good Practice Award. The five awardees will be invited to present their initiatives at the UN Rio+20 summit in Brazil.

Prizes: Five awards of 1,000 USD each will be presented at a festive ceremony during the UN Rio+20 summit 20 – 22 June 2012, in Brazil. Members of the **Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment (NWMLE)** will present the awards. The travel expenses and accommodation for one representative of each of the five winning initiatives will be provided.

Eligibility: All types of women-led organizations and groups working on sustainable development in a **developing country** are encouraged to apply¹. Only non-governmental initiatives are eligible (local or national government initiatives cannot be considered). The activity/initiative should either already have been completed or should be in current operation. The initiative must fit within one of the 5 award categories detailed below.

Initiatives may be of any type for example providing solutions for sustainable development, reducing unsustainable practices, strengthening women's leadership/decision-making, increasing access to and control of sustainable services, providing education, raising awareness and engaging in policy advocacy. Grassroots women's activities will have preference.

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Award categories: Initiatives being submitted as “Women’s Rio+20 Good Practices” should focus on one of the five categories described below:

Category	Description
1. Food Sovereignty	This can include: food security, sustainable/organic agriculture, protecting biodiversity, forests, fisheries, women’s traditional knowledge and stopping land grabbing
2. Climate adaptation	This can include: disasters preparedness, flood management, migration, strengthening wetlands and natural buffers, sustainable cities and communities, safer and healthier mobility
3. Decent jobs and health	This can include: women’s labour rights, occupational health, social protection floor, eliminating hazardous waste and chemicals, reuse and recycling, preventing irreversible health damage and improving women’s health
4. Water and sanitation	This can include: protecting water sources, ensuring equitable access to affordable and safe water, hygiene and sustainable sanitation, reducing water borne diseases
5. Sustainable Energy	This can include: access to safe renewable energy and energy savings, reducing damage from energy sources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transition to sustainable consumption and production

Additional points will be awarded for attention to the following cross-cutting issues:

- Human rights, women’s rights
- Ensuring corporate responsibility and accountability
- Access to information, justice and public participation
- Improving livelihoods, women’s economic and political empowerment

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Selection criteria: Projects will be scored 0 (inadequate) to 5 (excellent) on the basis of:

- ✓ **Relevance:** how well the submission relates to the award objectives
- ✓ **Concrete outcomes:** demonstration of tangible benefits
- ✓ **Information & awareness raising:** degree to which the submission has informed and raised awareness
- ✓ **Partnership/Multi-sectoral approach:** degree to which the submission has involved other groups or organisations and other sectors
- ✓ **Transferability:** potential of the project to be “scaled up” (extended) or replicated (copied) in other regions, countries or circumstances
- ✓ **Originality:** degree to which the project/initiative is novel and innovative
- ✓ **Cost-effectiveness** of the project/initiative

To apply: please submit the enclosed Women Rio+20 Good Practice **ENTRY FORM** before **17 May 2012** by email or fax to:

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Important dates:

Thursday, 17 May 2012: Deadline for submission

Friday, 1 June 2012: Announcement of the 5 winners

Wednesday – Friday, 20-22 June 2012: UN Rio+20 Conference and Award Ceremony in Brazil

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