



Compromiso México Water Prize

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The World Water Council (WWC), the government of the State of Mexico (GEM), the Ministry for Water and Public Works of the State of Mexico (SAOP), in collaboration with the National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS) and the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), committed to the cause of sustainable water resources management, an issue of the utmost importance for the future development of Mexico – the host country of the 4th World Water Forum in March 2006, have established a solid strategic alliance to foster, stimulate and recognize successful local public policies for water resources management, and hereby call for proposals for the Prize.

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This Prize acknowledges the genuine concern voiced by national and international citizens and governments, regarding the increasing global water crisis as well as current policies in water supply, sewerage and sanitation services; concerns which demand the collective attention and joint endeavor of the governments of the world.

The Alliance's immediate purpose is to support institutional measures based on truly notable water policies which, having followed innovative local public policies for freshwater supply and wastewater management and treatment, have rendered clear and identifiable social benefits.

The Prize seeks not only to find successful new public policies, but to ensure their benefits are known and replicated by other countries facing similar conditions and situations.

Objective of the Prize:

To promote, divulge and stimulate best practices in implemented public policies which have had successful local outcomes for water resources management, and which can demonstrate measurable results in the solution of problems related to water supply, sewerage and sanitation services.

For the purposes of this Alliance, the summoning institutions set forth the following:

Terms of Submission

I. Applicable policies

1.1 Policies implemented by local governments¹ between 2006 and 2008 which are notable for having implemented successful public policies for water resources management.

1.2 Institutional policies with measurable results in terms of beneficiaries, operation costs, costs to users, and others.

1.3 Policies that demonstrate the solution of the users' specific problems through the services provided.

1.4 Policies that display collaboration between different local authorities with optimal results for the inhabitants.

1.5 Policies with a long term vision which contribute to generate new knowledge on the use and management of water resources.

II. Format for submission of policies and submission deadline

There will be two ways to submit the proposals. Applications may be completed in English or Spanish.

1.- By filling in the application form, available through the 5th World Water Forum's Virtual Meeting Space, available at <http://portal.worldwaterforum5.org>.

2.- By sending the registration form and required information by email at aneas@aneas.com.mx; with no more than 4,000 words in the proposal

Applications must be received no later than January **18th, 2008**.

A Pre-Selection Committee will evaluate all applications to ensure compliance with the criteria (see below). Participating institutions will be sent confirmation of their application entry once the Pre-Selection Committee confirms the validity of their application.

III. Constraints

¹ For this purpose, the concept of "local" government refers to the level of government that manages not the central government, but the state, province, region, department, county, prefecture, district, city, township, town, borough, parish, municipality, shire or village.

3.1 Each local government or authority may submit only one proposal. In cases in which a second proposal is submitted, only the first one will be considered.

3.2 Policies from national governments, individuals, non governmental organizations, universities and private companies are not eligible.

3.3 Policies which were not either partially or totally implemented in the period from 2006 to 2008 are not eligible.

3.4 Policies related to agricultural uses of water resources are not eligible.

3.5 Policies which have been rewarded by similar or comparable contests are not eligible.

IV. About the Jury

4.1 The Jury will be formed by six experts, specialists and public officials of various nationalities, knowledgeable about water issues and local government perspectives. Based on the list of valid candidatures prepared by the Pre-Selection Committee, the Jury will assess the candidates and award the first, second and third prize.

4.2 The evaluation period of the proposals by the Jury will be from January 19 to February 15, 2009.

V. Assessment Criteria

The Jury will assess all valid applications according to the following criteria:

5.1 Contribution to the efficient management and operation of water resources.

5.2 Percentage of population benefitted.

5.3 Costs of the implemented program.

5.4 Applicability of the policy for collective and solidarity purposes, and the policy's ease of replication.

5.5 Innovation, opportunity and feasibility components of the policy.

5.6 Proof of favorable impact on the beneficiaries, as set forth in the policy.

VI. Value of Prizes:

6.1 First Place: \$15,000 US Dlls.

6.2 Second Place: \$10,000 US Dlls.

6.3 Third Place: \$5,000 US Dlls.

VII. Announcing the results

7.1 The results of the Prize will be published on the Organizers' websites. Additionally, the Secretariat of the Prize will give written notice both to the Prize winners and to those not selected for the Prize.

The Prize will be awarded during the week of the 5th World Water Forum, which will take place from 16 to 22 March, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey.

VIII. Timeline

November 28, 2008 – January 18, 2009	January 19 – February 15 2009	February 16 th , 2009	March 2009
Proposal reception period	Evaluation Period	Announcement of the Results	Prize Ceremony 5 th World Water Forum

Note: Winners should take care of all the arrangements necessary for their travel, such as visa, passport, air tickets, hotel reservations, etc.

IX. Unforeseen events

9.1 If any, these shall be resolved by the Organizers.

For further information, please contact:

**The Secretariat of the “Compromiso México” Water Prize 2009
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Application Form

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1. Details of the institution

Name of the institution:

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Full Address

/Country
E-mail /Phone

Applicant data (person who submits the proposal)

Full name
Position
Full address (if different from above)
E-mail /Phone

Name of the Policy:

2. Details of the policy

1. What were the economic, social and environmental scenario that called for the implementation of governmental action and the difficulties that were faced to supply water to the region?
2. Were any efforts made to include the viewpoints and proposals of civil society groups and water user associations in the solution of the problems? If so, how were these proposals incorporated into the public policy agenda?
3. What were the initial targets and the final number of beneficiaries?
4. To what extent were the stated targets covered by implementing the relevant public policy?