EQUATOR PRIZE 2012
In order to be eligible for the Equator Prize 2012, nominees must:

- Have been in operation for at least 3 years
- Be a community-based or local group, operating in a rural area
- Be located within a country receiving support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Successful candidates demonstrate:

- Impact
- Sustainability
- Innovation and Transferability
- Leadership and Community Empowerment
- Empowerment of Women and Social Inclusion
- Resilience, Adaptability and Self-Sufficiency
Changes made to Equator Prize eligibility and thematic areas

- Expansion from Equator belt (106 countries) to all UNDP countries (146 countries)
- From 4 to 15 languages
- From biodiversity to 8 thematic areas

22 August 2011: Call for nominations launched
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Local Solutions
FOR PEOPLE, NATURE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

The Equator Initiative is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2012, which will recognize 25 outstanding local initiatives that are working to advance sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities.

All winning initiatives will receive US $5,000, with 10 selected for “special recognition” and a total of US $20,000 each. Representatives of all winning communities will participate in Rio+20, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, in Brazil in June 2012.

On its 10-year anniversary, and in recognition of the new and emerging challenges that face local and indigenous communities the world over, the Equator Prize 2012 will have an expanded thematic scope and geographical eligibility.

‘Resilient Communities’

The Equator Prize 2012 will focus on local innovation and excellence in promoting community wellbeing and sustainable livelihoods, environmental conservation, and sustainable natural resource management. Eight new ‘special recognition’ categories – in areas such as community-based adaptation, food security, forest management, energy, water, and more – have been created with the overall theme of ‘resilient communities for sustainable development’.

‘A World of Innovative Local Solutions’

Geographical eligibility for the Equator Prize 2012 has been expanded to include all countries receiving support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). For a list of eligible countries, eligibility requirements and selection criteria, please click here.

How to Nominate

To nominate an initiative for the Equator Prize 2012 (or to self-nominate), visit our website: www.equatorinitiative.org.

Nomination forms must be submitted by 31 October 2011. Nominations may be completed online or sent via email, fax, or post to:
By Oct 31 deadline, 812 nominations received

- 15 Sept
- 28 Oct
- 31 Oct
...from many new countries (139 total)

- Afghanistan (2)
- Albania (2)
- Algeria (1)
- Argentina (9)
- Armenia (2)
- Azerbaijan (1)
- Belarus (1)
- Bhutan (1)
- China (8)
- Egypt (15)
- Iran (1)
- Jordan (7)
- Kazakhstan (9)
- Kosovo (1)
- Kyrgyzstan (3)
- Lebanon (1)
- Lesotho (1)
- Moldova (4)
- Mongolia (6)
- Morocco (4)
- Nepal (10)
- Pakistan (13)
- Palestinian Territories (8)
- Russia (7)
- Saudi Arabia (1)
- South Sudan (1)
- Swaziland (2)
- Syria (5)
- Tajikistan (6)
- Turkey (2)
- Ukraine (3)
- Uzbekistan (2)

**Number indicates nominations received in 2012 cycle.**
... representing a variety of group types
...and areas of work

- Biodiversity
- CBA
- Food Security
- Chem/Waste
- Energy
- Forests
- Drylands
- Water
- Infl Policy
- Replication
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- 156 sustainable development experts
- Each nomination was reviewed and scored (1-10) by 3 TAC members
- Assigned based on language and regional and thematic specialty
- Three votes were averaged
- 8.5 set as finalist cutoff
- =103 Equator Prize Finalists (top 12%)
In-person meeting in January 2012 of 33 TAC members

Selection of 25 winners and 10 alternates

February – March : Verification process

Requirement of three external, positive references

=25 Winners (top 3%)
Winner Breakdown

- 25 Equator Prize Winners from 25 countries
- New countries represented:
  - Sudan
  - Tajikistan
  - Morocco
  - Marshall Islands
  - Liberia
  - Togo
  - Swaziland
  - China
  - Egypt
  - Gambia
Of the 25 winners, 10 will be selected by a high-level jury for special recognition in these categories:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Freshwater Resource Management
- Management of Hazardous Chemicals and Waste
- Marine and Coastal Resource Management
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Sustainable Land Management in Drylands
- Marie Aminata Khan Prize for Women’s Empowerment
Changes in Special Recognition Categories

- From:
  - Influencing Policy
  - Knowledge Sharing and Replication

- To:
  - Marine and Coastal Resource Management
  - Marie Aminata Khan Prize for Women’s Empowerment
A word about Marie Aminata Khan
High-Level Jury

- Including:
  - Princess Basma of Jordan
  - M.S. Swaminathan of India
  - Victoria Tauli-Corpuz of Philippines
- Selection is currently being made
- Winners to be announced at your award ceremony (June 20)
Congratulations!