

STOCKHOLM CHALLENGE

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The winners in the Stockholm Challenge Award 2008 celebrated during the Gala Evening in the City Hall

(Stockholm, May 22, 2008) The winners of the Stockholm Challenge Awards 2008 were announced tonight in the Blue Hall of the City of Stockholm before a multinational gathering of dignitaries, community leaders and finalists from 158 projects representing 52 countries.

The winners each take away a Stockholm Challenge trophy and a cheque for €5,000. Two winners were announced from the Education category, making a total of seven winners in all. The results are:

Culture Category Winner:

Digital Green, India

Digital Green works in harmony with local cultures, languages and people to help develop more effective farming practices by using simple video technologies.

Environment Category Winner:

The World Weather Information Service, Hong Kong, China

This website in six languages offers forecasts for over 1200 cities in 117 countries. They have a strong vision, global objectives, a robust sustainability model and demonstrate information exchange between national and international organizations sharing weather data.

Health Category Winner:

The EpiSurveyor Project, United States

The EpiSurveyor is an ambitious, highly visible project, using open source aims at facilitating collection and access to health data at the grassroots, leading to a significant impact on health policy creation.

Public Administration Category Winner:

ICT Driven e-Governance Public Service Delivery Mechanism - Jan Seva Kendra, Gandhinagar, India

This is an exemplary case that enhances the transparency of application processing and the accountability of public officials.

Economic Development Category Winner:

M-PESA Money transfer service, Kenya

This Kenyan project is a brilliant transferable example of African leadership in ICT innovation with a real impact on the poor. Its functionality is very useful for small businesses.

Education Category Winners:

1. Shilpa Sayura Project, Sri Lanka

This is a digital self learning project for remote, rural students lacking educational resources and teachers. It meets a gaping need, well thought out and implemented and embedded in a broad educational curriculum.

2. Container Project, Jamaica

This comprehensive program, with great social impact, is an excellent way to motivate street kids, give them purpose and education.

For more information and registration for the debate and interviews with the finalists, please contact Ulla Skidén, Project Manager, Stockholm Challenge
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The Stockholm Challenge is a biannual awards programme since 1994 when it was launched by the City of Stockholm. It is now owned by the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm and sponsored by the City of Stockholm, Ericsson and Sida.