

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE

Awarding outstanding research and innovative projects in development

About the Program

The Global Development Awards Competition is an award scheme that identifies talent, supports the career advancement of researchers in developing countries, and funds innovative social development projects implemented by NGOs that benefit marginalized groups in the developing world. Initiated in 2001, it is GDN's largest and longest-running program, and brings together a rich community of researchers and development practitioners.

Since its inception, the competition has supported more than 340 individuals, research organizations and NGOs with roughly US\$ 3.8 million worth of awards, placing it as one of the most important global competitions targeting development and research. With three different categories of awards: Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD), Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP), and Japan Social Development Fund Award (JSDF), it includes a great variety of activities.

The competition is organized on a yearly basis and receives up to 400 submissions each year. The applicants' proposals go through a multi-stage review process in the ORD and MIDP categories, during which they are given feedback from experienced researchers and development experts. Six candidates reach the final stage of the competition – three in each of these two categories – which traditionally takes place during GDN's Global Development Conference. The final selection is undertaken by a high-level scientific jury who awards the first, second and third prizes in the ORD and MIDP category.

Previous Winners

- ✓ Lykke Andersen de Nina, Director, Center for Environmental-Economic Modeling and Analysis – ORD 2004
- ✓ Raphael Bergoeing, former superintendent of the Banks and Financial Institutions of Chile – ORD 2005
- ✓ Raphael Edou, former Minister of Environment and former Minister of Decentralization at the Government of Benin – MIDP 2006
- ✓ Hasina Kharbhih, founder, Impulse NGO Network – MIDP & JSDF 2011
- ✓ Biman Prasad, leader, National Federation Party of the Republic of Fiji – ORD 2008
- ✓ Jaime Saavedra, former Minister of Education at the Government of Peru – ORD 2002

Program

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Funding

US\$552,000 annually
from the
Ministry of Finance,
Government of Japan,
the World Bank

Location

Developing and
transition countries
around the world

Duration

2001 onwards, annual