

WORLD HABITAT AWARDS COMPETITION BRIEF

The World Habitat Awards competition is open to any individual, organisation or government who has an **innovative and practical solution to housing needs and problems** from any country of the world. More than one entry can be made by the same individual or organisation.

Housing projects and approaches are sought that

- demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries all around the world
- can be transferred or adapted for use as appropriate
- are already being implemented or are completed i.e. not at design stage or very early stages of development
- view the term habitat from a broad perspective and bring other benefits as well, such as energy or water saving, income generation, social inclusion, community and individual empowerment, health benefits, capacity building or education.

All entries are assessed and up to 10 projects are shortlisted by an **assessment committee**. These shortlisted projects are then evaluated by an **independent advisory group**.

Evaluation visits are made to some of the shortlisted projects before recommendations are put forward to a panel of **external judges**, including the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT).

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Shortlisted projects will not necessarily be recognised as finalists. World Habitat reserves the right not to make an award in the event of the judges deciding that none of the submissions received achieve the standard sought or adequately fulfil the criteria.

Each year two winners receive £10,000 each and a trophy, presented at a global event.

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