



Call for Candidacies for AfWA Excellency Award

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The African Water Association launches a call for candidacies, for the attribution of the AfWA Excellency Award 2008. The candidates files must be transmitted to the Administrative Secretariat of the ASSOCIATION at the latest on November, 1st 2007.

The AfWA Excellency Award shall aim at rewarding a persons or organization having contributed significantly to the realization of an activity, a research and an innovation or an action for the development of the water and sanitation sector on a technical, commercial or management level for the benefit of the Members and in respect of the objectives of the AfWA which are:

To coordinate the search for knowledge and latest development in the technical, legal, administrative and economic fields for Drinking water production, supply and of sanitation

To promote the exchange of information on methods, processes and procedures of drinking water production and supply and sanitation

To initiate, encourage and promote any action of cooperation and exchange in professional training in water and sanitation field.

The jury is composed of 7 Members and includes 3 members of the Board Committee, 2 representatives of the regular and affiliated members: 1 Representative of the donors, 1 external Personality chosen by the Board Committee and proposed by the Scientific and Technical Council

The prize will be awarded to one or several persons or institutions whose candidacies will have been presented, at a rate of one candidacy for each one, by the Companies Members of the AfWA (Regular and Affiliated). No one can present its own candidacy.

The Price will consist of a Trophy and/or an amount of money which will be decreed by the President of the Africa Water Association during a solemn public meeting which will take place during the opening ceremony of Congress 2008.

The theme of this first edition of the Excellency Award is:

DRINKABLE WATER SUPPLY TO UNDERPRIVILEGED AREA

The candidate must have been distinguished by an action or a meritorious project whose criteria of appreciation defined by the Scientific and Technical Council are as follows:

- 1) The degree of implication of the populations supplied during the study, the realization and the implementation of the project, as well as the implication of other partners.
- 2) Within the framework of a sustainable development the implementation of such a project must give the possibility of a long-term exploitation without significant modification of the infrastructures through out time.
- 3) The project must be original and must be able to put forward the use of new technologies.
- 4) The underprivileged areas are numerous in Africa, but water, source of life is a peremptory necessity for all. The project should be able to be implemented in other areas of the country were it was initiated or even in other countries of the continent.
- 5) The objective of the project should be to give the access to the service of water to all, but any project has a cost which at the end of the line is supported either completely or partially by the consumers. Thus the two principal parameters emerge: The cost of realization of the project and tariffs applied to the consumers in the specific case of the aforesaid project. The first must reveal the inciting character of the second.
- 6) The realization of the project must have affected the total service supply rate of the local company in charge of the water supply .

We invite you to subject your candidatures for the AfWA Excellency AWARD 2008 by filling out the attached form, and by forwarding any document allowing a write appreciation of your candidate.

All candidatures must be transmitted to the following address :

No later than November 1st 2007

AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION

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AfWA EXCELLENCY AWARD Application Form

Information on the applicant (Physical body).

Name.....
Title.....
Date of birth.....
Nationality.....
Address.....
Phone..... Fax.....
E-mail.....

Brief overview on the Applicant

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Information on the applicant (Corporate Body)

Name.....
Address.....
Phone..... Fax.....
E-mail.....

In the Water and Sanitation Sector the Activities of the Applicant are mainly:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic material supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and training | <input type="checkbox"/> Others(Specify)..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation or maintenance of structures | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water treatment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise management | |

Did the applicant job bring to the water and sanitation sector:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A major progress in research | <input type="checkbox"/> A better exploitation of the networks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An improvement in the management of the activities of the sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Others Ps (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A new and significant technological contribution | |
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Please present briefly a summary of the Applicant’s career and achievements, emphasizing the last 5 years.

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Specify the titles of some documents related to the Applicant that may help the jury in its choice (publications, communications, specialized newspaper articles, etc. or any relevant information).

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Letters of recommendation (2) Two letters of recommendation will be required, emphasizing the skills and achievements of the applicant (those letters shall be directly transmitted to the AfWA Administrative Secretariat before November 1st 2007) and sent by:

1- Name.....
Company.....Function.....
2- Name.....
Company.....Function.....

Information on the person representing the applicant.

Name.....
Company.....Function.....
Nationality.....
Address.....
Phone.....Fax.....
E-mail.....

GENERAL REGULATION OF THE UAWS EXCELLENCY AWARD

Preamble

- Considering the credibility and the audience of the AfWA among the organizations in the water and sanitation sector throughout the world,
- Convinced that this reputation can be reinforced only through Excellency,
- Considering Excellency as an aspiration towards which must tighten the members of the AfWA,
- Convinced that the Quality is the base on which must rest the values of management of the water and sanitation Companies of Africa,
- Concerned in the need to encourage the initiatives of the individuals and organizations,
- Considering that any action contributing to search for quality and Excellency ,deserves respect, encouragement and distinction,

The members of the Scientific and Technical Council during the meeting on October 18 99 in Durban adopted the creation of the AfWA EXECELENCY AWARD.

Article 1 Objective of the Award

The AfWA Excellency Award shall aim at rewarding a persons or organization having contributed significantly to the realization of an activity, a research and an innovation or an action for the development of the water and sanitation sector on a technical, commercial or management level for the benefit of the Members and in respect of the objectives of the AfWA.

Article 2 Duration and Financing of the Award

- a) The AfWA Excellency Award is given every 2 years by a Jury. If for exceptional reason the Jury decided not to confer the Award, the unawarded amount shall be repaid to the initial fund from which it was withdrawn .
- b) The duration of attribution of the Prize is unspecified, its existence being related to that of the AfWA.
- c) This prize is financed by the interest accruing from the capital made from the initial provision of carried out by the AfWA Members and the donors
- d) Subsidies or donations by any State, Government, Association, Organism, or individuals can be accepted. However the Board Committee and the General Assembly will not accept any donation by donors whose activity, philosophy, policy, and ethics will be in contradiction with the objectives of the AfWA.
- e) The initial provision shall be a long term deposit put in an account in order to bear interest which only will be used every 2 years in order to ensure the financing of the Award and the activities of the Jury.

Article 3 The Jury

a) A jury of 7 Members is set up. The Jury includes:

- 3 Members of the Board Committee (of which the President of the ASSOCIATION and the President of the STC)
- 1 Representative of the donors
- 1 external Personality (chosen by the Board Committee and proposed by the Scientific and Technical Council).
- 1 Representative of the regular members.
- 1 Representative of the Affiliated members

b) The Administrative Secretary of the AfWA provides the functions of Secretary of the Jury without voting rights

c) The Jury is designated for a 2 years mandate

d) The Jury can decide to meet in a country other than the country of the headquarter of the Union.

e) The decisions of the Jury are made by consensus. In the absence of consensus, they are taken by vote with secret ballot in the absolute majority of the voters. If the absolute majority is not obtained after 2 ballots, the decision is made with the 3rd ballot with the relative majority. The necessary quorum is of 5 members out of 7.

Article 4 Candidatures

a) The President of the Jury launches a call to candidature previously to each Congress to the members of the Association. The deadline for the transmission of the candidatures is 6 months before the on coming Congress.

b) The Jury meets 1 time during the 6 months which precedes the Congress to deliberate. At the end of its meeting the name or the names of the Award winner should be known .

Article 5 Official Ceremony of handing-over of the Award

a) The Award is given officially at the opening ceremony of the AfWA Congress.

b) The President of the Jury gives:

- a trophy and/or a flat-rate amount out of cash or check
- the AfWA excellency diploma .

Article 6 the secretariat of the Award

a) The Administrative Secretary of the AfWA is appointed Executive Secretary of the Award.

b) The Executive Secretary is in charge, under the authority of the President of the Jury, of the execution of this General regulation and the organization of all the activities related to the Award.

Article 7 Modification of the General Regulation

Any later modification of this General Regulation will be submitted to the General Assembly.

STATUTES OF THE UAWS EXCELLENCY AWARD

Article 1 Objectives

The Af WA Excellency Award (hereafter called " the Award ") is intended to reward a particularly commendable activity in conformity with the objectives of the AfWA. This activity could be a research, an innovation, an action of development in the water and sanitation sector on a technical, commercial or management level

Article 2 Awarding conditions

The prize will be awarded to one or several persons or institutions whose candidacies will have been presented, at a rate of one candidacy for each one, by the Companies Members of the AfWA (Regular and Affiliated). If none of the candidatures presented would carry the decision of the Jury, the jury will be able to take into account any other candidature which would be subjected to him at least by 5 of its members.

Article 3 The designation of the Award winner

The Award winner will be chosen by a Jury whose decision will be made by consensus, in case the jury fails, the designation of the winner will be made by vote in accordance with the provisions of article 3 paragraph (e) of the General Regulation.

Article 4 The Jury

The Jury chaired by the President of the UAWS is composed of **7 members:**

3 Members of the Board Committee (*including the President of the AfWA and the President of the CST*)

1 Representative of donors

1 External Personality

1 Representative of the Regular members

1 Representative of the Affiliated Members

The Jury will adopt his rules of procedure unanimously. The President of the AfWA is in charge of the notification for the meeting of the Jury and the establishment of the agenda. The Administrative Secretary of the AfWA will provide the functions of Secretary of the Jury without voting rights. The expenses of the meetings will be taken into account by the award Funds.

Article 5 Nature of the Award

The Award will consist of a Trophy and/or an amount of money determined by the Board Committee. This Trophy and/or the amount of money which will be confer to the winner will come from the interest of the special Fund called " the Fund " given by the Members of the AfWA as well as by other donors for this purpose. The deposit of this fund will be carried out and managed by the Accounts Department of the AfWA on an account that will be different from the AfWA's.

Article 6 Periodicity

The price will be confer by the President of the AfWA (hereafter called " the President ") during a solemn public meeting which will take place every 2 years, during the opening ceremony of the Congresses.

Article 7 Duration

The Award is created for an unspecified duration. If the AfWA would decide to put an end to the attribution of the Award, the money available in the account of the Funds will be transferred on AfWA account after deduction of any expenses that would remain at the time of the suppression of the Award

FINANCIAL REGULATION OF THE AfWA EXCELLENCY AWARD

Article 1 Opening of a Special account

In accordance with the recommendation of the Scientific and Technical Council on the 18th of October 1999 concerning the creation of the AfWA Excellency Award, a Special account is open called AfWA Excellency Award, hereafter called the " Special account ".

Article 2 Receipts

The Special account is credited by the funds paid-up into by the Members, the donors as well as the interest accruing by the deposit of these contributions.

Article 3. The Expenditure

Are carried to the flow of the Special account the Trophy and diploma and the administrative expenses, including travelling expenses of the Members of the Jury and the winner as well as the operating cost of the Secretariat. The expenditure cannot be higher than the interest paid on the Special Account.

Article 4 Financial statements and accounting

- a) The financial year is identical to that of the AfWA (January to December)
- b) The transaction on the Special Account will have a different accounting, which will be included in AfWA financial report.
- c) Any unused balance at the end of the year is deferred to the following financial year.
- d) The financial accounts are submitted to the auditor of the AfWA for checking purposes.

Article 5 Investments

The funds credited to the Special account will have to be invested. The interest accruing from this investment is carried to the aforesaid account.

Article 6 General Provisions

Unless the present financial regulation states otherwise, the AfWA financial regulations will be applied to the management of the Special Account.

PROMOTING AND ADVERTISING THE CLASS PRIZE

1°) – Context and justification

In order to promote and improve the quality service of its corporate members, the AfWA created a Class Prize within a global context that is characterized by some concerns related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for the improvement of the Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation (DWSS) mainly.

The aim of the Class Prize is to reward individual or legal entities having achieved some innovating research activities within the AfWA member companies' fields of qualification.

2°) – **Objectives**

- To promote quality service within the member companies
- To appreciate and acknowledge the African or even international expertise
- To arouse benchmarking among its members, scientists and the actors in the drinking water and sanitation sector
- To participate in the search for optimal solution in order to reach the MDGs.

3°) – **Application**

Any individual or legal entity who can present the findings of his innovating works which implementation led to or can significantly lead to a performance in the target field.

Applicants who do not belong to the organization could be sponsored by the AfWA members.

4°) – **Organization of the Class Prize:**

- **The Selection criteria**

The Prize will be awarded to one or some individuals or institutions having applied for the benefit of the AfWA corporate and affiliated members on the basis of one application for each.

In case no application is selected, the jury could take into consideration any other application presented by 5 members at least.

- **The Jury**

In accordance with the bye-laws, the AfWA President is entrusted with the notification to the jury and drafting the agenda of these meetings.

The AfWA Secretary General will ensure the jury's secretary functions without any voting right. The Fund will be in charge of the expenses related to these meetings.

- **The Prize**

The AfWA Class Prize was set up:

- To reward individual or legal entities having significantly contributed to the achievement of an innovating and research activity or a water and sanitation sector development action at the technical, commercial or management level for the benefit of the AfWA members and within the framework of the AfWA objectives.
- To ensure the promotion and appreciation of the African expertise in the various fields of the water profession ;
- To popularize innovations resulting from research and
- To stimulate an effective and beneficial collaboration among the AfWA and the other research/ development organizations.

The AfWA Class Prize shall be awarded every other year by a jury. In case of an exceptional decision by the jury not to award the Class Prize, the sum not awarded would be deposited back in the initial allocation.

The duration for awarding the Class Prize is undetermined since its existence is linked to the one of the AfWA.

The financing of the Class Prize is from the capital interests made of the initial allocation of an amount from the various deposits made by the AfWA members and actors.

Subsidies from any State, Government, Association, Organization, individual or legal entity shall be accepted. Yet, the Executive Board and the General Assembly shall not accept any gift from donors whose activity, philosophy, policy and ethics are contradictory with the AfWA objectives.

The initial allocation shall be in fixed deposit in order to produce interests that will be levied every other year in order to ensure the financing of the Class Prize and the activities of the Jury.

- **Selection of the award winners**

The Class Prize award winners shall be selected by a jury whose decision shall be by consensus or by vote in conformity with the article 3, General Regulation paragraph.

5°) Right of the AfWA to popularize and promote the awarded achievements

In addition to the awarded trophy Prize and a financial envelop which amount shall be mentioned in the general regulation document, the AfWA will ensure through its various communication and information media (AfwA Info, News letters, website) the promotion and popularization of the awarded achievements. And this will represent an international acknowledgement and appreciation of the award winner's expertise and the possibility to collaborate with the AfWA and its members and other organizations of the sector.

6°) – Application file

The Application File is made of an application form to be found with the:

- **Secrétaire Général de l'Association Africaine de l'Eau (AAE) – Avenue 8 Prolongée – A la montée du Pont Félix Houphouët Boigny
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Fax : (225) 21-24-26-29// (225) 21 – 24 – 61 - 57
Email : susher.uade@aviso.ci
Or
: kfofana.uade@aviso.ci**
- The form, general regulation and any other related documents are available on the AfWA website : www.afwa-hq.org
- The above mentioned documents are also available with the Water and Sanitation Utilities of each member country.