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The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions to UN-Habitat in Nairobi and has the honour to share the call for applications for the first cycle of the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award).

The Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, announced the establishment of the **Shanghai Award** at the first session of the 2022 UN-Habitat Executive Board on 30 March 2022. The award is jointly established by UN-Habitat and the Shanghai Municipality. The theme of the first cycle of Shanghai Award is "Building Sustainable Urban Future for All." Cities worldwide that have made significant progress in economic vitality and urban prosperity, green urban development, urban safety and resilience, and capacity building for sustainable urban development are encouraged to apply. The application process envisages self-application and application with a nomination. The submission of entries will close on 30 June 2023. More information can be found on UN-Habitat's website on following link : <https://unhabitat.org/news/06-apr-2023/applications-for-the-global-award-for-sustainable-development-in-cities-shanghai>.

An award ceremony will be held at one of the major international platform of UN-Habitat. Winners will be presented with a certificate, a plaque, and a trophy, and invited to attend the important international events to exchange knowledge and best practices, boost potential investment, and create new opportunities for local economic development. The outstanding practices and achievements in sustainable urban development from the winning cities will be also added to the best practices database of the New Urban Agenda platform, which will further showcase and enhance the visibility of the cities' efforts in sustainable urban development.

UN-Habitat wishes to invite Member States to encourage eligible cities to apply and would be grateful if Member States could also share the call for applications broadly within their networks and nominate potential applicants for the award.

Application should be submitted to the award official website <https://shanghaiaward.org/>. Application rules and guidelines, application forms, and other materials are available on the website. The Call for Applications Rules and Guidelines is attached for ease reference. For further information, please contact the task force of the award at siqi.chen@un.org and outreach@shanghaiaward.org.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent and Observer Missions to UN-Habitat in Nairobi the assurances of its highest consideration.

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