



**FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de
France Awards**
- 3rd edition -

COMPETITION RULES

RULES for the 3rd edition of the

FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de France Awards

Article 1. ORGANISERS

FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT INITIATIVES, with its registered office at TOUR CB21 - 16 PLACE DE L'IRIS - 92040 PARIS LA DÉFENSE - FRANCE,

and the INSTITUT DE FRANCE, with its registered office at 23 QUAI DE CONTI - 75006 PARIS - FRANCE, are organising a competition whose 3rd edition is to be called the **FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT INITIATIVES - Institut de France Awards**.

Article 2. PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

- The FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de France Awards are intended to reward projects and innovations contributing to the development of water services, sanitation and waste management in developing countries.

Article 3. PRIZES AWARDED

There are two categories for the FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de France Awards, based on the type of candidature:

- The **Access to Essential Services Award** is a prize of €50,000 (fifty thousand Euros) rewarding an innovative project developed by a non-profit organisation.

Its aim is to establish a link between applied research and operational development projects in order to disseminate innovations as widely as possible so that they can be used by development professionals working in the water, sanitation and waste management sectors in developing countries. The practical innovations developed can be of a technical, organisational, financial or social nature, or alternatively related to tools for disseminating know-how.

- The **Social Entrepreneurship Award** is a prize of €50,000 (fifty thousand Euros) rewarding an initiative implemented by a social entrepreneur.

Its aim is to promote initiatives developed by social entrepreneurs in developing countries in order to support the development of economic activity, often a source of job creation with significant social impact, especially on poor or vulnerable segments of society.

Article 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Candidates will be selected on the basis of the following criteria, either common to both Award categories or specific to one category only:

SELECTION CRITERIA common to both Award categories	
Aim	The project shall facilitate the improvement or development of water, sanitation or waste management services.
Field of application	The project shall be targeted at developing countries.
Progress status	The project has already produced conclusive results in one or more meaningful pilots. The Award is not intended to finance an idea or starting up a project.
Replicability	- The project shall be widely replicable (general applicability to various situations, ease of implementation, appropriate cost, etc.); - The project shall be free of royalties or at least not subject to constraining intellectual property rights.
Skills	The candidate organisation and the team responsible for the project submitted shall be qualified, experienced or highly reputed.
Candidature file compliance	The candidature file shall be fully compliant in terms of form and content, explicit answers shall be given to the questions asked, the presentation shall be clear, etc.
Use of the Award	The candidature file must contain an explanation of how the prize money is to be used to improve water, sanitation or waste management services in developing countries.

SELECTION CRITERIA specific to the ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES AWARD	
Candidature	The candidature shall be submitted by a non-profit organisation (research institute, training organisation, association, etc.). It cannot be the work of an individual.
Innovation and research	The Award shall acknowledge the completion of an applied research project for developing an innovative idea. It is not intended to finance a "conventional" development project. Such projects are supported by the Foundation or the Institut de France in other ways (subsidies, skill sponsorship, etc.).
Local ties	The project shall be supported or developed locally in collaboration with a public organisation (local community, decentralised State agency, etc.).

SELECTION CRITERIA specific to the SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD	
Candidature	The candidature shall be submitted by a social entrepreneur.
Purpose	Social entrepreneurs are individuals who deliver concrete solutions to social or environmental problems. Although they may adopt a commercial approach to ensure the economic sustainability of the project, the purpose is not profit but rather social or environmental progress.
Local ties	The project shall be locally supported or developed in collaboration with local stakeholders.

○ PRIORITY PROJECTS AND INNOVATIONS

The competition selection panels shall give priority to examining projects:

- that can be taken over by local stakeholders and beneficiaries (communities, public authorities, institutions, etc.);
- enabling the integration or participation of vulnerable populations;
- that can be implemented in central or peripheral urban areas.

Article 5. PARTICIPATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Article 5.1. Selection stages

Stage 1: Pre-selection

- A call for projects shall be launched by the organisers, whereby the candidates are requested to submit a candidature file.
- The technical committee, whose members shall be appointed by the organisers, shall receive and examine the candidature files and select those to be passed on to the Jury.

Stage 2: Selection of prize-winners

- The Jury shall deliberate and select the prize-winners. Its decisions shall be final.
- Candidates shall be informed of the results of the Jury's deliberation by post or e-mail.
- Depending on the quality of the candidatures submitted, the Jury reserves the right not to award any prizes.

Article 5.2. Submission and content of candidature files

- The template for the candidature file can be downloaded from the FONDS SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de France Awards website or requested by e-mail at the following address: prix.initiatives@suez-env.com
- To respond to the call for projects, the candidate must complete the file and return it by e-mail with attachments to the following address: prix.initiatives@suez-env.com

- Candidature files must comprise:
 - the completed file based on the template supplied (detailed presentation). See the document entitled « Candidature file »
 - a presentation summarising the project, based on the template supplied, including arguments in response to the Award criteria (2 pages)
 - a PowerPoint presentation of the project (up to 10 slides)
 - annexes consisting of:
 - a presentation of the candidate organisation,
 - a presentation of those responsible for the project submitted, with CVs,
 - for a candidature for the Access to Essential Services Award, a letter of recommendation from the public organisation backing the project (local community, decentralised State agency, etc.).
 - the project budget and schedule: period and duration of the actions implemented and planned,
 - bank details of the candidate organisation, and the person responsible for the project submitted,
 - any guarantee relating to dissemination and intellectual property (see article 7)
 - any additional documents that the candidate deems useful.
- The candidate must specify in the file which of the two Awards he/she is competing for.
- The selection panels can ask candidates to submit any additional documents not part of the file.
- Incomplete candidature files or those received after the closing date will not be examined.

Article 5.3. Presentation of Awards and commitments of the prize-winner for the ceremony

- Awards shall be officially presented to the prize-winners at a ceremony to be held at the Institut de France in Paris or at another venue decided on by the competition organisers.
- For this purpose, each prize-winner undertakes to:
 - prepare a 3-minute film presentation on the winning project, in collaboration with the organisers and within the deadlines specified;
 - attend the ceremony to receive the Award and present the winning project.
- The organisers shall cover the expenses incurred for prize-winners to attend the award ceremony, subject to provisions which will be communicated to the winners beforehand.

Article 5.4. Calendar

1 December	Launch date for the call for projects
15 March	Deadline for receipt of candidature files
End of April	Pre-selection of candidature files by the technical committee.
End of May	Selection of prize-winners by the Jury
20 June 2012	Closing date for receipt of prize-winners' films
04 July 2012	Award ceremony

Article 6. AMOUNTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS

- The Access to Essential Services Award is €50,000 (fifty thousand Euros), distributed as follows:
 - €45,000 (forty-five thousand Euros) for the candidate organisation.
 - €5,000 (five thousand Euros) for the members of the team responsible for the project submitted, to reward them personally; the money shall be distributed among the team members as the team manager sees fit and as indicated in the candidature file;

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Article 7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF THE PROJECTS

- The winning projects must benefit the greatest number of people.
- If all or part of the project/innovation is protected under intellectual property rights:
 - The candidate undertakes to point this out explicitly in the candidature file: intellectual property rights, cost of use, etc.
 - The candidate shall supply all the information required to show that this presents no obstacle to the widest possible dissemination and use of the innovation by other parties, especially in terms of cost.
 - Insofar as the candidate holds the intellectual property rights, he/she undertakes to allow free use of all rights, or if a premium is payable, to make this condition non-constraining.

Article 8. COMMUNICATION, PRESS, DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

- The winning organisations and the members of the teams responsible for the award-winning projects shall authorise the Award organisers and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT to publicise the Awards and the results without compensation of any kind.
- The winning organisations and the members of the teams responsible for the award-winning projects shall authorise the organisers and SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT:
 - to mention their names,
 - to report on their actions and accomplishments based on the information given in the candidature file,
 - to reproduce their pictures and logos,
 - to circulate the films presenting the award-winning innovations,on any medium whatsoever, without restriction or reservation, for any promotional, advertising or public relations purpose, and without entitling the winning organisations or team members to any payment or advantage whatsoever.
- The winning organisations and the members of the teams responsible for the award-winning projects must expressly point out in their candidature files any documents or information which they wish to be kept confidential.
- The winning organisations and the members of the teams responsible for the award-winning projects shall naturally be free to use the prize awarded to them as they see fit.

Article 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- It is understood that candidates participating in the SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives - Institut de France Awards are aware of these rules and will comply with them.
- Candidates shall guarantee the accuracy of the information that they provide and justify this information if requested to do so by the selection panels or competition organisers.
- These competition rules can be changed by the organisers.

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