

Questionnaire for those submitting nominations

Please note: Once you have nominated an individual or institution for the award, your nominee must provide supporting documenting to be considered for the award.

Please fill out this section *only* if you are nominating an *individual*

Nominee's name: **Allan Lavell**

Nominee's address: **Villas Jade 220, del Automercado los Colegios, 200 sur,
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E-mail: **allanmlavell@gmail.com** Nationality: **British**

Date of birth: **01/12/1944** Place of birth: **Birmingham, England**

Sex: **Male** Education: **M. Sc and Ph.D from the London
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Present position of nominee:

Research Associate and Coordinator of the Support for the Social Study of Disaster Risk Programme at the Secretariat Generals Office of the Latin American Social Science Faculty, San Jose, Costa Rica—since 1992.

Current job description of nominee: **Academic research and international consultant**

Nominee's previous posts and functions:

- 1. Director of the Central American Research Programme at the Central American University Confederation-CSUCA, 1987-92. Coordinating research, financing of activities and projects, research on urban and regional development and disaster issues.**
- 2. Associate researcher at CSUCA 1980-87—undertaking research and advising governments and agencies.**
- 3. Associate researcher at El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, 1976-80—postgraduate teaching and research on urban and regional development problems.**

For those submitting nominations, please provide your details

Nominator's name: **Ian Davis, Lauriat, United Nations Sasakawa Award, 1996**

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Present position: **Visiting Professor in Disaster Risk Management in Copenhagen, Kyoto, Lund and Oxford Brookes Universities.**

Previous posts and functions: **Director of Disaster Management Center
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Associated nominators: (please see letter apart for details of support for the nomination made by Professor Ian Davis and detailed below):

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In less than 400 words, please describe the remarkable and innovative effort carried out by the nominee to reduce the impact of disasters and build disaster resilience under the theme “*Shaping the Future.*”

In my acceptance speech on receiving the 1996 Sasakawa Award, I acknowledged that my contribution to disaster protection was one of those- “*dwarfs sitting on the shoulders of giants*”

Of the persons I have worked with during the last forty-two years in DRM, I have met a small handful of truly inspired leaders who have decisively led this subject, and encouraged a generation to devote their energies and creativity to the noble cause of reducing risks. Allan Lavell is undoubtedly one of these ‘giants’ and I am delighted to nominate him as a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

I was one of the lead authors in the two-year UNISDR/IPCC SREX project that aimed to bring together leaders and practitioners in the DRR and Climate Change communities to hammer out a common cause, vocabulary and culture. Allan clearly emerged as the key figure in our DRR community, since with great clarity, warmth, courage and insights he inspired us all to develop our task, one of immense importance for the future of both Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change and for a sustainable future for our planet.

Allan has rich credentials for this award:

- energy, enthusiasm, insight, arguments, focus, humour, friendliness and a willingness to talk to all from consummate professionals, undergraduates to the person ‘in the street’;
- linguistic skills enabling him to write in simple but profound ways in both English and Spanish. Thus, he speaks with persuasion on critical issues to diverse audiences from governments to academia, NGO communities and local communities;
- a decisive impact on the development of new laws, policies, and strategies for DRM in Latin America, where the concepts and approach he has developed have been adopted by numerous governments and regional organizations;
- conceptual clarity and ability to forge new ideas, always within a development context;
- a lasting influence on the development of thought and practice on local level risk management in Latin America and on the very notion of integral disaster risk management, fully ‘mainstreamed’ into structures and policies.

To summarize, Allan has decisively shaped the future by his actions, and the rapid progress in international DRM over the past two decades reflects his pervasive and lasting influence. Therefore, if this award is made to him, this will acknowledge his current role as a global leader and encourage him to further exercise his rich gifts in the HFA2 era.

I understand that a package of supporting documentation will follow shortly. Ian Davis

In less than 100 words, please describe how the nominee's work is funded.

Allan has worked in academia and consultancy for over 25 years. While in an academic role he has sought and financed over 2 million dollars for research on DRM issues, an important part of this collectively within the structure of LA RED. His teaching at post grad level and his conference giving in over 40 countries has been financed by the organizing agencies as have his near to 70 consultancy jobs worldwide. He maintains a permanent position at the Latin American Social Science Faculty that allows him to permanently move between academia, consultancy and conference giving and teaching.



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Support from Sasakawa Laureates for Nomination of Prof. Dr. Allan Michael Lavell to 2015 UN Sasakawa Award on DRR

The research, conceptual development, teaching, conference giving, consultancy, training, voluntary work with journals and disaster risk research and action committees, development of networks and publications undertaken by Allan Lavell over the last 25 years have had a profound impact on the advancement of DRM not only in LAC but also in others latitudes where he has had influence (Africa, Asia, Australasia). He is a key and principle reference for university students, governments at local and national level, NGOs and development agencies due to the conceptual and practical results he has achieved and the didactic nature of his communication skills in both English and Spanish. This has been the product of widescale involvement in university research, consultancy work and evaluation undertaken for more than 20 international and national organizations worldwide. He has been a dedicated exponent of forward looking, integrated prospective approaches to DRR in the framework of development at sectoral and territorial level.

His individual achievements must be judged and evaluated also in the framework of “La RED” (Network for the Social Studies of Disaster Prevention in Latin America) which was created in 1992 in meetings organized by Lavell in Costa Rica, and which has collectively had a determining influence on DRM in LAC but also in the creation of sister networks in Asia and Africa. His role in “La RED” has been fundamental and demonstrates his commitment and influence on interdisciplinary, inter-role models of action, bringing together social and physical scientists, engineers and professionals from academia, private sector, government and NGOs. These efforts were major factors in his selection for the ICSU Disaster programming committee and subsequently implementing committee for the IRDR world level and LAC programmes.

Amongst his major contributions we can quote the following: development of the first multidisciplinary, multi-country research project on DRM for Central America 1989-1991 with long-lasting impacts on thought and development capacity in the region; his publications in the 1990s and IDNDR on urban communities and risk, creation and update of national DRM systems during two decades, comparative paradigms of understanding disaster between North and South; his development of concepts that are now key elements in DRM practice and innovation worldwide and in the frame of the UNISDR; his key work

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with the IDB and DARA indicator systems; his work in bringing together ACC and DRM knowledge and practice and his lead authorship of the IPCC-ISDR SREX; his voluntary participation on various journal editorial boards and DRM international committees including over the last 5 years, the UNISDR GAR advisory board.

Yours truly,

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