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The UNISDR Pacific Innovation & Leadership Award for Resilience 2014

Recognizing innovative sustainable disaster risk reduction in the Pacific

PILAR (2014)

To mark the approaching 10th anniversary of the Hyogo Framework for Action, the inaugural Pacific Innovation & Leadership Award for Resilience (PILAR) is being launched to recognize innovative Pacific examples of disaster risk reduction initiatives in the last 12 months that overall contribute to building the resilience of nations, and communities to the risks of disasters, enabling them to thrive sustainably.

For the first time in the Pacific, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction will recognize an individual, organization, business, government, or NGO with the annual award. The winner will be announced and award presented at the 2014 Pacific Platform for

Disaster Risk Management in Suva, Fiji on 2 June 2014.

Applications will be assessed by a panel of regional experts and specialists. Submissions are required to address at least one of the following focus areas:

1. Enhancing people's awareness of their vulnerability to disaster;
2. Conveying new insights and knowledge to the larger community on how to build resilience to disaster;
3. Engaging the larger community in activities – economic, financial, legal, educational, social or cultural – that help strengthen society's preparedness against disaster;

4. Making clear proposals and recommendations to influence disaster risk reduction policy based on evidence;
5. Engaging in any other essential activities recognized promoting disaster mitigation and building disaster resilience, such as early warning, education or similar activities.



Special consideration given to submissions that:

Demonstrate innovative approaches to:

- 'First Ever' premiere actions within a network or community; or
- Triggering new types of partnerships; or
- New uses of technology in ways rarely seen before; or
- "Breakthrough" ideas; or
- Being credited as influential by peers or the community



Has wide outreach and impact relating to:

- Behaviour change within community; or
- Impact on people in varied settings (government, civil society, education, scientific and private sector community); or
- Triggering successful partnerships; or
- Far reaching outcomes not just locally but nationally, region-wide or globally



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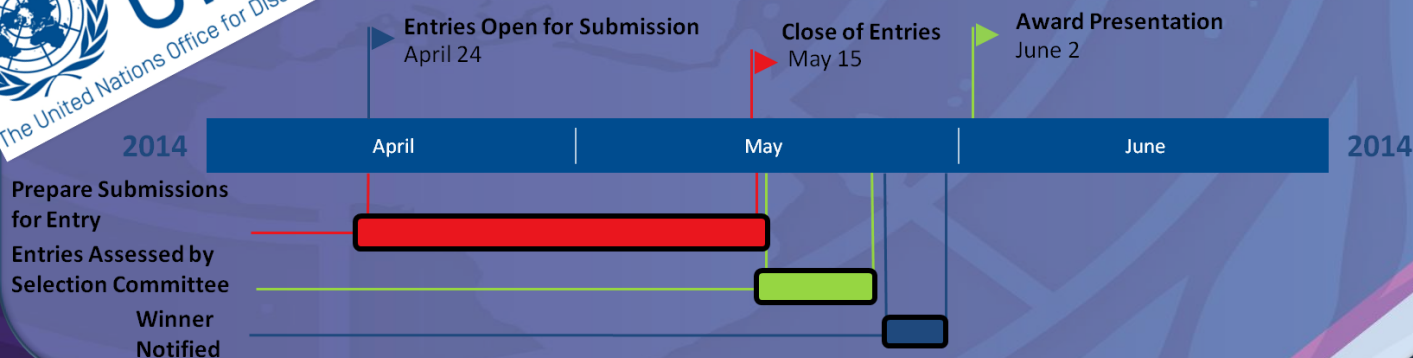
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Submissions for the 2014 PILAR are required to:

- ✓ Be Pacific based activities*
- ✓ Address one of the five focus areas described above;
- ✓ Show innovation and/or have had a demonstrated impact on building resiliency (accomplished within the last 12 months (April 2013 – April 2014));
- ✓ Complete attached 2 page application form;
- ✓ Application received by UNISDR by COB **15th May 2014**.



2014 PILAR KEY DATES



Applications and requests for further information to be submitted via the following options:

- **Email:** kelliher@un.org or merikelliher.unisdr@gmail.com with subject heading '2014 PILAR application'.
- **Mail:** Attn: Meri Kelliher
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Suva, Fiji

Application to be no greater than 2 pages written in English or French only.

*Pacific Island Countries and Territories eligible include: Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, French Pacific Territories and US Pacific Territories.



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3. Explain how your achievements have contributed to building national and/or community resilience, outlining any specific innovative approaches.

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4. Please provide a brief description of your project.

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