



# EQUATOR PRIZE 2017 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## A GLOBAL SEARCH FOR NATURE-BASED LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Equator Initiative announces a global call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2017. This year's prize will be awarded to outstanding community and indigenous initiatives that are advancing nature-based solutions for local sustainable development. The Equator Prize winners will join a prestigious network of 208 community-based organizations from 70 countries that have been awarded the Equator Prize since 2002. Each winning group will receive USD 10,000 and will be invited to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events during the United

Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2017, culminating in an award ceremony at the beginning of Climate Week.

In celebration of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Equator Initiative will also launch a web portal of local nature-based solutions to sustainable development. The platform will serve to connect communities around the world and share local solutions that work. Participation in this platform is optional when submitting nominations for the Equator Prize.

## SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE EQUATOR PRIZE 2017

To access the online nomination system, please visit [prize.equatorinitiative.org](http://prize.equatorinitiative.org). Nominations may be submitted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Indonesian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish.

Nominations must be submitted by **8 March 2017**.

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## NATURE FOR DEVELOPMENT

This year's Equator Prize winners will feature innovative solutions related to protecting, restoring and/or sustainably managing nature to achieve local sustainable development, such as food security, water security, sustainable jobs and livelihoods, and disaster risk reduction. Crosscutting issues include advocacy for land and water rights, social and environmental justice, and gender equality. The selection of winners will emphasize replicability and scalability of community initiatives to achieve progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Local communities from rural areas in 145 countries are eligible to be nominated. For the first time, nominations are open to indigenous peoples' groups from any country, operating in rural areas. For full eligibility requirements and selection criteria, please click [here](#).

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