



**CHAMPIONS
OF THE EARTH**



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The Champions of the Earth logo represents the fundamental elements for life on Earth - sun air, land and water. The torch celebrates excellence and achievement.

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UNEP is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. Its mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and people to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

UNEP acts as a catalyst, advocate, educator and facilitator to promote the wise use and sustainable development of the global environment. To accomplish this, UNEP works with a wide range of partners including United Nations entities, international organizations, national governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and civil society.

UNEP work encompasses:

- Assessing global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends.
- Developing international and national environmental instruments.
- Strengthening institutions for the wise management of the environment.
- Facilitating the transfer of knowledge and technology for sustainable development.
- Encouraging new partnerships and mind-sets within civil society and the private sector.

UNEP is based in Nairobi, Kenya, giving the organization a natural affinity in understanding the environmental issues facing the world's developing countries. To ensure its global effectiveness, UNEP has six regional offices around the world: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and West Asia. UNEP also has offices in Geneva and Paris, where its Division of Technology, Industry and Economics is co-located. UNEP also supports a growing network of centres of excellence such as the Global Resource Information Database (GRID) centres and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC).

UNEP hosts the secretariats of several environmental conventions including the Ozone Secretariat and the Montreal Protocol's Multilateral Fund, CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora), the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on Migratory species, and a growing family of chemicals-related agreements, including the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

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Deadline for submission of nominations: 1 December 2008

The Award

A renaissance in environmental policy does not come in a vacuum. It emerges as a result of collective efforts of governments, civil society organizations and private business. It needs the long-term commitment and vision of men and women. It needs people who are and continue to be Champions of the Earth.

Champions of the Earth is an international environment award established in 2004 by the the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Through four award cycles, it has recognized 28 outstanding environmental leaders.

No monetary award is attached to the prize.

Selection Criteria

UNEP invites nominations of individuals or groups who have made a significant and recognized contribution globally or regionally to the protection and sustainable management of the Earth's environment.

Each Champion must have made an important impact at the policy level through their leadership, inspiration, action and innovation.

Persons may nominate themselves or their own organization, or they may choose to nominate a third party who they believe should receive recognition. All nominations must be supported by a letter from three referees who are familiar with the nominee's work.

Candidates are judged by a senior UNEP panel with input from UNEP regional offices.

The Award Ceremony

The Champions of the Earth are invited to accept their award at an international ceremony which publicizes and encourages the worldwide replication of the achievements of the Champions. This special event will be held in Paris in April 2009.

Background on the Champions of the Earth award and all the laureates, including biographies and photographs, is available at <www.unep.org/champions> or from UNEP's Division of Communications and Public Information (DCPI) at <championsoftheearth@unep.org>.

Nominator

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This form should be sent to the following address, to arrive no later than 1 December 2008:

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