Islamic Green City Excellence Award

Background

Seeking to encourage the development of cities in Member States to become green and sustainable, the 7th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco and the effective presidency of H.R.H. Princess Lalla Hasnaa, (ISESCO headquarters, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 5-6 Safar 1439 corresponding to 25-26 October 2017), approved the addition of a fifth branch to the four categories of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World (KSAAEM), namely the “Best Environmentally-Friendly Islamic City”, as called for by the “Guidance Document on Green Cities and their Role in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals”, endorsed by the said Conference, and also in furtherance to ISESCO Programme “Celebration of Islamic Capitals for the Environment and Sustainable Development”.

Accordingly, ISESCO, which supervises the General Secretariat of the KSAAEM, has set out the terms, objectives and conditions of the “Islamic Green City Excellence Award” to be granted to the Islamic cities that have made outstanding efforts likely to fulfill the commitments to achieve environmental, social and economic sustainability, meet the requirements of green growth, and work towards providing quality of life, healthy environment for the population, public engagement, and enabling local economic development mechanisms in the context of achieving sustainable development goals 2030.
1- Goals of Islamic Green City Excellence Award:

- To enhance the development of cities in line with the sustainable development Goals 2030;
- To exhort cities to make changes to become more environmentally-friendly, while preserving the landmarks of the national cultural and civilizational heritage;
- To foster cities to raise citizens’ environmental awareness and effective involvement in development efforts.

2- Eligibility criteria for the Islamic Green City Excellence Award:

As part of the categories of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World, the award is open for all the cities of the OIC Member States. Specific indicators will be used to assess the environmentally-friendly city. The awarded city cannot present its candidature again until six years have elapsed since the granting of the award, and no more than one city may be nominated for each country at the same edition.

The cities applying for the Islamic Green City Excellence Award can also be nominated as part of ISESCO Programme “Celebration of Islamic Capitals for the Environment and Sustainable Development”, in which three cities from the Arab, African and Asian countries will be selected each year to be celebrated as capitals for the environment and sustainable development. Greater priority will be accorded to these cities in the selection of Islamic capitals for the environment and sustainable development, although they are not among the awarded cities of the Islamic Green City Excellence Award.

The nomination for the Islamic Green City Excellence Award, which is part of the KSAAEM, starts from 2 April 2018 and ends at 31 December 2018, after which the arbitration process begins for the announcement of the winners in 2019, during the 8th Islamic Conference of the Environment Ministers.

3- Criteria and Evaluation Stages:

The selection of the candidate city for the Islamic Green City Excellence Award is assessed on the basis of specific criteria covering the following major areas:

1. Clean, Sustainable and Smart Transport;
2. Green and Smart Buildings;
3. Sustainable Energy Use and Conservation;
4. Water and Wastewater Management and Recycling;
5. Waste Management and Recycling;
6. Sustainable Land Management and Urban Forestry;
7. Ambient Air Quality and Acoustic Environment;
8. Nature and Biodiversity Preservation;
9. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

- **First Evaluation Stage:**

Cities are requested to provide all information on the aforesaid nine areas by preparing a documented report describing the present situation and achievements over the last five to ten years. The submitted report should also include future short and long-term targets and proposed approach to achieve them.

- **Second Evaluation Stage:**

A panel of experts will study and examine the information provided, and prepare a qualitative assessment, whose findings will serve as a basis for drawing a selected shortlist of five cities to compete for the award.

- **Third Evaluation Stage:**

The shortlist cities will be submitted for deliberation by the Jury in order to select the three awarded cities.

**4- Candidature Concerned Parties**

OIC Member States, especially the government sector responsible for City Policy, Urban Management and Municipal Affairs as well as City Mayors, which are called to coordinate with the authorities of the environment, energy, water, urban transport sectors and any component dealing with the environment. The aim being to jointly consider and reach consensus in the selection of the city which deserves to represent the country in this competition among the cities of OIC Member States

Anyone wishing to apply for the award is invited to consult the award’s website [http://www.ksaaem.org](http://www.ksaaem.org)

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