

Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

Criteria for Evaluating Water Actions

The following are the criteria that will be used when evaluating activities submitted to the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize.

1. Description of the Problem and Activity as Implemented

A *brief* and *clear* description of the water problem in question and the solution implemented has been provided.

For example:

- The problem is well articulated
- The description of the activity is clear (i.e., where, when and why?)
- The difficulties in implementing the activity are explained
- The claims of improvement of existing conditions are proposed

2. Impact of Implemented Activity

The impact of the activity in alleviating or eradicating the water problem is pertinent

Examples of impacts:

- Results after implementation (short-term and long-term impact)
- Social impact (benefits of grassroots people: poverty alleviation, improvement of quality of life)
- Economic impact (grassroots economic benefits: job opportunities, economic development)
- Environmental impact (does the project target an important challenge within the water environment?)
- Scale of the impact, i.e., local, basin, sub-basin, regional, national, or international
- Indirect impact
- The expected outcomes versus actual outcomes (where action completed or partially completed) are described

3. Stakeholder Participation

All types of stakeholders have been involved and contributed in implementing or designing the activity.

For example:

- There were different types of stakeholders involved i.e., grassroots actors, researchers, NGOs, government officials, etc.
- The stakeholders involved had a clear role and contribution
- The users have been involved
- The local resources have been efficiently used

4. Sustainability

There is a commitment to pursuing the activity or following it up.

For example:

- There are plans of the actors to continue or expand the action
- There is commitment to assure sustainability
- The problems to assure sustainability (What are the obstacles toward sustainability) are explained.

5. Originality and Innovative Ideas

The activity presents originality or innovative ideas for unsolved problems.

For example:

- The activity applies innovative solutions to an unsolved problem?
- Innovative technology and expertise have been used to optimize the results of the activity
- The activity contributes to the know-how or technology transfer

6. Replicability

The activity has a potential for replication.

For example:

- The activity can be easily replicated and scaled up to accelerate provision of services to the unserved

- The activity can inspire other individuals or organizations to set up activities that will solve water problems in other contexts

7. Closeness to the thematic content of the Forum

The activity fits into the thematic content of the Forum

For example:

The activity illustrates well one or several of the framework themes and crosscutting perspectives of the Forum:

- Water for Growth and Development
- Implementing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- Water Supply and Sanitation for All
- Water Management for Food and the Environment
- Risk Management
- New Models for Financing Local Water Initiatives
- Institutional Development and Political Processes
- Capacity-building and Social Learning
- Application of Science, Technology and Knowledge
- Targeting, Monitoring and Implementation Assessment