United Nations Public Service Awards

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Overview

The United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) recognizes excellence in public service at the global level. It was launched in 2003 to promote and support innovations in public service delivery worldwide.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UNPSA continues to promote and reward innovation and excellence in public service in support of the realization of the SDGs and the principles of leaving no one behind

The UNPSA is organized and managed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)

UNPSA Purpose

- ✓ **Highlight** innovations in governance
- ✓ **Reward** excellence in the public sector
- ✓ **Motivate** public servants to further promote innovation
- ✓ **Enhance** professionalism in the public service
- ✓ **Raise** the image of public service
- ✓ **Collect** and disseminate successful practices for possible replication

UNPSA 2019 Categories

Category 1.
Delivering inclusive and equitable services to leave no one behind

Category 2.
Ensuring integrated approaches in the public-sector institutions

Category 3.
Developing effective and accountable public institutions

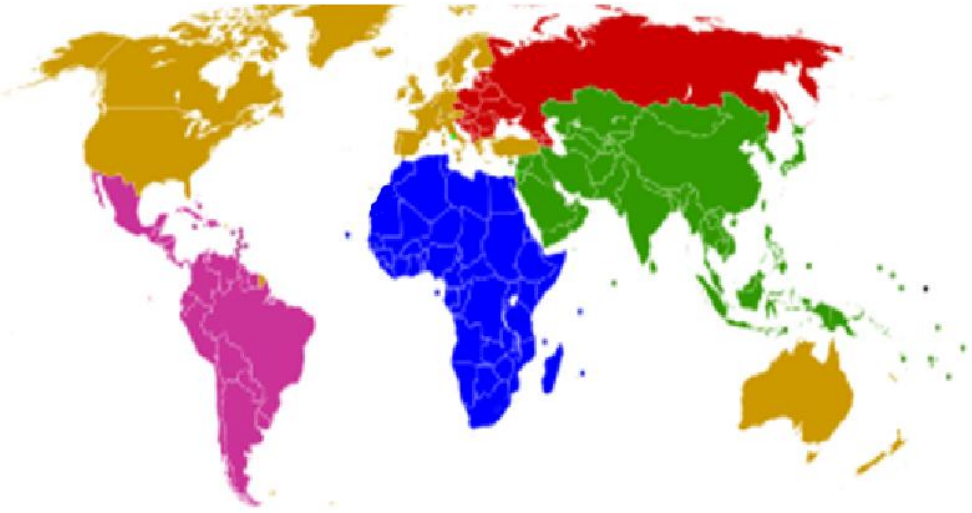
Category 4.
Promoting digital transformation in public-sector institutions

Category 5.
Promoting gender responsive public services to achieve the SDGs

UNPSA 2019 Regional Groups

In order to ensure a level playing field for nominations from different countries, the winners are decided according to the **UN regional groups** as follows:

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Eastern Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Western Europe and Other Groups



How to apply

Who can be nominated?:

- The Award is open to all public sector institutions at the national, state and local levels from all UN member states
- Public-private partnerships; The lead nominee must be a public sector institution

Who can nominate?

- Public sector institutions (e.g., Ministries, Government departments, Authorities and Agencies; Local Governments, etc.)
- Schools of Public Administration
- UN agencies (only for initiatives which they have not supported)
- Universities
- NGOs
- Private sector

Selection Criteria

Alignment with the 2030 Agenda: The initiative should aim to improve people's lives and respond to their needs and rights. It should enhance the contribution of public service to the realization of the SDGs

Significance: The initiative must impact positively a group of the population and address a significant issue of public concern within the context of a given country or region

Innovation: The initiative must present an innovative idea, a distinctively new approach, or a unique policy implemented in order to realize the SDGs or solve a problem of public concern, in the context of a given country or region.

Transferability: The initiative appears to be adaptable to other contexts (e.g. cities, countries or regions). There should ideally be evidence that it has inspired similar innovations in other public sector institutions within a given country, region or at the global level.

Sustainability: The initiative should be able to be sustained and have positive impact on the future generations.

Impact: The initiative has had a formal evaluation, showing some evidence of impact on improving people's lives.

Stakeholders: The initiative must demonstrate that it has engaged stakeholders.

How to apply

DPIDG website https://publicadministration.un.org/unpsa/en/

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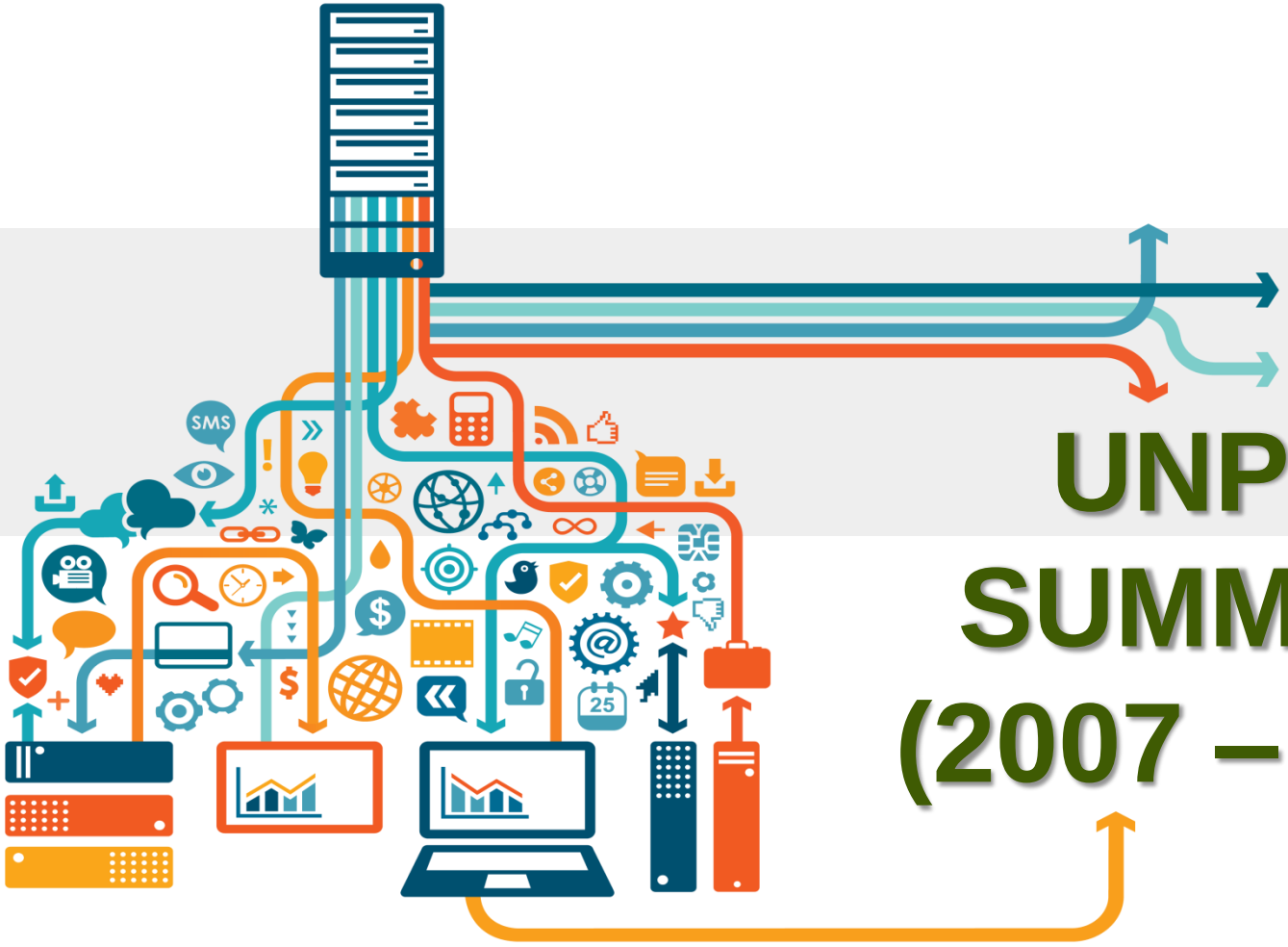
Nominations can be made in any of the six UN official languages (English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and Russian). However, it would be preferable, if possible, to be submitted in one of the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat, which are English and French

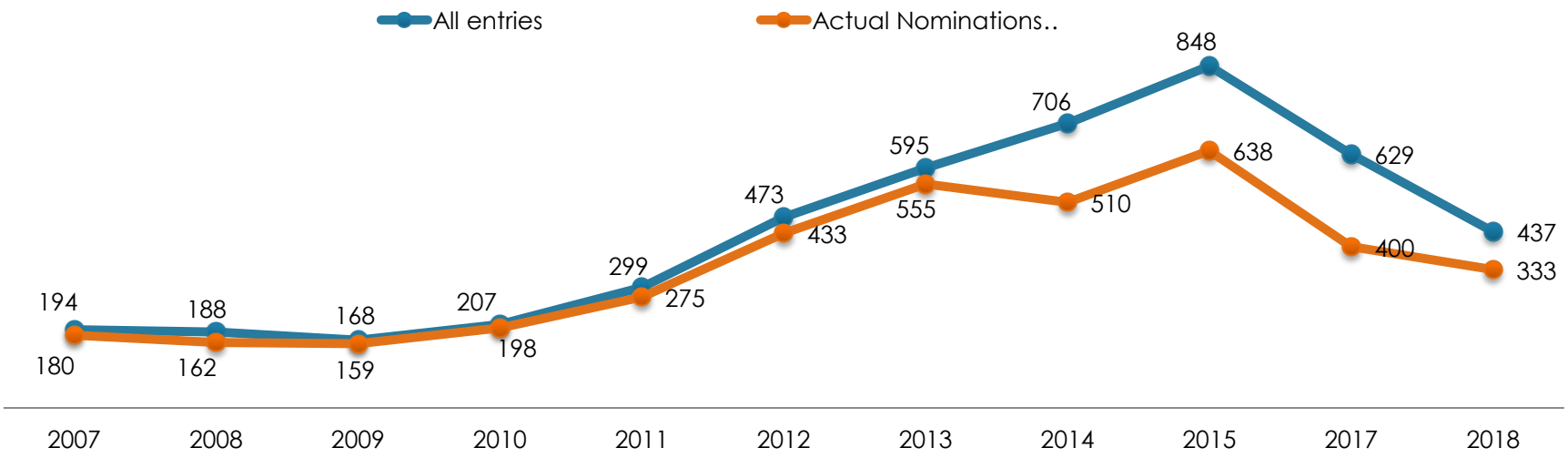
A maximum of three supporting documents which include one evaluation report related to the initiative must be submitted. An internal or external evaluation/audit report of the initiative is required. The institution may submit other supporting documents of any kind (implementation plans, results of client/citizen surveys, books, links to videos, newspaper articles, etc.) to demonstrate and highlight the initiative's impact and outcome. Initiatives with no supporting documentation will not be reviewed.

Call for nominations began on 10 September and will be closed on 30 November 2018 Midnight United States Eastern Time

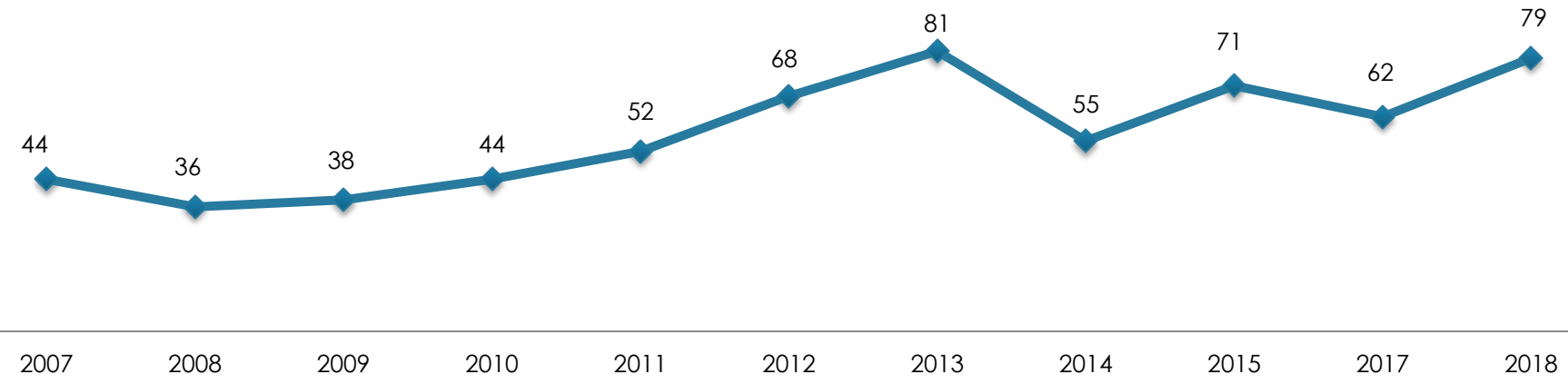


UNPSA SUMMARY (2007 – 2018)

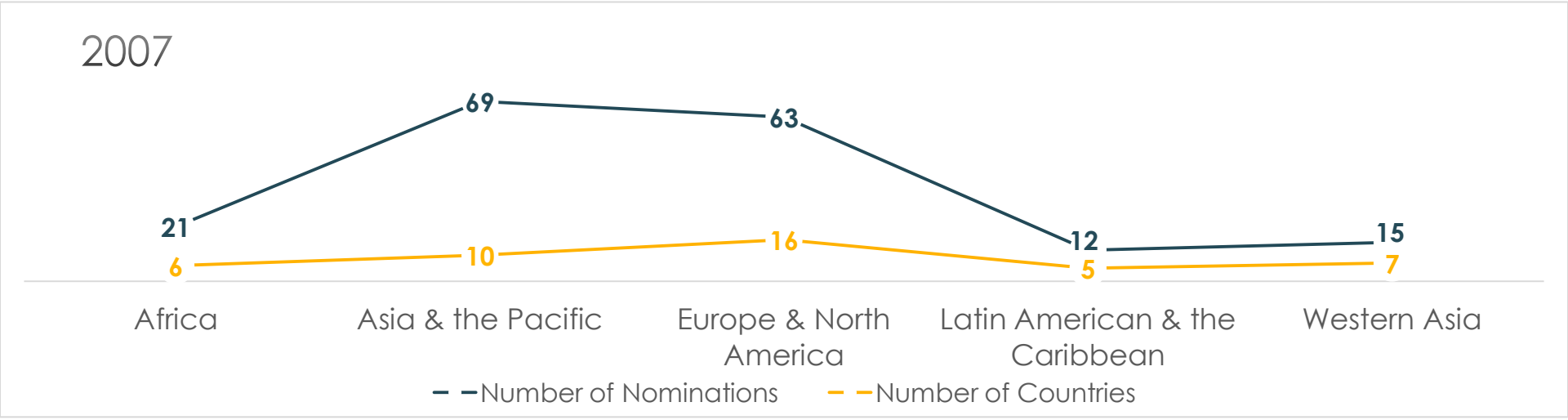
2007- 2018 Growth of UNPSA

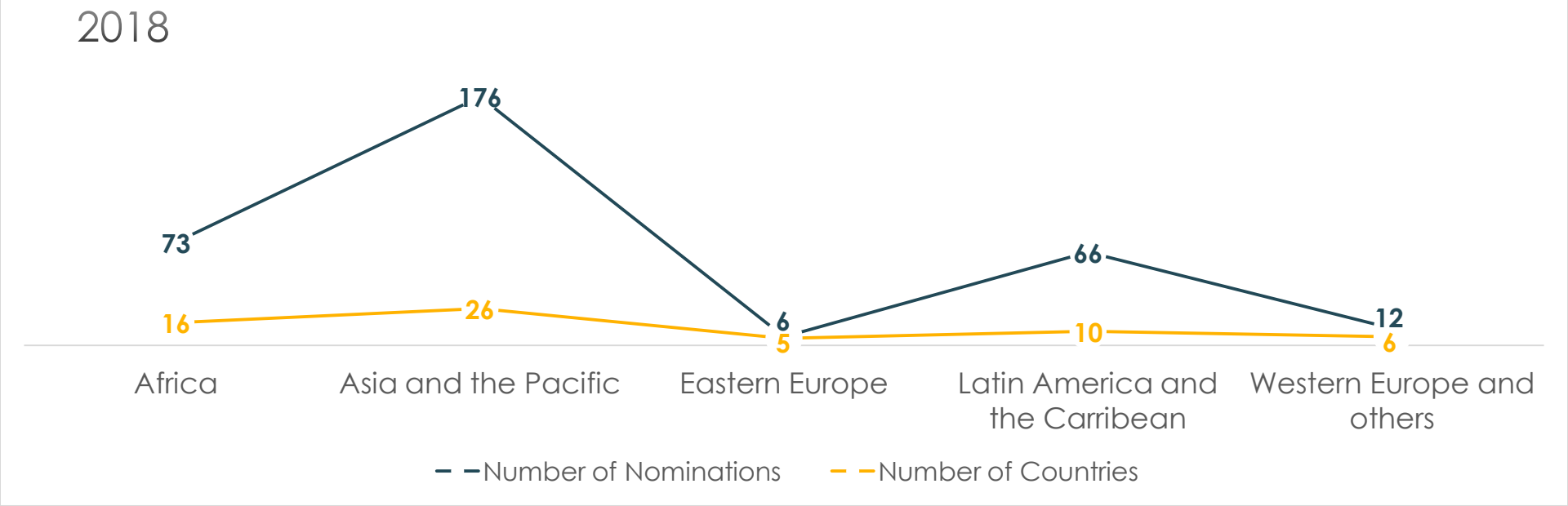


2007- 2018 Number of Countries

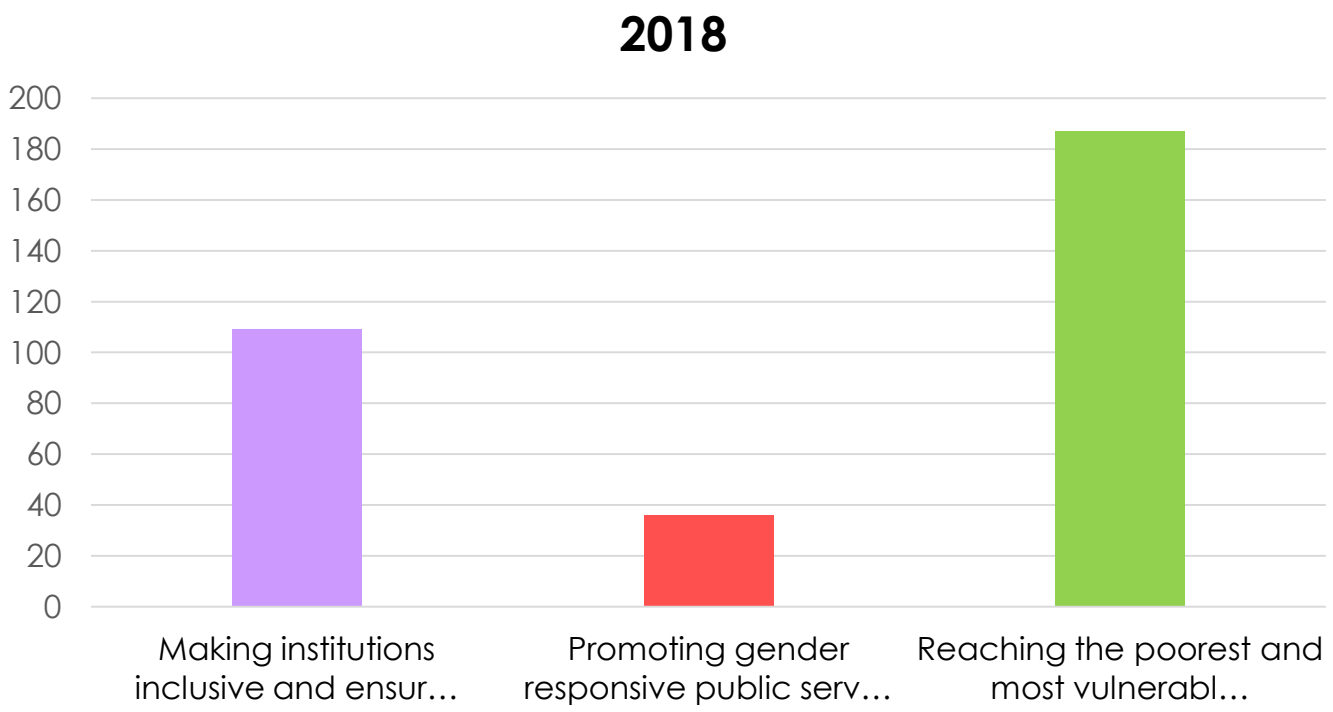


How We've Progressed

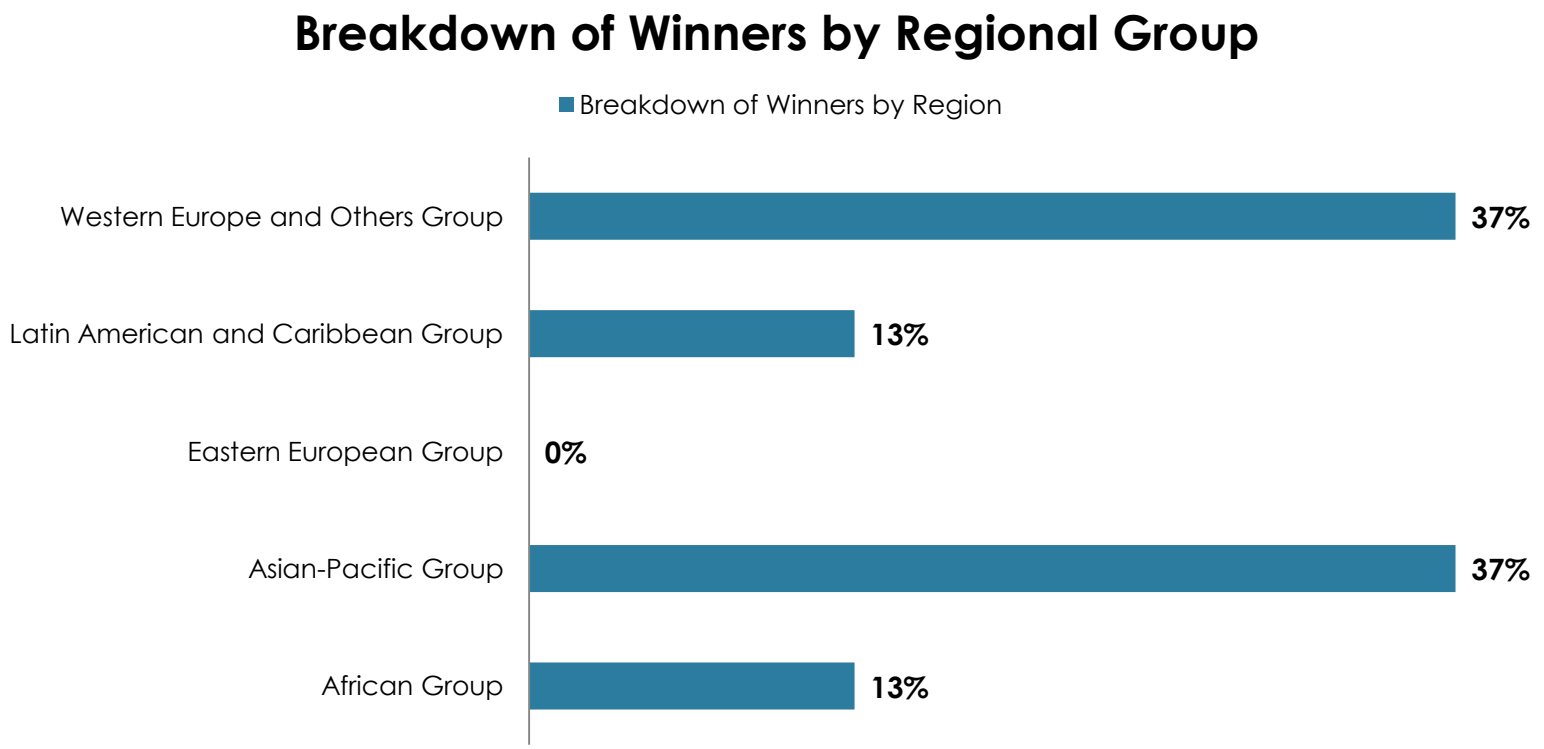




UNPSA Nominations by Category



2018 UNPSA Winners



2018 UNPSA Winners

Breakdown of Winners by Regional Groups

Asia and the Pacific

Indonesia

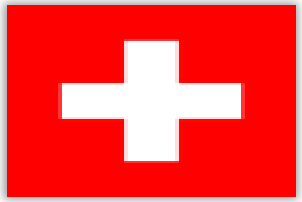
Republic of Korea

Thailand

Western Europe and Others Group

Austria

Spain



Switzerland

Latin America and the Caribbean

Colombia

Africa

Kenya

2018 UNPSA Winners
Asia and the Pacific

Indonesia

Reducing Malaria Cases through Early Diagnosis (EDAT)
Addressing malaria prevalence and morbidity
Category 1

Republic of Korea

Tax Administration Division
Increasing disclosure of fiscal information to the public
Category 2

Thailand

Integrated Approach of Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Control
Improving women's access to quality healthcare treatment
Category 3

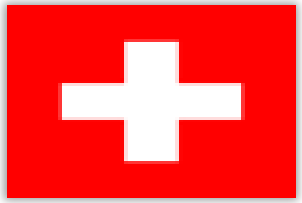
2018 UNPSA Winners
Western Europe and Others Group

Austria

Talents for Austria
Education & job training for Unaccompanied Minor Asylum seekers
Category 1

Spain

Citizen Participation Project
Online platform for participatory and inclusive governance
Category 2



Switzerland

Switzerland Advancing Gender Equal Pay SAGE
Charter for equal pay and tools for implementation
Category 3

2018 UNPSA Winners

Latin America and the Carribean

Colombia

Change your Mind … Build Peace
Establishing dialogue between members of rival gangs
Category 2

Africa

Kenya

Promoting Gender Responsive Public Service to Achieve the SDGs
Integrating women and youth in agriculture value chain development
Category 3

Long Standing Debate

Public Sector Institutions are not Innovative or Creativie! True or false?

FALSE (See UNPSA Winners!)

What is needed to promote further innovation in the Public Service to Realize the SDGs?

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