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### Shining Examples of Action on Climate Change to be Recognized by United Nations Climate Change Secretariat Applications for 2015 Momentum for Change Awards Open Today

(Bonn, Germany, 21 January 2015) – Starting today, organizations, cities, industries, governments and other key players that are taking the lead on tackling climate change can nominate their game-changing projects for a prestigious United Nations award.

The United Nations Climate Change secretariat opened the call for applications for the [2015 Momentum for Change Awards](#) today as part of wider efforts to mobilize action and ambition as national governments work toward adopting a new universal climate agreement this year. Winning initiatives, called ‘Lighthouse Activities,’ highlight some of the most innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what people are doing to address climate change, in the hope of inspiring others to do the same.

“This year is a critical year for the future of our planet,” said Nick Nuttall, UNFCCC Spokesperson and Head of Communications and Outreach. “Showcasing the great leadership of people around the world taking action on climate change can inspire national governments to be more ambitious in their own policies and actions, so that together the world can secure a new, universal climate change agreement in Paris later this year.”

The 2015 Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities will recognize climate action that is already achieving real results in four key areas: action by and for the urban poor, action that fosters women’s leadership, action that unlocks climate finance and action that uses ICT-enabled solutions. The winning activities will be announced in November 2015 and officially recognized and celebrated during a series of special events in December at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, France.

The Momentum for Change [Advisory Panel](#), made up of senior experts from various fields and countries, will select the 2015 Lighthouse Activities. The panel is part of the secretariat’s Momentum for Change initiative, which is implemented with the support of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and [The Rockefeller Foundation](#), and operates in partnership with the [World Economic Forum](#) and the [Global e-Sustainability Initiative](#).

**Applications for the 2015 Momentum for Change Awards are being accepted from 21 January until 24 April 2015 at <http://j.mp/m4capply>**

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