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Winners of United Nations climate solutions awards announced today Projects from around the world to be honoured at UN climate conference in Lima

(Bonn, Germany, 25 November 2014) – From a multi-million-dollar initiative unlocking climate finance across Latin America to an enterprise building climate-friendly homes in Africa to an ICT-enabled early-warning system protecting people from floods in the Indian Himalayan foothills, 12 inspiring projects were announced today as winners of the 2014 Lighthouse Activity Awards.

The Lighthouse Activity Awards are spearheaded by the UN Climate Change secretariat to shine a light on some of the best examples of climate solutions – to inspire increased climate action around the world. This year’s winning activities include both large, game-changing solutions and small, entrepreneurial efforts. With the addition of a new focus area on information and communications technology (ICT), this year’s Lighthouse Activities encompass a wider and more diverse range of solutions than ever before.

“These activities are assisting communities, cities, businesses, governments and institutions to move towards a low-carbon, highly resilient future,” UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres said. “The 2014 Lighthouse Activities show that action on climate change is not only possible but that it is already happening – injecting confidence into the global movement towards a universal climate change agreement in Paris in 2015.”

The winners of the 2014 Lighthouse Activity Awards are:

- [Bhungroo](#) | **India**: Building agricultural resilience by harvesting rainwater.
 - [Building Storm-Resistant Houses](#) | **Vietnam**: Increasing people’s resilience to climate change.
 - [Community-Based Flood Early-Warning System](#) | **India**: Protecting people from floods using ICT solutions.
 - [Earth Roofs in the Sahel Program](#) | **Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Senegal**: Improving lives by building climate friendly homes.
 - [EcoMicro](#) | **Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru**: Unlocking resources for climate action.
 - [Ibu Inspirasi](#) | **Indonesia**: Empowering women with green jobs and clean technologies.
 - [Lighten the Energy Bill](#) | **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Western Europe**: Saving energy through innovative financing.
 - [National Resettlement Plan](#) | **Uruguay**: Resettling families to adapt to climate change.
 - [Resolve: Trash2Cash](#) | **India**: Empowering communities to address climate change.
 - [SmartSense](#) | **India, Malaysia**: Reducing energy consumption in real time.
 - [Solar Power Company Group](#) | **Thailand**: Leading a women-empowered solar energy transformation.
 - [Zurich Flood Resilience Program](#) | **Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru**: Enhancing flood resilience through insurance expertise.
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The 2014 Lighthouse Activities were selected by a 25-member [international advisory panel](#) as 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](#).

“Our panel had the very difficult task of selecting a small group of outstanding activities from among all of the applicants,” said Teresa Ribera Rodriguez, Chair of the Momentum for Change Advisory Panel. “In the end, the 12 initiatives that rose to the top of the list stood out as true beacons, shining a light on transformational climate action that challenges conventional development.”

Each of the 12 winning activities touches on one of Momentum for Change's four focus areas: [Urban Poor](#), [Women for Results](#), [Financing for Climate Friendly Investment](#) and [ICT Solutions](#). All 12 will be showcased at a series of special events during the UN Climate Change Conference in Lima, Peru (1-12 December).

Please note: A Twitter chat with UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres and some of the 2014 Lighthouse Activity winners takes place today (25 November) from 15:30 to 16:00 (CET). Participants can join in using the hashtag #M4C.

Digital assets:

High-resolution images, fact sheets and infographics of each of the 12 Lighthouse Activities are available for download at: <http://j.mp/m4c2014assets>

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