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ENERGY GLOBE World Award

14 April 2009 in Prague



Carol M. Browner
Energy and climate advisor
to US President Barrack Obama

Rajendra Kumar Pachauri
Head of IPCC

Mirek Topolánek
Minister President of Czech Republic
EU Council President

Maneka Gandhi
Head of Jury
ENERGY GLOBE Award

- * Opening event of EU environment ministers meeting
- * With international top show acts
- * And naturally the best environment projects worldwide



AKPBS,P's project selected for the World ENERGY GLOBE Award 2008



Fuel efficient BACIP stove improves smoke control in the house

The Building and Construction Improvement Program (BACIP) – a built environment improvement initiative by Aga Khan Planning and Building Service, Pakistan - has been selected as the best project in Pakistan for the World ENERGY GLOBE Award, 2008. Out of a total of 800 entries from 111 countries, BACIP has won the award for Pakistan. Last year, the Alternate Energy Development Board (AEDB) was selected for the award for Pakistan.

This Award is reputed to be a very important environmental award in the world. It has two categories of winners - international winners in five categories and national winner (one from each country participating). The award ceremony is expected to be held in Prague this year where political VIPs from around the world will meet at the gala event in the realm of the Czech EU presidency: Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and EU Council President Mirek Topolaněk, EU Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas, Czech Vice-Premier and Environment Minister Martin Bursík, and the environment ministers of the EU, EFTA and the new EU membership candidate nations. Climate expert Carol Browner will represent US President Barack Obama. Dr. R. K. Pachauri, head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will also attend. International show stars will complement the program, which will be broadcast worldwide.

With its focus on improving living conditions, BACIP contributes to environmental, social and economic sustainability leading to poverty reduction and improved health and well-being of communities. Assessments have shown that BACIP products' efficient use of wood could reduce the deforestation rate in the Northern Areas and Chitral by over 40%. These benefits along with many others have helped BACIP attain this internationally renowned and prestigious award.

The Award jury:

Chairperson of the international jury: Maneka Gandhi (Former Environmental Minister, India)

Africa: Peter Alan Nelson (Reserve Environmental Manager)

America: Don Baker (President, Center for Sustainability & Economic Growth)

Asia: Maneka Gandhi

Australia: Hon. Peter Rae AO (Vice President REN 21)

Europe: Arthouros Zervos (President, European Renewable Energy Council)

About the World ENERGY GLOBE Award:

"It is our duty and responsibility to assure that our young people will have an intact environment tomorrow."
With these words Wolfgang Neumann launched the World ENERGY GLOBE Award for Sustainability in 1999, today's most prominent and prestigious environmental prize.

The ENERGY GLOBE has been awarded annually since 1999 in the realm of a television gala broadcast worldwide. It distinguishes projects from all over the world that conserve our resources such as energy and water or that utilize renewable or emission-free forms of energy. The goal is to present successful sustainable projects to a broad audience, for many of our environmental problems already have good, feasible solutions.

Each year some 800 projects and initiatives from all over the world are submitted to compete for the award in the categories Earth, Fire, Water, Air and Youth.

The ENERGY GLOBE is awarded annually in the realm of a huge television gala that is broadcast worldwide to some three billion households. Prominent guests who presented awards have included Mikhail Gorbachev, Peter Falk (Colombo), Robin Gibb (Bee Gees), Martin Sheen and Nigel Kennedy.

The ENERGY GLOBE Award has the following structure:

- * National: in over 100 nations,
- * International: World ENERGY GLOBE Award for Sustainability

Note: All submitted projects can be found in the ENERGY GLOBE Project Database on their website www.energyglobe.com

About BACIP: The Building and Construction Improvement Program (BACIP) has developed, tested and applied over 60 different interventions to improve living conditions in the Northern Areas and Chitral. These and technologies range from fuel efficient stoves, energy efficient low-cost housing insulation, thermal efficient house construction techniques, solar products, roof hatch windows, water warming facilities, and HDGI wire wall reinforcement (earthquake resistant) as a direct replacement for timber wall reinforcement, etc.

At the household level, installing these products have resulted in significant savings in fuel wood expenditures; a decrease in incidences of ARI, pneumonia and other diseases leading to savings in health-related expenditure; a decline in household greenhouse gas emissions; reduced in-house smoke and other air pollutants, and access to income generating and capacity building opportunities through training and skills enhancement programs. BACIP products also greatly improve the lives of women by reducing their burden of work through ease in collecting water and firewood, cleaning and cooking, as well as other chores. Children, in addition to being healthier, are better able to read and do homework inside the house.

The project has been successfully replicated at various levels. At the local level, AKPBSP, since 1997, has installed 700 demonstration models of its various products in various villages in the Northern Areas and Chitral region. By 2005, over 12,500 products have been replicated by community members at their own expense benefiting over 43 000 people across 100 villages. At the national level, AKPBSP, in 2003, through funding from UNDP-Small Grants Program (SGP), began a BACIP program for Sindh, in the south of Pakistan. Training has also been provided to over 200 entrepreneurs, artisans, and others in the design, manufacturing, and installation of BACIP products, creating sustainable livelihoods in a number of target communities.

For more information on AKPBS,P and its award-winning Building and Construction Improvement Program (BACIP) kindly write to info@akpbsp.org