



# EQUATOR PRIZE 2015 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## A GLOBAL SEARCH FOR GRASSROOTS CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

The Equator Initiative is pleased to announce a global call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2015 as part of an extensive partnership effort underway to strengthen and highlight the role of indigenous peoples and local communities at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP21).

The Equator Prize 2015 will be awarded to **20 outstanding local and indigenous initiatives** that are advancing innovative

solutions for people, nature and resilient communities.

Winning initiatives will join a prestigious network of 187 leading community-based organizations from 70 different countries that have been awarded the Equator Prize since 2002. Each winning initiative will receive US\$ 10,000 and be supported to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events at the UNFCCC COP21 in Paris, France in December 2015.

## HOW TO NOMINATE

To access the online nomination system, please click [here](#). Nominations may be completed online or sent via email or post to:

### Equator Initiative

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Nominations may be submitted in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Indonesian, Malay, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese.

Nominations must be submitted by:  
**27 May 2015**

## EMPOWERMENT, RIGHTS AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The Equator Prize 2015 will showcase outstanding local and indigenous community efforts to reduce poverty, protect nature, and strengthen resilience in the face of climate change. In keeping with the themes of COP21 and the imperative of empowering indigenous peoples and local communities in the new climate agreement, the Equator Prize 2015 will place special emphasis on the following:

- **Local Climate Solutions:** Indigenous peoples and local communities that are improving livelihoods and wellbeing through the protection, restoration and sustainable management of forests; sustainable agriculture and food security; community-based adaptation to climate change; or biodiversity conservation.
- **Indigenous Peoples and Community Empowerment:** Indigenous peoples and local communities that are working to protect and secure rights to their lands, territories and natural resources.
- **Innovative Partnerships:** Indigenous peoples and local communities that are forging innovative partnerships with governments, private sector companies and other stakeholders to advance inclusive climate and development solutions.

Nominations are open to organizations from 145 countries. For eligibility requirements and selection criteria, please click [here](#).

