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New Name New Look for UNFPA Competition - The UNFPA Caribbean Population Awards

Regional journalists and individuals or groups working in the fields of population and development in the region will have the opportunity to vie for exciting prizes in the newly re-branded, United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA 2008 Caribbean Population Awards.

Formerly the UNFPA Annual Caribbean Media Awards, the competition has been re-branded to be more representative of its broadened scope and wider appeal. For the first time, the Awards will include a non-media category that will recognize the achievements of individuals, non-governmental organizations or groups working in the fields of population and development in the region, to improve the health and welfare of the population served.

Projects or initiatives submitted in this new category should demonstrate relevance, sustainability, significant impact on the lives of community members and should have provided equal opportunity for participation by men and women, without gender bias. Nominees should have at least two years experience working in population issues.

In keeping with the Millennium Development Goals set by over 189 United Nations Member States, print, radio and TV Journalists are invited to submit works on population issues published between October 1, 2007 and August 12, 2008 and deemed to be of highly outstanding quality.

These are issues that have had an impact on poverty reduction or have resulted in an improved quality of life for the people of the region. Areas of focus include Population Dynamics such as migration, urbanization, ageing; Sexual and Reproductive Health including Family Planning and Safe Motherhood; and Gender. Deadline for submissions is September 12, 2008.

The journalists will vie for awards in Platinum, Gold and Silver categories and each winner is determined by a distinguished panel of judges, comprising journalists and representatives from the public and private sectors and civil society across the Region.

Since inauguration in 1999, the Caribbean Awards have attracted the attention of regional media from the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean.

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The UNFPA Awards are part of ongoing efforts to encourage excellence among regional journalists in reporting on population and development and to recognize the works of individuals, organizations or groups committed to population-related issues.

The United Nations Population Fund Sub-Regional Office in Jamaica serves twenty-one (21) countries in the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean. The UNFPA has provided support for the Caribbean since 1969 and remains the largest international source of population assistance to governments, non-governmental organizations and civil society. For entry forms and further instructions please visit: <http://.caribbean.unfpa.org>

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