

Press Release
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Global call to share good practices in public management

- **ORU Fogar and the UNDP have launched the first edition of the Regional Good Practices Award**
- **The award is intended for intermediate governments and regional networks around the world and the deadline for submitting applications is the 15th March**

The **United Regions Organization (ORU Fogar)**, in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, launched a global call for good practices in public management by regional governments.

The contest intends to promote and encourage sharing of good practices, which have been implemented by regional governments, with the aim of improving the quality of services provided to citizens. The [First Regional Best Practice Award](#) targets regions, provinces, federal states and networks of regional governments that wish to strongly contribute – locally and internationally – towards better service delivery for all citizens.

“The **Regional Best Practices Award** is an excellent initiative to promote the sharing of innovative approaches as well as effective and efficient solutions from local governance stakeholders from around the world. It is also an opportunity to promote the role of local and regional governments in addressing development challenges and contributing to the well-being of the citizens”, said UNDP’s ART Initiative – Hub for Territorial Partnerships Coordinator, **Giovanni Camilleri**.

ORU Fogar’s President, **Paúl Carrasco**, encourages all intermediate governments “to participate and share their best practices with our network of regions, with the common objective of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of public administrations to benefit the common good”.

Best practices can be submitted in English, French and Spanish on a rolling basis **until March 15th, 2016**. Guidelines to participate are available on [ORU Fogar’s website](#). A team of well-known trajectory and public credibility, among which outstanding professionals of the academic, business, cultural and public administration sectors, will be responsible for selecting the finalists and the winners of each category among all Good Practices submitted.

The best practices, screened and selected as finalists, will be presented during the [VII World Summit of Regional Governments](#) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 14-15 April 2016), published on ORU Fogar’s website and disseminated through organizers and partners’ channels to ensure maximum outreach and support to local and regional governments as key actors of development.

About ORU Fogar

United Regions / Forum of Regional Governments and Global Associations of Regions ([ORU Fogar](#)) is a worldwide association, which aims at bringing together regions from all over the world and being their voice before the international organizations, promoting a global policy of balanced development and territorial cohesion. Its main objective is to seek the intermediate governments’ recognition as major

players in the global governance. It defends that the decentralization of the national states' power towards other actors accelerates development; consequently fostering democracy by the proximity between these new actors and the citizens. ORU Fogar promotes a model based on a strong regional government, with capabilities and legally recognized powers and budgets. The organisation has regional governments and regional networks from all five continents as members.

About PNUD

The United Nations Development Programme ([UNDP](#)) works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. It helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

Launched in 2005 and currently active in more than 20 countries, the [UNDP's ART Initiative](#) – Hub for Territorial Partnerships promotes Sustainable Human Development at the local level and supports countries in localizing the new Sustainable Development Goals. Over the years, the initiative has demonstrated that regional, municipal and local authorities have an important role to play in promoting sustainable development.

For further information:

All the information, Terms and Conditions and participatory process: <http://www.regionsunies-fogar.org/en/activities/i-regional-best-practices-award>

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