

CAPAM International Innovation Awards Programme, 2001-2002

Theme: Innovations in Governance

The theme of the 2001-2002 [CAPAM International Innovations Awards Programme](#) is "Innovations in Governance." For the purpose of this Awards Programme:

"Governance is about how an organisation steers itself and the processes and structures that are used to achieve its goals. Governance is also crucially concerned with how organisations relate to each other, how they relate to citizens, and the ways in which citizens are given a voice." -*Meredith Edwards; 2000.*

Thus, the CAPAM International Innovations Awards Programme will be seeking submissions which demonstrate innovative practice in governance that respond to the significant challenges extant in the current environment.

In particular, the CAPAM International Innovation Awards Programme Jury will be looking for innovations that address governance challenges such as:

- partnering:

the increasing involvement of the private and non-governmental (or voluntary or not-for-profit sectors) in the both the development of policy and the delivery of service

- accountability:

in the face of the blurring of roles and responsibilities of the public, private and non-governmental sectors and the delegation of authority, means by which accountability is maintained through the citizen to Parliament

- communication and information revolutions:

the extent to which information has become more accessible, more diverse, more voluminous, and communications technology has thus eliminated the government's monopoly on information

- demands for citizen engagement:

responses to the increasingly well-informed and well-educated citizens' demands for involvement in decision-making around the policy development, servicedelivery, and the use of public resources more generally

- integration of horizontal and vertical management:

the necessity for government departments and agencies to act in concert with other with one another to achieve outcomes

- maintenance of policy coherence in a fragmented policy community:

the capacity of government to maintain policy coherence despite the involvement of a multitude of players and an evolving accountability framework

- political or Parliamentary structures:

adaptation of Parliamentary structures to the evolving and complex public sector environment

- evolution in required human resource competencies:

demand for new skill bases which reflect the changing nature of work, one concerned with complex programme, project and contract management skills, procurement and IT skills, more so than direct delivery skills

- values and ethics:

the challenge of ensuring that the core values of government - integrity, impartiality, meritocracy - continue to be observed through transformations in governance