



OOCUR Most Innovative Project Awards

We are thrilled to introduce the inaugural **OOCUR Most Innovative Project Awards**, celebrating exceptional achievements in **Electricity, Telecommunications, and Water & Wastewater Utility Regulation**. These awards recognize regulatory projects that are transforming the industry through innovation, leadership, and excellence.

We encourage all member agencies to submit their pioneering initiatives and showcase their contributions to advancing the regulatory landscape in the Caribbean. Don't miss this opportunity to gain recognition for your efforts in shaping the future of regulation.

Join us in honoring groundbreaking projects by submitting your applications.

Criteria for the Nomination and Selection of the OOCUR Most Innovative Project Awards – Electricity, Telecommunications and Water and Wastewater.

The OOCUR Most Innovative Project Award recognises groundbreaking initiatives that have transformed the utility regulatory landscape within the Caribbean. These awards honour projects that demonstrate exceptional leadership, ingenuity, and commitment to advancing best practices in regulation.

1) Most Innovative Renewable Energy (RE) Project

Nomination Criteria

To qualify for the Most Innovative Renewable Energy Project Award, the project must meet the following criteria:

a. Leadership and Influence:

- Demonstrated leadership in shaping regulatory policies for the advancement of renewable energy solutions.
- Advocated for sustainable energy adoption within the region.

b. Innovation and Adaptability:

- Introduced groundbreaking regulatory measures to support renewable energy integration.
- Adapted policies to facilitate emerging trends such as decentralised energy systems and grid modernisation.

c. Commitment to Regional Collaboration:

- Partnered with stakeholders to promote clean energy initiatives across jurisdictions.
- Contributed to regional policy harmonisation for renewable energy regulations.

d. Impact on Stakeholders:

- Enabled greater energy accessibility and affordability through innovative regulatory practices.
- Improved the operational efficiency and sustainability of renewable energy providers.

e. Achievements and Outcomes:

- Delivered tangible benefits, such as increased renewable energy penetration and reduced carbon emissions.
- Demonstrated success through measurable improvements in sectoral performance.

2) Most Innovative Telecommunications Project

Nomination Criteria

To qualify for the Most Innovative Telecommunications Project Award, the project must meet the following criteria:

a. Leadership and Influence:

- Led initiatives to advance telecommunications infrastructure and regulatory improvements.
- Influenced policies that enhance digital connectivity and ICT accessibility.

b. Innovation and Adaptability:

- Implemented forward-thinking regulatory frameworks to address evolving telecommunication needs.
- Adapted to emerging technologies, such as 5G networks, fiber optics, and IoT integration.

c. Commitment to Regional Collaboration:

- Strengthened cross-border partnerships to enhance telecommunication services across the Caribbean.
- Contributed to the establishment of uniform regulatory standards in telecommunications.

d. Impact on Stakeholders:

- Improved broadband accessibility, affordability, and quality of service for consumers.
- Enabled innovation and competition within the telecommunications sector.

e. Achievements and Outcomes:

- Demonstrated success through increased network coverage, enhanced service quality, or consumer satisfaction.
- Showcased measurable advancements in telecommunications efficiency and accessibility.

3) Most Innovative Water & Wastewater Project

Nomination Criteria

To qualify for the Most Innovative Water & Wastewater Project Award, the project must meet the following criteria:

a. Leadership and Influence:

- Played a pivotal role in advancing regulatory frameworks for water and wastewater management.
- Led initiatives to improve access to safe and sustainable water resources.

b. Innovation and Adaptability:

- Introduced cutting-edge technologies and regulatory measures for efficient water management.
- Adapted regulatory frameworks to address climate change resilience and water security challenges.

c. Commitment to Regional Collaboration:

- Engaged in partnerships to strengthen water governance across the region.
- Facilitated knowledge sharing and capacity-building efforts among regional stakeholders.

d. Impact on Stakeholders:

- Enhanced service delivery and water quality standards for consumers.
- Encouraged sustainable practices and conservation efforts within the sector.

e. Achievements and Outcomes:

- Demonstrated measurable improvements in water accessibility, wastewater treatment, or environmental sustainability.
- Provided evidence of successful regulatory enforcement and compliance.

Nomination Process

a. Nomination Period: The nomination period will be open from **July 1, 2025, to August 15, 2025. Extended to Friday, September 19, 2025**

b. Submission Requirements: To nominate a project, the following must be submitted:

- A completed nomination form (available on the OOCUR website).
- A brief description of the project and its regulatory impact.
- A narrative (maximum of 1,500 words) that outlines how the project meets the award criteria.
- Supporting documents such as reports, case studies, testimonials, or relevant data.

c. Eligibility:

- Any regulatory project, within the identified categories, implemented by any OOCUR member within the **2023-2025 period** is eligible.
- Agencies can be nominated by peers, stakeholders, or self-nominated.

Selection Process

a. Nomination Review Panel: A panel of experts in regulatory policy, sustainability, and innovation will evaluate all submissions.

b. Evaluation Criteria: Each nomination will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with leadership, innovation, collaboration, and impact criteria.
- Demonstrated and measurable success within the respective sector.
- Contribution to regional regulatory advancements and best practices.

c. Shortlisting: Up to five outstanding projects, from each sector will be shortlisted for further consideration.

d. Final Decision: The panel will select the winner based on a comprehensive review of the project's regulatory impact.

e. Announcement: The winners will be announced at the **20th OOCUR Annual Conference**.

For more details and to submit nominations to: executivedirector@newoocur.org; admin@newoocur.org, or visit <https://newoocur.org>.

Let's celebrate the most innovative projects shaping the Caribbean's regulatory future!



OOCUR Most Innovative Project Award Nomination Form

1. Applicant Information

Regulatory Agency: _____

Primary Contact Person:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Agency Mandate: (Briefly describe the agency's jurisdiction and regulatory responsibilities – Max 300 words)

2. Award Category

(Select the category under which the project is being nominated. Please check one box.)

- Most Innovative Renewable Energy (RE) Project
- Most Innovative Telecommunications Project
- Most Innovative Water & Wastewater Project

3. Project Information

Project Title:

Project Implementation Period (Start and End Date):

Project Summary: (Briefly describe the project and its objectives – Max 300 words)

4. Nomination Justification

a. Leadership and Influence: (Describe how the project has demonstrated leadership in regulatory practices – Max 300 words)

b. Innovation and Adaptability: (Explain how the project has introduced innovative regulatory solutions – Max 300 words)

c. Commitment to Regional Collaboration: (Highlight how the project has fostered regional cooperation – Max 300 words)

d. Impact on Stakeholders: (Describe how the project has benefited stakeholders, including consumers and service providers – Max 300 words)

e. Achievements and Outcomes: (Provide measurable success indicators and project impact – Max 300 words)

5. Supporting Documents

(Attach relevant supporting documents, such as reports, policy studies, data analysis, testimonials, or other evidence of the project's success.)

- Policy Reports
- Case Studies
- Testimonials
- Data and Metrics
- Other (please specify): _____

6. Nomination Submission

Submitted by (Senior Official):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Submission Date: _____

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