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United Nations World Environment Day 2010 ENERGY GLOBE – The world award for sustainability

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Top-ranking UN VIPs, famous environmental champions, a glamorous gala, and, above all, the world's best environmental projects comprised the ENERGY GLOBE Gala Rwanda 2010. This year the top environmental gala served as the official opening event for the UN World Environment Day, demonstrating what importance the ENERGY GLOBE has achieved.

Excitement at the environment gala

The level of excitement was unbelievably high at the start of the Gala: Before a full house, environmental VIPs delivered the introductions: top Rwandan politicians, UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner, UNEP climate hero Luo Hong, Peter Rae (vice president of the environmental initiative REN21) and Ian Redmond (patron of the Great Apes Survival Project).

As the **winner of the ENERGY GLOBE** in the category **Water** was announced, emotions began to rise in the hall: Rejoicing erupted among the team of a project from **India**, "River from Heaven", which works to supply water to rural areas. Then everything went quickly at the Awards: The ENERGY GLOBE in the category **Earth** went to **Mauritius**, where "Seeds of Hope" achieves reforestation and biodiversity. The award for the category **Fire** distinguished floating power plants in **Norway**. In the category **Air**, a CO2 saving engine from **Taiwan** took the prize. The **Youth** winner was a school self-sufficiency concept from **Argentina** that provides healthy nutrition for pupils and sustainably teaches them cultivation.

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An absolute climax was the selection of the ENERGY GLOBE World Award by the audience. Moderator Desirée Nosbusch talked with UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner, the award presenter, about World Environment Day. Meanwhile in the background the audience votes were being counted. Then finally came the announcement: With a clear margin, the victory went to the winner of the Water Award, India!

Emotional Gala with a message

The impressive and committed projects that received the awards ensured that this high-class gala did not lose sight of its actual purpose. These projects made the glamorous festival a highly visible signal for sustainability and environmental awareness. Our environment needs initiatives and developments like these projects. The ENERGY GLOBE Gala, which is unique in form and importance, puts these projects in the limelight. The worldwide TV broadcast of the Gala addresses a huge global audience regarding the importance of sustainability for our planet. This is a unique gala with a message.

The winners:

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