

World Disability Union (WDU) Award Best Environmentally Accessible City 2025

Application Form

Introduction:

When a city is friendly to people with disabilities, it creates an inclusive and accessible environment that significantly enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

The advantages include:

1. Increased Independence

- Accessible infrastructure like ramps, elevators, and barrier-free public spaces enable people with disabilities to move around more freely. This increased independence reduces reliance on others for assistance and boosts personal freedom.

2. Improved Mobility and Access

- Accessible public transportation (e.g., buses with ramps or low-floor trains) makes it easier to get around the city, leading to greater participation in social, educational, and employment opportunities.

- Properly designed sidewalks, crosswalks with audible signals, and tactile paving for visually impaired individuals facilitate safer and more efficient travel.

3. Better Health and Well-being

- Inclusive recreational facilities, such as accessible parks and sports centers, promote physical activity, which is essential for health and well-being.

- The ability to access healthcare facilities easily ensures that people with disabilities can attend medical appointments, therapy sessions, and other necessary services without excessive difficulty.

4. Enhanced Social Inclusion

- When public places, entertainment venues, and social settings are designed to accommodate everyone, people with disabilities can participate more fully in community life. This helps reduce social isolation and fosters a sense of belonging.

- Inclusion in community activities, cultural events, and educational programs becomes easier, promoting equal social participation.

5. Greater Economic Opportunities

- Accessible cities provide more job opportunities because workplaces, training centers, and business areas are designed to accommodate employees with disabilities.

- Supporting entrepreneurship and businesses owned by people with disabilities is also more feasible in an accessible environment.

6. Reduced Stress and Improved Mental Health

- Navigating an accessible city reduces the daily stress and frustration associated with dealing with physical barriers and lack of accommodation.**
- Knowing that the environment is designed with inclusivity in mind can significantly reduce anxiety and promote better mental health.**

7. Legal and Social Empowerment

- A city that actively supports accessibility sends a strong message about the value of equality and human rights. It empowers individuals by acknowledging their rights and ensuring these are respected through practical measures.**

8. Personal Safety

- Properly designed infrastructure, such as safe pedestrian crossings, accessible emergency services, and designated spaces during evacuations, helps ensure the safety of people with disabilities.**

9. Opportunities for Advocacy and Awareness

- An accessible city raises public awareness about disability issues, promoting a more compassionate society that understands and values diversity. It creates more opportunities for advocacy and collaboration with local authorities to continue improving conditions.**

Overall, a city that prioritizes accessibility offers a more dignified, enjoyable, and fulfilling life for people with disabilities.

Instructions:

Please complete this form to submit your city for the Best Environmentally Accessible City Award 2025. Provide detailed responses and include supporting documents where appropriate. Submit the completed form by June 25/ 2025.

Section 1: General Information

- 1. City Name: -----**
- 2. Country: -----**
- 3. Population -----**
- 4. The number of people with disabilities -----**

Type of disabilities, if possible

- 1.-----**
- 2.-----**
- 3.-----**
- 4.-----**
- 5.-----**
- 6.-----**

4. Contact Person:

- **Name:** -----
- **Position:** -----
- **Department/Organization:** -----
- **Email:** -----
- **Phone Number / WhatsApp:** -----

5. City Website: - -----

[Section 2: Legal and Legislative Standards](#)

1/2. Standard of Local Laws and Legislations for People with Disabilities (300-500 words):

- **Describe the current legal framework that protects the rights of people with disabilities in your city. Include any local laws or regulations specifically focused on accessibility.**

2/2. Standard of Equality before the Law for Persons with Disabilities (200-300 words):

- **Explain how the city ensures equal legal protection and access to justice for people with disabilities. Provide examples of relevant policies.**

Section 3: Support for Vulnerable Groups

1/3. Standard of Support for Disabilities (300-500 words):

- Describe specific programs or initiatives aimed at supporting women with disabilities, including healthcare, education, and social services.

2/3. Standard of Protection of Children with Disabilities (300-500 words):

- Explain how the city ensures the protection and inclusion of children with disabilities. Include details on education, healthcare, and social protection services.

Section 4: Community Awareness and Inclusivity

1/4. Criterion of Promoting Community Awareness of People with Disabilities (300-500 words):

- Detail initiatives to raise awareness about disability issues and promote inclusion in the community. Mention any campaigns, events, or educational programs.

2/4. Criterion of an Enabling Environment for People with Disabilities (400-600 words):

- Describe the city's efforts to create an enabling and accessible environment, including:

- **Airport,**
- **Transportation,**
- **Public parks,**
- **Commercial centers,**
- **Roads,**
- **Hotels,**
- **Banks,**
- **Government departments,**
- **Schools,**
- **Universities,**
- **Residential buildings,**
- **Museums,**
- **Places of worship,**
- **Restaurants,**
- **Shops, roads**
- **Heritage places,**
- **Public libraries.**
- **Beaches,**
- **Hospitals,**
- **Sports clubs,**
- **Health centers**

Please include the name of each building and evidence.

Section 5: Emergency Response and Protection Standards

1/5. Standard of Inclusive Response in Cases of Danger and Humanitarian Emergencies (300-500 words):

- **Explain how the city prepares for and responds to emergencies, ensuring the safety and accessibility of services for people with disabilities.**

2/5. Standard of Protection before the Judiciary for Persons with Disabilities (200-300 words):

- **Discuss measures in place to ensure that people with disabilities have fair and equal access to the legal system.**

3/5. Standard of Protection from Exploitation and Violence for Persons with Disabilities (300-500 words):

- **Describe the policies and programs designed to protect people with disabilities from exploitation, abuse, and violence.**

Section 6: Independent Living and Social Participation

1/6. Standard of Independent Living for Persons with Disabilities (400-600 words):

- Explain how the city supports independent living for people with disabilities, including housing, personal assistance services, and community-based support.

2/6. Education Standard for People with Disabilities (300-500 words):

- Describe the availability and quality of education for people with disabilities, including accessibility of educational institutions, specialized programs, and support services.

Section 7: Supporting Evidence

1/7. Awards and Recognition (Optional):

- List any awards or recognitions the city has received for disability-related initiatives.

2/7. Relevant Documents and Evidence:

- Attach supporting documents such as city policies, legal texts, photos, or videos showcasing accessibility efforts.

- List of attached documents:

- Document 1: -----

- Document 2: -----

- Document 3: -----

Section 8: Declaration

1/8. Declaration:

I, -----, certify that the information provided is accurate and I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of -----.

I agree to bear the cost of 5 Evaluation Committee from the World Disability Union to visit the city if it is chosen among the top three cities to conduct a physical evaluation of the places for 10 days and travel tickets.

- Signature: -----

- Date: -----

Section 9: Submission Instructions

1/9. Submission:

- Email the form and supporting documents to

info@worlddisabilityunion.com

- Alternatively, submit via the online portal:

WWW.worlddisabilityunion.com

- Deadline: June 25/ 2025

For further assistance, contact the World Disability Union Secretariat at info@worlddisabilityunion.com. Thank you for your interest in the Best Environmentally Accessible City Award 2025.