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The announcement was made on Thursday at the Dubai Municipality - the sponsor of the award - by Hussain Nasser Lootah, chairman of the DIABP Board of Trustees and the acting director general of the municipality. He said winners in the best practices category came from Burundi, Congo, Senegal, South Africa, China, Indonesia, Spain, Columbia, Mexico and The Americas, while two winners from Palestine and Pakistan would feature in the Best Practices Transfers category.

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Banerjee said the final selections were based on tangible impact, partnership, sustainability, leadership, community empowerment, gender equality, social inclusion and innovations that were exemplary.

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