

Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO
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Ministry of Human Resources Development
Department of Higher Education

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UNESCO Headquarters, Paris has invited nominations for the UNESCO-Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize. Relevant details are on the next page.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by **1st October, 2015** at the following address for further consideration & onward transmission to UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

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Subject: Call for nominations for the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your country to nominate candidates for the *UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers*. Funded by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum and established by the UNESCO Executive Board at its 180th session in 2008, this Prize aims to improve educational practices around the world, with priority being given to developing country contexts and to marginalized and disadvantaged communities. At its third edition in 2014, it was awarded to the following three laureates: SOS Villages d'Enfants (Madagascar), Fundacion ProEd (Panama) and Education International/Oxfam Novib (Belgium). It will be awarded, for the fourth time, at a ceremony that will take place in Paris in October 2016, on the occasion of World Teachers' Day.

The Prize recognizes those candidates that have made an outstanding contribution, through their teacher-related activities, to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. Nominated candidates may be individuals representing institutions or organizations, international or national governmental or non-governmental organizations, or educational or research institutions and local/national/regional communities. Nominations shall be submitted by the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO, and by non-governmental organizations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO. A candidate shall be put forward by no more than one nominating body.

The application file should include (a) the nomination form completed by the nominating body; (b) the application form completed by the candidate; and (c) supporting materials and annexes, in paper or other formats, which may be enclosed with the letter but they should not exceed the size of an A4 envelope. These documents shall be examined only if the application is shortlisted.

All applications should be sent before 31 October 2015 to:

UNESCO-Hamdan Prize Secretariat
Division for Teaching, Learning and Content
Section for Learning and Teachers
Education Sector
UNESCO
7 place de Fontenoy
75352 Paris 07 SP
France

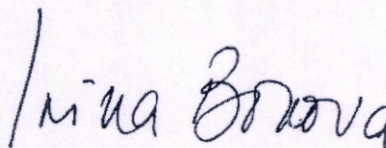
The Prize consists of US \$100,000 and a testimonial of appreciation for each of the three winners. Applications will be examined by a jury of internationally-recognized professionals with a high level of knowledge and experience of teacher-related issues, representing all UNESCO geographical regions (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America and Latin America and the Caribbean).

The nomination and application forms can be downloaded at the following address: <http://www.unesco.org/new/hamdan-prize>. Details on the application process for this Prize also can be obtained from the same website. I should be most grateful if you would disseminate these documents widely, in order to give all potential candidates the opportunity to participate.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Prize in the Section for Learning and Teachers of the Division for Teaching, Learning and Content in the Education Sector (tel: +33 1 45 68 08 03; e-mail: teacherprize@unesco.org), who stands ready to provide you with any further information you may require.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Irina Bokova
Director-General

cc: Permanent Delegations and Observers to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO

How to apply to the

UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize

for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers

2015-2016
Edition

Deadline
31 October
2015

How to apply?

Applications may be submitted in two ways:

- A candidate shall ask a nominating body to send its application to UNESCO;
 - A nominating body may initiate the process of nominating a candidate and send the application to UNESCO.
- ⊗ A candidate shall be nominated by no more than one nominating body.
- ⊗ Applications must be written either in **English or French** only.
- ⊗ Unsolicited applications are not taken into consideration/ self-nominations cannot be considered

Selection process

1. Applications received before the deadline are reviewed by the Screening panel, who will eliminate non-eligible candidates and transmit accepted applications to the International Jury of the Prize.
2. The International Jury meets in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) to select the Prize winners.
3. Prizes are awarded to winners during an official ceremony organized at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on the occasion of World Teachers' Day (October 2016).

Application

The application must contain:

1. The nomination form filled by the nominating body (using the appropriate form);
2. The application form completed by the candidate (using the appropriate form);
3. Accompanying/supporting materials (in English or French).

Both application and nomination forms can be downloaded from UNESCO's website:

www.unesco.org/new/hamdan-prize
or Hamdan Award's website:
www.hamdanunesco.ae

Applications should be postmarked or sent by email to the Secretariat of the Prize by **31 October 2015** (midnight, Paris time).

UNESCO-Hamdan Prize Secretariat

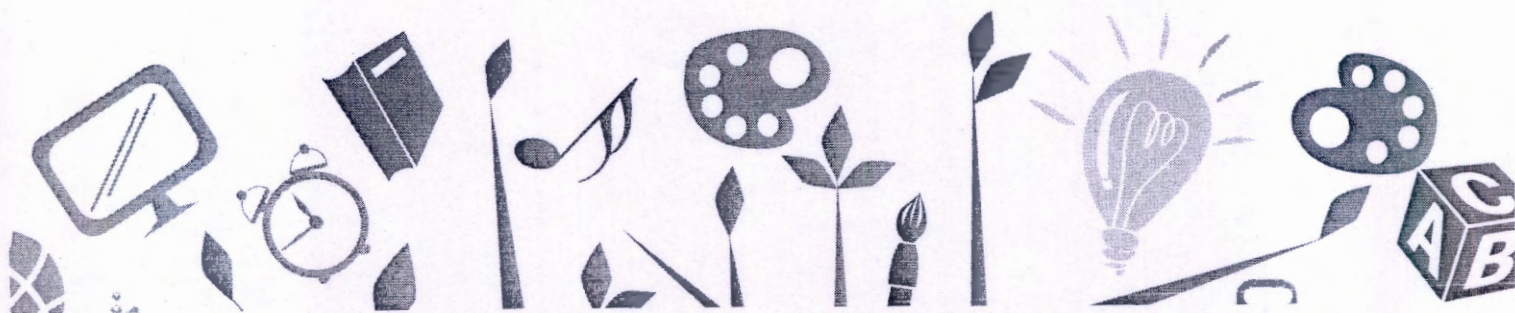
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To learn more about the Prize, please visit:

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How to apply to the

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for Outstanding Practice and Performance in
Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers

In 2008, the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize was created to support the enhancement of teaching and learning quality in achieving the Education for All goals, which is one of UNESCO's priorities.

The Prize is awarded every two years to three winners whose projects aim at improving the performance and effectiveness of teachers worldwide.

The Prize, generously supported by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum of the United Arab Emirates, amounts to \$300 000, which is equally divided between the three winners.

Who is eligible?

Candidates may be individuals representing institutions or organizations; international or national governmental or non-governmental organizations (NGOs); educational or research institutions and local/national/regional communities.

☞ Applications are **not opened** to individuals.

What is a nominating body?

Nominating bodies may be governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO.

☞ A nominating body may nominate and recommend **up to 5 candidates** for the Prize.



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Application form

To be completed by the focal point of the institution applying for the Prize.
The complete letter of nomination shall contain no less than 1000 words and no more than 2000 words. It
can be established either by filling in this form or by following its template.

1. Introduction	
Name of the program/project	
Name of the institution	
Type of organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> NGO	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution	
<input type="checkbox"/> Government entity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Private sector	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
Name of the focal point	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Full address	
P.O. Box	
Email contact	
Telephone	
Fax	
Starting year of the program/project:	Planned ending year:
Have you ever applied to UNESCO-Hamdan Prize?	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - When?	
Have you ever won a UNESCO Prize before?	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Which one? When?	
Reminder of conditions/qualifications of candidates (see Statutes)	
<p>The program/project submitted by candidates shall have made a significant contribution to enhancing teaching and learning, in line with UNESCO's principles and objectives in this field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by demonstrating innovation aimed at promoting effectiveness of teachers; • by producing teaching materials or other special aids designed for the development of innovative teaching and learning; • by mobilizing initiatives and/or means likely to contribute to enhancing teacher effectiveness; • by strengthening coordination and research that inform and enhance teacher effectiveness; <p>In addition, the following criteria will be taken into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the program/project must be on-going for at least three years for its results to be evaluated and its effectiveness verified; • it must represent an outstanding contribution to the fundamental objectives of UNESCO and the United Nations in the fields of quality education for sustainable development; • the work accomplished must be exemplary and likely to stimulate similar initiatives; • it must have shown itself to be effective in mobilizing new intellectual and material resources. 	
<p>2. Background (15 points) - This part should include a description of the target group of the program/project, an explanation as to the needs which motivated its establishment, and supporting evidence. If there is a need to include additional complementary documents, they can be attached to this form and sent. Equity concerns will be taken into account in the grading of the application throughout.</p>	

3. Conceptualization and design (30 points) - This section should explain the conceptualization and design of the program, and in particular the program approach/methodology (including structures and mechanisms), financing and human resource capacity, stakeholder involvement (who are the stakeholders involved, why and how are they involved?). It is essential to have a clear rationale as to how this program responds to the needs and context explained in the first part of the letter. This section should also explain monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, performance indicators (e.g. number of people participating in the training program, learning outcomes) and targets. The appropriateness of the monitoring and evaluation, given the context and the candidate's possibilities, will be taken into account. Furthermore, equity considerations will be factored into the grading.

4. Impact and achievement (40 points) - This section shall describe the impact and achievements of the program. These should be explained in relation to the previously identified need and context, as well as with regard to performance indicators and targets. Quantitative and qualitative aspects will be taken into account. The grading will consider efficiency and effectiveness of the program, and will integrate equity considerations.

5. Sustainability, problems, lessons learned, potential for replicability & future plans (15 points) - Prize winners will be supported to further improve/extend their program, as appropriate, and will be asked to share their experience with a view to helping other programs improve their practice. In line with this purpose, this part should explain problems encountered, lessons learnt, program sustainability, its potential for replicability, and plans for the future. While a successful program may no longer be needed where it was launched, the Prize is concerned with ensuring its success can however help other teacher-related activities, in one way or another. To this end, **candidates are required to attach three proposals of ways of using the reward**, which shall build upon the mentioned outstanding practice: providing an overview of the activities and sub-activities that would be undertaken.

I certify that the information provided on both the project description and the way of using the money of the Prize is accurate.

I am committed to providing the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize Secretariat with documentation proving the proper use of the money of the Prize.

Date:

Signature (please, check the box to sign):



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Nomination form

To be completed by the person nominating a candidate for the Prize.

The letter of nomination can be established by filling in this form. Remember that a nominating body may nominate no more than 5 candidates for the Prize (one nomination form for each candidate nominated).

Reminder: Nominating bodies may be governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize.

I, the undersigned, *[name]*

Position	
Organization	
Full address	
P.O. Box	
Email contact	
Telephone	

wish to submit the application of:

Name of the project/program	
Name of the institution	

Type of organization

NGO

Education institution

Government entity

Private sector

Other (specify)

Name of the focal point	
Full address	
P.O. Box	
Email contact	
Telephone	

Starting year of the project/program:	Planned ending year:
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In a few words (no more than 200 words), please explain how you have known the candidate and the reasons why you are nominating its project/program for the Prize

I certify that I have reviewed the information included in the candidate's application and can certify that it is accurate.

Date:

Handwritten signature: _____