HOW TO NOMINATE – GUIDELINES

UNESCO KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA PRIZE
FOR THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION

- ☐ Established in 2005, the Prize is sponsored by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain

- ☐ The Prize will be awarded annually to two winners and consists of a monetary award of USD 25,000 for each winner

Presentation of candidatures and submission of nominations

Candidatures must be presented by the government of a Member State of UNESCO or an international non-governmental organization, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO and active in the relevant fields covered by the Prize. Each government or international non-governmental organization is entitled to nominate only three candidates per year. Self-nominations cannot be considered.

Eligibility criteria

The Prize shall be awarded to individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations in recognition for projects/activities demonstrating effective and innovative use of ICTs, which:

- ☐ have a multiplier effect at local, national or regional level by reaching the greatest possible number of learners and raising the quality of teaching and learning;

- ☐ result in the development of original teaching and learning materials/products which promote a learner-centred pedagogy and encourage collaboration and networking in an open and flexible environment;

- ☐ mainstream the use of technologies in education and their seamless integration into the curriculum at all levels and across disciplines;

- ☐ promote the development, adaptation, dissemination and reuse of open educational resources;

- ☐ encourage research and development to facilitate accessibility of technologies for all, including marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable people;

- ☐ address major digital and gender divide issues at local, national or regional level.

In addition, the criteria below shall be taken into consideration:

- ☐ duration of projects/activities must be of at least a year to permit an assessment of results and proof of success;

- ☐ contribution to local, national and/or regional education priorities and challenges;

- ☐ innovation and openness of content and tools;

- ☐ collaboration and networking potential;

- ☐ leveragability of the project/activity by players in other regions;

- ☐ evidence of sustainability for mid- to long-term application;

- ☐ success/impact of the respective technology on transforming a particular aspect of education on a small or large scale;

- ☐ the project/activity should be a first time nomination for a Prize of this kind.

Selection process

The two prizewinners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him by an international jury. The jury, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO for a renewable period of two years, shall consist of five independent members, of different nationalities and gender.

How to apply

Applications should be nominated by national governments or an international nongovernmental organization, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO, sent though your Permanent Delegation to UNESCO or your organization which are requested to consider the following steps:

- ☐ widely inform all stakeholders involved in ICT-enhanced educational activities about the Prize (public/private educational institutions; local newspapers, radio and TV companies; private companies);

- ☐ set up a selection committee or panel to screen the candidates;

- ☐ select the most deserving candidates and work with them to prepare their online application for submission to UNESCO;

- ☐ complete the online application accompanied by its supplementary documents that will be made available in May 2016 via the following link:
  http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/themes/icts/ict-in-education-prize

- ☐ attach the letter of endorsement from the government or international non-governmental organization.

Deadline for submission: 30 September 2016