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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**

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*. The Prize consists of US \$100,000, a testimonial of appreciation and a cup of honour for each winner.

Funded by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, the Prize was established by Decision 54 of the UNESCO Executive Board at its 180th session in 2008, and it was renewed by Decision 11 at the Board's 195th session in 2014. It will be awarded for the fifth time at a ceremony that will take place in Paris in October 2018, on the occasion of World Teachers' Day. Since its inception in 2008, it has been awarded to eleven laureates from different regions of the world.

As stipulated in its Statutes, adopted by the Executive Board at its 180th session, the Prize aims to improve educational practices around the world, with priority being given to developing countries as well as to marginalized and disadvantaged communities. The Prize recognizes those candidates that have made an outstanding contribution, through their teacher-related activities, to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could disseminate these documents widely in order to give all potential candidates the opportunity to participate.

Candidates nominated for the Prize may be individuals representing institutions or organizations; international or national governmental or non-governmental organizations; and educational or research institutions and local/national/regional communities. Nominations must 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) a nomination form, completed by the nominating body; (b) an application form completed by the candidate; and, (c) supporting materials. Additional documents, such as supporting evidence and annexes, in paper or other format, may be enclosed with the application file but must not exceed the size of an A4 envelope. These documents will be examined only if the application is shortlisted.

All letters of nomination should be sent before **31 October 2017** to:

UNESCO  
Section for Teacher Development  
Division for Support and Coordination of Education 2030  
Education Sector  
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Applications for the Prize will be examined by a Jury of international distinguished professionals with a high level of knowledge and experience of teacher-related issues, and representing all UNESCO's geographical regions (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America and Latin American and the Caribbean).

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Prize at UNESCO in the Section for Teacher Development, in the Division for Support and Coordination of Education 2030 of the Education Sector (tel.: +33 1 45 68 23 22; fax: +33 1 45 68 56 26; e-mail: [teacherprize@unesco.org](mailto:teacherprize@unesco.org)), who stand ready to provide you with any additional information that you may require.

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

Irina Bokova  
Director-General

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO