UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education

2018 Eligibility Criteria and Nomination Process
'The use of innovative ICT to ensure education for the most vulnerable groups'

The deadline for nominations has been extended to 22 November 2018

The 2018 edition of the Prize aims to reward projects that leverage innovative technologies to deliver quality education for vulnerable groups. Projects or individuals using integrated ICT solutions that blend commonly used technology with frontier ICT applications are particularly encouraged.

The application process consists of two stages, an application and a nomination.

Application: a candidate have to fill in and submit an online application form through a National Commission for UNESCO or a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in official partnership with UNESCO.

Nomination: a concerned National Commission or international NGO in official partnership with UNESCO have to review and nominate the successful candidates.

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Eligibility criteria:

Individuals, institutions or non-governmental organizations that have made outstanding innovation and significant contributions through projects to support and/or promote the creative use of ICT to ensure education for excluded vulnerable groups.

The criteria below will be taken into consideration:

- **Duration** of projects/activities must be of **at least one year** to permit an assessment of results;
- **Innovation and openness** of content and tool;
- **Evidence of sustainability** for mid- to long-term application;
- The project/activity should be a **first time nomination** for a Prize of this kind.

2. How to apply?

For eligible candidates:

1. **Create your account:** Request the creation of a user account and indicate through which entity you will apply via the following link: www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register User accounts created for previous editions of this or other UNESCO Prizes remain valid.

2. **Go to the online platform** accessible at www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize and **fill in the online application form** in English or French. Candidates are encouraged to include all relevant supporting materials.

3. **Obtain the supporting statement or nomination letter:** Your application must receive a supporting statement (from your country's National Commission for UNESCO) or be accompanied by a nomination letter (from an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO).

    o   **Supporting statement from a National Commission for UNESCO**: Once your online submission form is completed, it will be transmitted directly via an online platform to the indicated National Commission. Please ensure that that the National Commission receives it in advance to have enough time to review and possibly nominate your application before the submission deadline **31 October, 2018** (UTC+1, Paris time). Kindly note that every National Commission for UNESCO can submit up to 3 nominations.

    o   **Nomination letter from an international NGO in official partnership with UNESCO**: You would need to contact an International NGO in official partnership with UNESCO, which is active in the field covered by the Prize. Once you receive a written nomination letter from this NGO, you should then submit the online application form with the attached nomination letter by **31 October 2018** (UTC+1, Paris time).

4. **Difficulties in reaching an appropriate nominating entity**: please contact the Secretariat of the UNESCO Prize for ICT in Education.

5. Please note that **self-nominations cannot be considered**. Any submission form **not endorsed** by the National Commission or **missing a nomination letter** issued by an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO will not be accepted by the Secretariat.

3. Who can nominate?

Governments of the Member States of UNESCO or an i**nternational non-governmental organization (NGO) in official partnership** with UNESCO active in the field covered by the Prize. Each government or international NGO **may not submit more than three nominations** for any one edition of the Prize.

For National Commissions for UNESCO and NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO

1. **Screen your candidates:** Inform all involved stakeholders and set up a selection committee or panel to screen the candidates.

2. **Nominate up to three candidates:** Select the three best candidates, whose projects are in line with the 2018 edition theme. You are encouraged to work with the candidates to prepare their submission forms.

3. **Issue a supporting statement or a nomination letter:** Prepare a supporting statement for each of the nominated candidates to be included to the online application form. It should contain (in English or French) the following elements:

    •   a description of the nominee's **background and achievements**;
    •   a **summary of the work** or the results of the work, publications and other supporting

documents of major importance, submitted for consideration;
- a **succinct evaluation** of the nominee's contribution to the Prize's objectives.

4. **For National Commissions**: You will receive a notification every time an application is submitted for your nomination. The notification will contain a link to the online form, which will be accessible through the e-mail address (associated with its generic UNESCO account), for your review and possible nomination.

5. **For NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO**: if solicited by a candidate and wishing to submit the nomination, you should provide the candidate with a nomination letter to be attached by the candidate to the online submission form.

Should you require any clarification regarding the nomination process, please directly contact:

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We look forward to receiving your applications and nominations.