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H.E. Ambassador Noureddine Meriem

Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Subject: Al-Sumait Prize for African Development in the field of Health 2024

Your Excellency Ambassador El Meriem,

Greetings from The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, please allow me to bring your attention to the prestigious opportunity of the Al-Sumait Prize for African Development. This prestigious award, valued at \$1 million, is awarded annually to individuals or institutions that have made significant contributions to the advancement of one of three fields, education, health, and food security in Africa. I hope that you might be able to share this opportunity to eligible researchers and institutions in your home country.

In its aspiration to support and recognize institutions, initiatives, and research work that have contributed effectively to the development of Africa, the Government of Kuwait, in cooperation with the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), Initiated the annual Al-Sumait Prize for African Development in 2015. This Prize is named after a Kuwaiti physician, the late Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, who dedicated his life towards helping the people in Africa in many fields including health, food security, and education.

The objective of the Prize is to recognize and appreciate the best studies, scientific projects, applied research, and innovative initiatives that have made significant impact and lasting influence in advancing the course of economic and social development in Africa. The awarded projects or individuals should demonstrate that they have been beneficial to African nations in overcoming poverty, hunger, lack of potable water, injustice, improvement of the health care

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The Al-Sumait Prize for African Development is an annual award initiated by the late Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, after a Kuwaiti physician, the late Dr. Abdurrahman Al-Sumait, who dedicated his life towards helping the disadvantaged in Africa in many fields including health, food security, and education. The prize aims to recognize and appreciate the best studies, scientific projects, applied research, and initiatives with high impact for the advancement of economic, social, human resources, and infrastructure development in the African continent.

The area for the 2024 prize is Health:

The Prize is to be awarded to individuals or institutions who through their research projects or initiatives have made significant advancement within one or more of the following areas (or other related fields):

- Combating prevalent communicable and non-communicable diseases in Africa and addressing systemic diseases.
- Provision of medical staff for the national health care systems (including physicians, paramedics and nursing), as well as medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment.
- Building national capacity in medical research, medical education, and medical staff.
- Upgrading and maintaining of national medical facilities.
- Developing and implementing effective national health policies.

Conditions and requirements:

1. The nominated candidates' research and development work or projects and initiatives must be innovative and have achieved high-impact in the African continent.
2. The submitted work must be of paramount importance in promoting significant economic, social, human resources and infrastructure developments within the announced field of the prize.
3. Submitted research work of a nominated candidate should be composed of studies and applied research, published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and recognized at a global level within the announced field. The research outcomes need to have been applied after publication in African countries within the past ten years. Adequate supporting evidence needs to be provided.
4. Nominations are accepted from competent regional and international institutions and scientific centers (universities, institutes and centers of scientific research) as well as from UN organizations, former winners in the field of the prize, or former evaluation members.
5. All submissions must be submitted in English. If the work is carried out in other languages, a comprehensive summary of the nominated work in English must be submitted.

How to Apply:

1. Fill in the prize nomination form ([link](#), [pdf file](#), [zip file](#), [open document](#)) and send it along with the scientific productive works electronically in PDF format.
2. Applications are addressed to the Director General of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS).

The nominations form and submitted works must be received before:



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systems, literacy, and the allocation of economic resources. This year's prize focuses on the topic of Health. (Please see attached the 2024 Prize Announcement-Cycle of Health.)

Applications can be submitted here: <https://idaxformstack.com/forms/alsumait2024>

Please note that the deadline to receive the application is June 30th, 2024.

Please find our social media channels the dedicated Al Sumait social media channels:

<https://x.com/ahsumaitprize?si=218st4E-crxxilWHA9nV-NCa17Q>

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Sincerely,



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Director General