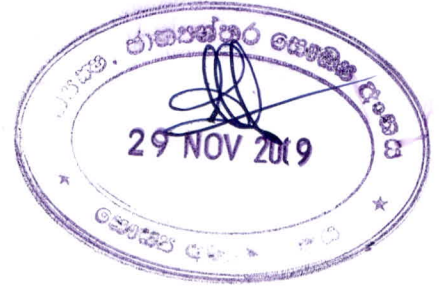


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**Attn: Director/ International Health
Director/ Maternal and Child Health**

United Nations Population Award 2020

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated 29 October 2019, received from Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA calling nominations for the United Nation's Population Award 2020.

The Award which is presented to an individual/s and/or institution/s in recognition of outstanding contribution to increasing awareness on matters related to population or solutions, consists a gold medal, a diploma and a monetary prize.

The following documents related to the Award procedure, received from the UNFPA are attached:

- Background Note
- Rosultion 36/201, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the Establishment of the United Nations Population Award
- Regulations governing the United Nations Population Award
- United Nations Population Award Data sheet

For further information, may contact Ms. Petal Thomas at pthomas@untpa.org copied to Ms. Soohyun Kim at sokim@untpa.org.

Nominations will be accepted until **31 December 2019**. The recipient(s) of the Award will be announced in March 2020 and Award will be presented by the Secretary-General in June 2020.

Forwarded for dissemination as appropriate, please.


Asst. Director/ UN & HR
for Secretary

Copy: 1. Secretary, Ministry of women & Child Affairs Social Security
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

29 October 2019

Excellency,

Each year the Committee for the United Nations Population Award presents an award to an individual(s) and/or institution(s) in recognition of outstanding contributions to increasing the awareness of population questions or solutions. The Award, which was established by the General Assembly resolution 36/201 of 17 December 1981, and first presented in 1983, consists of a gold medal, a diploma and a monetary prize.


As Secretary of the Committee, I have the honour of inviting your Government to nominate an individual and/or institution to receive the 2020 United Nations Population Award.

Please find attached information on the Award which outlines the procedures for submitting nominations. I am also enclosing a data sheet that calls for detailed information describing the population-related activities of both the nominator and the nominee.

Nominations for the 2020 Award will be accepted through 31 December 2019. The recipient(s) of the Award will be announced in March 2020, and the Award will be presented by the Secretary-General in June 2020.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation in this matter.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Dr. Natalia Kanem
Secretary
Committee for the United Nations
Population Award

Encl.

The United Nations Population Award

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on 17 December 1981 on the "Establishment of the United Nations Population Award" (36/201). The Award is presented annually to an individual, to individuals or to an institution or institutions or to any combinations thereof, for the most outstanding contribution to the awareness of population questions or to their solutions. The Award was first presented in 1983.

The laureate(s) is selected by the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The Committee is composed of representatives of Members States of the United Nations elected by the Economic and Social Council for a term of three years.

Nominations

Written nominations for the Award may be received from:

- a) Governments of Members States;
- b) Intergovernmental organizations engaged in population-related activities;
- c) Population-related non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the United Nations;
- d) University professors of population or population-related institutions; and
- e) Laureates of the Award.

Each nominator is asked to submit no more than one nomination, either for an individual or for an institution.

Only nominations which provide the information requested on the United Nations Population Award Data Sheet will be considered valid. The data sheet calls for detailed information describing the population-related activities of both the nominator and nominee. Detailed information concerning the nominee, whether an institution or an individual, is needed in order to ensure full consideration by the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.

The information required includes general background, specific information about population activities, and a full description and assessment of the nominee's "contribution to the awareness of population questions or to their solutions".

Nominations for the 2020 Award will be accepted until **31 December 2019**. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the 2021 Award. The 2020 Award will be announced in March 2020 and will be presented by the Secretary-General in the middle of 2020. Each award consists of a gold medal, a diploma and a monetary prize.

**Resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the
Establishment of
the United Nations Population Award**

36/201. Establishment of the United Nations Population Award*

The General Assembly:

Recalling the World Population Plan of Action, adopted by the United Nations World Population Conference, held in 1974, and noting with satisfaction the significant contributions made by the United Nations to the implementation of that Plan,

Recognizing the economic and social implications of the population trends, particularly related to development, as described in reports prepared by the United Nations and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, which indicate that world population is projected to grow from 4.4 billion in 1980 to approximately 6.1 billion by the year 2000,

Recognizing the need to promote better awareness and understanding of population issues, especially at the individual and community levels of each country and in accordance with national plans and priorities,

Further recognizing the special significance of establishing an award in order to promote that objective,

1. *Decides* to establish an annual award, to be named the United Nations Population Award, for the most outstanding contribution to the awareness of population questions or to their solutions, by an individual or individuals, by an institution or institutions or by any combination thereof, to be presented through the United Nations;
2. *Adopts* the Regulations governing the United Nations Population Award, annexed to the present resolution;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, under the Regulations, for the commencement of the Award in 1983, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a Trust Fund for the United Nations Population Award to receive voluntary contributions for the Award;
5. *Decides* that all costs related to the Award should be borne out of the Trust Fund for the United Nations Population Award.

*103rd plenary meeting
17 December 1981*

*As amended by General Assembly decision 41/445, 5 December 1986.
Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

Regulations governing the United Nations Population Award

Article 1

Aim

The aim of the United Nations Population Award (hereinafter referred to as "the Award") is to promote the solution of population questions through encouraging the efforts of people in population-related activities and increasing the awareness of population questions.

Article 2

Award

1. The Award shall be presented annually to an individual or to individuals, to an institution or institutions or to any combination thereof, for the most outstanding contribution to increasing the awareness of population questions or to their solutions. No staff member, organ or organization of the United Nations system shall be eligible for the Award.
2. The Award shall consist of a diploma, a gold medal and a monetary prize, the amount of which shall be determined each year by the Secretary-General on the basis of the investment income of the Trust Fund for the Award.
3. The recipient or recipients of the Award shall be announced by the beginning of March each year, and the Award shall be presented by the Secretary-General in the middle of June.

Article 3

Financial matters

1. All financial resources related to the Award shall be composed of the voluntary contributions made by Member States specifically for the Award.
2. Contributions for the Award shall be deposited in the Trust Fund for the United Nations Population Award, to be established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 36/201 of 17 December 1981.
3. The Trust Fund shall be administered by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on behalf of the Secretary-General.
4. All costs relating to the Award shall be financed from the investment income of the Trust Fund. The administrative costs shall be kept as low as possible.

5. The Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities shall submit to the General Assembly an annual report concerning the Award and the Trust Fund.

Article 4.

Selection of laureates

1. The recipient or recipients of the Award shall be selected from among those nominated under article 5 below, by a Committee for the United Nations Population Award, to be composed of:
 - (a) Ten representatives of Member States of the United Nations elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of three years, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation and the need to include those Member States that have made contributions for the Award;
 - (b) The Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to serve as *ex officio* members;
 - (c) Five eminent individuals who have made significant contributions to population-related activities, to be selected by the aforementioned members of the Committee, to serve as honorary members in an advisory capacity for a renewable term of three years.
2. The Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities shall act as Secretary of the Committee.
3. The rules of procedure of the Committee shall be established by the Economic and Social Council.

Article 5

Nomination of candidates

1. Written nominations for the Award may be received from the following:
 - (a) Governments of Member States;
 - (b) Intergovernmental organizations engaged in population-related activities;
 - (c) Population-related non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the United Nations;

(d) University professors of population-related studies and heads of population-related institutions;

(e) Laureates of the Award.

2. Nominations shall reach the Secretary-General not later than 31 December of the year prior to the year for which nominations are to be considered.
3. The Committee for the United Nations Population Award shall be convened during the month of February to select the laureate or laureates of the year.



UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD DATA SHEET

Nominations for the United Nations Population Award 2020 must be received no later than 31 December 2019 and should be sent to the following address:

Dr. Natalia Kanem
Secretary, Committee for
the United Nations Population Award
c/o United Nations Population Fund
605 Third Avenue, 6th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10158
U.S.A.

A nominator can nominate only one individual and/or one institution. Only nominations which provide the information requested on this Information Data Sheet will be considered valid.

Please note that the information required should be provided on the data sheet. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages with each page numbered corresponding to item number in the data sheet.

I. Data on the nominator

A. Written nominations for the United Nations Population Award may be received from the following categories of nominators. Please indicate an "X" in front of the appropriate number.

1. Governments of Member States.
2. Intergovernmental organizations engaged in population-related activities.
3. Population-related non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the United Nations.
4. University professors of population or population-related studies and heads of population-related institutions.
5. Laureates of the United Nations Population Award.

B. Please provide additional information below for the category you indicated above.

1. GOVERNMENTS

Please provide:

Name of Government _____

Legal website of Government _____

Name and title of contact person with whom the Committee may communicate

Address of contact person

Contact person's Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

2. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN POPULATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

Please provide:

Name of organization _____

Legal website of organization (country & city) _____

Name and title of contact person with whom the Committee may communicate

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Address of contact person

Contact person's Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

Short description of the mandate and activities of the organization:

3. POPULATION-RELATED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Please provide:

Name of organization _____

Legal website of organization (country & city) _____

Name and title of contact person with whom the Committee may communicate

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Address of contact person

Contact person's Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

Short description of the mandate and activities of the organization:

4. UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS OF POPULATION-RELATED STUDIES AND HEADS OF POPULATION-RELATED INSTITUTIONS

Your name and title

University and Institution

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Your mailing address

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

Short description of population-related studies/research at the university:

5. LAUREATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION AWARD

Your name

Your mailing address

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

II. Data on the Nominee

A. Please determine the field of activity of your nominee by placing an "X" in front of the appropriate number.

- 1. Policy-making and/or advocacy and public opinion
- 2. Bio-medical academic work
- 3. Social Sciences academic work
- 4. Management of population programmes

B. Please complete the following if you are nominating an individual for the United Nations Population Award.

1. Name _____

2. Official Title _____

3. Year of Birth _____

4. Nationality _____

5. Address _____

6. Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

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7. Academic background (academic institution(s) attended, dates of attendance, field(s) of study, degree(s))

8. Other background information

9. Work experience

10. Recognitions received (awards, medals, honourific mentions, etc.)

11. Publications

12. Period involved in population issues:

13. Contribution to population questions or to their solutions:

14. Other related achievements:

C. Please complete the following if you are nominating an institution for the United Nations Population Award.

1. Name of Institution _____

2. Legal website _____

3. Address _____

4. Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

5. Year the Institution was founded _____

6. Mandate of Institution
(State purpose or goal of the institution, if possible taken from the institution's by-laws.)

7. General background

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8. Field of activity

9. Recognitions received (awards, medals, honorific mentions, etc.)

10. Publications

11. Period involved in population issues

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12. Contribution to population questions or to their solutions.

13. Other related achievements
