



ISESCO Literacy and Non-Formal Education Prize

Information Sheet

I. Background:

Ongoing policy discussions concerning post-2015 future of literacy reveal that despite explicit target for adult literacy in the Education for All goals in Dakar framework of Action 2000, efforts made by countries and development partners are not keeping pace with ongoing challenges. As a matter of fact, presently, worldwide, at least 781 million adults lack basic literacy skills, which constitute an impediment to their involvement in the socioeconomic development of their countries. In the same vein, illiteracy remains a stumbling block to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 related to “ Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” in the Member States. In addition, in many Islamic countries, we have a huge number of out-of-school and unschooled children.

So, being mindful of this alarming situation, ISESCO in its New Literacy Vision for the post-2015 Agenda gives a paramount importance to the promotion of best practices in literacy and non-formal education, mainly those carried out by NGOs and the civil society organizations, so those practices could be widespread and contribute to local communities development.

Therefore, in its Action Plan 2016-2018, the Organization intends to continue awarding its Prize for successful experiences in literacy and non-formal education.

This year’s literacy and non-formal education prize is open to NGOs and civil society organizations dedicated to literacy and non-formal education in the English-speaking Member States.

II. Objective:

- Promoting best practices in literacy and non-formal education, especially those generated by NGOs and the civil society organizations.



III. Expected outcome:

- Strengthening Member States' capacities in preparing policies, strategies and plans for literacy and non-formal education.
- Providing annual support to NGOs and civil society organizations to conduct pilot literacy and non-formal education projects.

IV. Participation requirements :

Nomination files for the prize should include:

A literacy and non-formal education programme carried out by NGOs or Civil society organizations

- Priority shall be given to pioneering and sustainable literacy and non-formal education activities;
- The focus shall also be on activities with far-reaching consequences for literacy and non-formal education;
- The spreading of Islamic teachings and values is appreciated.

V. Nominations' submission and selection :

- 1- ISESCO focal points in the Member States shall each send various files received.
- 2- ISESCO competent committee shall select the winner and award him the Prize on 8 September 2018, on the occasion of the International Literacy Day.
- 3- Deadline for submission of nominations is 1st **June 2018**
- 4- Should the nominations fail to meet the required specifications, the prize will be withdrawn.

VI. Prize:

The prize winner shall receive five thousand dollars (US\$ 5,000) and a certificate of merit from ISESCO.



VII. Contact details:

Nominations should be sent by the focal point (no later than 1st June) to the following address:

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