



Winners of Al-Sumait Prizes for 2015 and 2016 with His Highness the Emir of Kuwait and others at Awards Ceremony in Malabo

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\$1Million Al-Sumait Prize For African Development Nominations Deadline Extended to end of July for Education Prize

Kuwait City, Kuwait, May 14, 2017 – Kuwait's [Al-Sumait Prize](#) for African Development has announced an extension for nominations for its 2017 award for education to the end of July 2017. Applications for the prize need to be received by Al-Sumait's Prize office no later than July 31, 2017.



“Al-Sumait’s 2017 Education Prize is open to individuals and organizations delivering pioneering contributions across the education spectrum in Africa,” said Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin, Director General of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), which administers the prestigious prize.

Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin said the aim of the prize is to recognize efforts to improve access throughout the African continent to basic or advanced education, boost literacy and decrease dependence of children’s education on the socio-economic status of their parents.

Key conditions for the prize include being able to demonstrate research work or projects that are innovative and have achieved high-impact in line with the international standards established for the prize. The nomination form can be found at <https://oe.kfas.org.kw/alsumait2017> or requested from KFAS Prize office by sending an email to alsumaitprize@kfas.org.kw

Dr. Shihan-Eldin said the one million dollar Al-Sumait’s Education award will build on the success of the recently awarded Al-Sumait 2015 Health and 2016 Food Security awards in creating a legacy of solid transformation in the lives of countless underprivileged individuals and societies.



“The winners of Al-Sumait’s 2015 health and 2016 food security awards demonstrated initiatives of paramount importance in promoting significant economic, social, human resources and infrastructure development in the

African continent. Now educationalists have their opportunity to put forward their innovative work and projects to furthering development in Africa,” said Dr. Shihab-Eldin.

Initiated in 2013 by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Al-Sumait Prize for African Development is designed to reward innovative and inspiring initiatives and research by individuals and organizations that address the challenges facing the African continent. The award recognizes and honors individuals and institutions who help advance economic and social development, human resources development and infrastructure in Africa.

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Kuwait's Al-Sumait Prizes are a set of annual awards designed to honor significant advances in the fields of food security, health and education in Africa. Administered by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) and a Board of Trustees, the awards celebrate the work and accomplishments of Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, a Kuwaiti physician who spent his lifetime helping the poor in Africa in the field of health and education. The objective of the prizes is to recognize best studies, scientific projects, applied research, and innovative initiatives that have a significant impact and lasting influence on advancing progress to economic and social development in Africa. www.alsumaitprize.org