



His Royal Highness The Emir of Kuwait , Al Sumait Prize winners and delegates at the Award ceremony held at the Fourth Africa-Arab Summit in Equatorial Guinea's capital Malabo

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Kuwait Invites Nominations for 2019 US1Million Al-Sumait Prize For Food Security In Africa

Kuwait City, November 1, 2018 – Kuwait today invited nominations for Al-Sumait Prize for Food Security in Africa, the fifth in the series of its annual prizes to be awarded for significant advances in the areas of food security, health and education in Africa. Open to individuals or institutions, the closing date for entries for the one million dollar Al-Sumait Prize for Food Security is April 30, 2019.

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 of Food Security on the African Continent:

- Developing new varieties of seeds, crops or livestock which can improve the food security of the poor population in Africa by increasing the calorific and nutritional value of food produced and consumed domestically.
- Improving farmers' access to agricultural inputs, techniques, technologies and markets so as to increase the availability of staple products which form a core part of the diet of the poorest people in Africa.
- Improving farmers' resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions.
- Improving marketing and adopting modern business strategies.
- Addressing issues relevant to gender equity in the field of the Prize.

Formally launched at a meeting of its Board of Trustees on December 7, 2015, in Kuwait, the Al-Sumait prize was first announced by the Amir of the State of Kuwait, H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in November 2013 at the 3rd Arab African Summit.

The avowed aim of Al-Sumait Prize, which celebrates the life of the late Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, a Kuwaiti physician who devoted his life towards helping the poor in Africa, is to contribute significantly to solve major development challenges facing African nations.

The Al-Sumait Board of Trustees comprises prominent international personalities in the field of development in Africa and world-renowned philanthropists. Chaired by H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, it includes amongst its membership Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Makhtar Diop Vice World Bank Vice President for Africa and Dr. Kwaku Aning, Former Deputy Director General

and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation, International Atomic Energy Agency.

The application forms are available at <http://www.alsumaitprize.org/nominations/> Applications will close on 30th April 2019

For more information please visit www.alsumaitprize.org or please contact Prizes Office at Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS)

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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