Candidatures for the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion – 2019

The Director-General of the World Health Organization has the honour to invite the national health administration of Member States’ governments to propose candidatures for consideration for the Award of the newly established Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion which will be presented during the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019.

The Award, which consists of a plaque, will be awarded to one or more individuals or institutions, or governmental or nongovernmental organizations, for their significant individual or institutional contribution to health promotion as per attached Statutes (Annex 1). The Award aims to reward work that has extended far beyond the call of normal duties, and it is not intended as a reward for excellent performance of duties normally expected of an official occupying a government position or of a governmental or nongovernmental institution (Article 3 of the Statutes). The candidature of a current or a former staff member of WHO or of a current member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization will not be accepted.

Procedure for proposing candidates

Each national health administration may nominate only one candidate not later than 17 April 2019. Nominations should be submitted electronically, either in English, French or Spanish, to foundationprizes@who.int by filling out the attached candidature form (Annex 2), and should be accompanied by a supporting letter from the competent national health authority, by adequate justification and most pertinent documentation as evidence of the work carried out by the candidate.

Requests for further information can be sent to foundationprizes@who.int. It will not be possible to consider nominations received after the closing date.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of his highest consideration.

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