



WWSF Prize for Women's creativity in rural life

Nomination Letter & Guidelines

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Awarded since 1994 by WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation - an international, non-profit, humanitarian NGO, serving the implementation of women and children's rights and the UN development agenda - the Prize (US\$ 1000 per laureate) honors women and women's groups around the world exhibiting exceptional creativity, courage and commitment for the improvement of the quality of life in rural communities (413 prizes awarded so far).

The Prize aims to draw international attention to laureates' contributions to sustainable development, food security and peace, thus generating recognition and support for their initiatives and projects. While rural women are vital in providing examples of sound practices in their communities, they still do not have full access to tools needed for development, such as education, credit, land rights and participation in decision making. By highlighting and awarding creative development leaders and their work, innovations and experiences enhancing the quality of rural life, WWSF participates in empowering rural women in their contribution to end rural poverty, improve gender equality, and advance women's rights to peace and well-being.

Eligibility

- Nominees should be women and women's groups currently active in rural life whose efforts have not yet been acknowledged by other awards. They may not nominate themselves.
- The nominating organization or individual must have direct experience of the nominee's work. The nominator may not nominate a family member, be a member of the nominated organization, nor can an organization nominate its senior officer (i.e. founder, president etc.). No more than 3 candidates may be presented by the same person/organization in the same year. The nominator commits, if possible, to organize an award ceremony if the candidate is selected for the Prize and invites the local and/or national media.

Nominations must include the following items:

- Original signed letter of nomination indicating how the nominator knows the nominee and for how long.
- Biographical data on the nominee (full name, age, education, place of work, background) and a detailed history of the nominee's creative project (written by the nominator) including her motivation, innovative aspects, any obstacles overcome, and the impact in the community. Nominations must specify whether the nominee has received or is currently being nominated for other awards.
- At least two original and signed endorsement letters from organizations or individuals other than the nominator and, if possible, additional supporting materials such as newspaper articles or publications.
- A few labeled photographs clearly showing the candidate for possible publication

Revised Criteria as of 2016

The long-term impact of the Prize depends on the integrity of the nominators and the quality of their nominations. The Prize is an award for successful accomplishments rather than a fund for future projects. The nominee's history (2-3 pages) should demonstrate the creativity, courage and

sometimes sacrifice in her efforts at the grass roots to improve life in rural communities. Descriptions should be as specific as possible.

Any of the following elements should be emphasized:

- Exceptional courage and perseverance in improving rural life
- Creativity in the approach
- Preservation of and respect for the environment
- Continuing impact on the community
- Supporting the post-2015 [Sustainable Development](#) Goals (see link below)
- Actively participating, if possible, in the annual [WWSF 17 Days Campaign](#) for the Empowerment of rural women and their communities 1-17 October with one or several topics (see link below).

Prize laureates are selected by an international Jury composed of WWSF Board of Directors; are announced officially in October, and celebrated in their countries on 15 October – International Day of Rural Women. WWSF has a commitment to award annually between 5-10 creative rural women and women's groups around the world. To read about the past laureates, visit our web site www.woman.ch

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Nomination materials should arrive no later than 30 April through the post only.

Prize Nomination Form

Download [Nomination form in Pdf format](#)

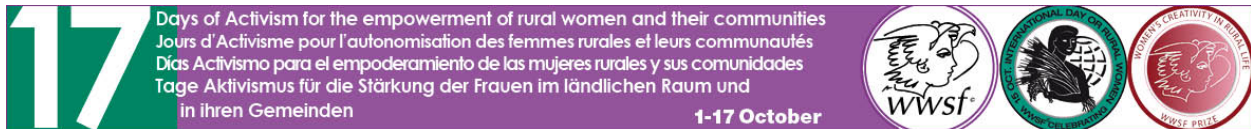
Attachments:



<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/#>

17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 targets.

The complex challenges that exist in today's world require a broad range of issues is covered. It is also essential to address the root causes of problems and not just the symptoms. The Sustainable Development Goals are the result of a negotiation process that involved the 193 UN member states and also the unprecedented participation of civil society and other stakeholders. This led to the representation of a wide range of interests and perspectives. The objectives are general because they address the interconnected elements of sustainable development: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. The Sustainable Development Goals apply to the world, rich and poor



WWSF Campaign Objectives

17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of Rural Women and their Communities 1-17 October

<http://womensection.woman.ch/index.php/en/17-days-of-activism>

The annual WWSF empowerment Kit offers information, tools, resources and ideas for action to mobilize rural women leaders and their communities to Rise and Claim their basic human rights. Please note that you and your organization are free to choose the themes most appropriate for your work in your region and context. We recognize that there are many other issues in addition to the proposals presented in the Kit, and we encourage you to focus on your local priorities. **Now is the time to give credit where it's due.** An annual impact report is published of all the coalition member organizations that join the 17 Days of Activism campaign.
