



2016 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life

Deadline 30 April 2016 - 22 year of awarding rural women leaders

Dear Partners and Friends,

The Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF cordially invites you to submit nominations for its 22nd annual **Prize for women's creativity in rural life**, honoring and awarding creative and courageous women and women's groups around the world working to improve the quality of life in rural communities.

Since inception of the Prize program in 1994, 413 Laureates could be honored for their commitment and creativity with a cash award of US\$ 1000. All prizewinners and brief description of their work are published on our website <http://www.woman.ch>

Given your experience, interest and perspective with regard to issues of human rights, economic development, the environment and climate change, peace building, ending violence and empowerment of women and children, we would greatly appreciate your participation and thank you in advance for sending us your candidates. About 10 prizewinners will again be selected in 2016 and announced to the media on **15 October** – International Day of Rural Women.

Kindly note, that the launch of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to be reached by 2030, empowers us to include the ambitious plan in our rural women programs. WWSF has therefore slightly modified its prize criteria for submitting nominations, which are presented online in order for you to follow our new nomination guidelines. Your presentations of candidates, respecting the new guidelines, must reach our office no later than 30 April 2015 by post. Nominations, which are incomplete and not following the 2016 new guidelines, will not be considered by the Prize Jury.

*In addition, please note that WWSF encourages women's groups and development organizations to join our new International campaign "17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of rural women and their communities 1-17 October – Rural Women Rise and Claim their right to development, equality and peace - Beijing+21 and beyond, an initiative which provides 17 themes to organize for action. **Link to Kit** [ww.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch)*

We thank you in advance for your partnership and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Elly Pradervand, WWSF Founder and Executive Director / UN Representative

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- Link to past laureates: <http://womenssection.woman.ch/index.php/en/laureates/laureates-2015>



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