



2017 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life

Deadline 30 April 2017 - 22 years of awarding rural women leaders

Dear Partners and Friends,

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) cordially invites you to submit nominations for its 23rd 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 and empower rural communities.

Since inception of the Prize program in 1994, **422** Laureates have been honored for their commitment and creativity with a cash award of US\$ 1000. All prizewinners and a 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 advancing the empowerment of women and children, we would greatly appreciate your participation and thank you in advance for sending us your candidates. Between 5 to 10 prizewinners will again be selected in 2017 and will be announced to prizewinners and the media on **1 October** and **celebrated on 15 October** – International Day of Rural Women.

Kindly note that the launch of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 – Transforming our world, empowers us to include this ambitious plan in our rural women's programs. WWSF has therefore slightly modified its prize criteria for submitting nominations, which are presented online in order for you to follow our new guidelines. Your presentation of candidates, respecting the new guidelines, must reach our office no later than 30 April 2017 by post. Nominations, which are incomplete and not following the 2017 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 your right to development, equality and peace - Beijing+22 and beyond", is our new initiative which provides 17 themes to organize for action - www.woman.ch

We thank you in advance for your partnership and look forward to your participation in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Elly Pradervand, WWSF Founder and Executive Director / UN Representative

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- Link to all Laureates: <http://womensection.woman.ch/index.php/en/list-of-422-prize-winners>
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