



United Nations  
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Cultural Organization

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Subject: **Call for nominations for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am honoured to launch the call for nominations for the 2020 edition of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, on the theme “**Teaching and learning literacy: The role of educators and changing pedagogies**”. This theme is all the more relevant given the exceptional circumstances we are currently facing: to ensure the continuity of education for the duration of this pandemic, we are using innovative remote learning solutions on an unprecedented scale.

Established in 1967, these Prizes are composed of two UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes, sponsored by the Republic of Korea, and three UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy, sponsored by the People’s Republic of China. Each year, they are awarded to individuals, governments, and non-governmental organizations in recognition of their contribution to the promotion of literacy.

Please note that this call for nominations for the 2020 UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize is subject to the renewal of the Prize by the UNESCO Executive Board, which has been delayed due to exceptional circumstances.

The nominations should strictly take into consideration this year’s theme, as well as the specific thematic vision of each Prize, which is “the development and use of mother-tongue literacy education and training” for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and “literacy amongst adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women” for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy.

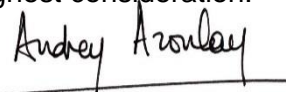
The nomination process will take place via a dedicated online platform. All applicants can access the online application form by requesting access through this link: [www.unesco.org/ilp/account](http://www.unesco.org/ilp/account)

I wish to invite your Member State to submit nominations for this year’s edition of the Prizes in English or French by **12 July 2020 at the very latest**.

Further information on the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes and the nomination process can be found at: <http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>

Any enquiries with regard to the nomination process should be addressed directly to the Secretariat of the Prizes (Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, Education Sector, tel.: +33 (0)1 45 68 08 59; e-mail: [literacyprizes@unesco.org](mailto:literacyprizes@unesco.org)).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Leaflet on the nomination process  
Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize  
Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy

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