

COMMUNIQUE

THE SHARJAH PRIZE FOR ARAB CULTURE 2009

1. Purpose

The purpose of the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize is to reward the work of two eminent personalities, groups of persons or institutions from the Arab States and from abroad that have significantly contributed through artistic, intellectual or promotional outreach to the development, knowledge and spread of Arab Culture with a view to promoting cultural dialogue and understanding in the world.

2. Profile

Candidates should have acquired an international reputation in the spread of Arab Culture and distinguish themselves by meritorious action extending over several years.

3. Prize

The Prize consists of a sum of US \$ 60,000, offered by the Government of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates), to be divided equally between two laureates selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the proposals made to him by a Jury.

4. Submission of nominations

Each submission shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, *inter alia*;

- a description of the candidate's work
- a summary of the results of his/her work; and
- a description of the candidate's contributions to promoting Arab Culture or improving its diffusion

Nomination forms are available at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO. Interested candidates should submit their application by **01 October 2009**, at the **Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO, 2nd Floor, IVTB House, Phoenix**.

6. Should there be more than one submission a selection panel will be set up to recommend the most suitable entry to UNESCO Paris.

7. Further information may be obtained at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO.

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