

COMMUNIQUE

THE SHARJAH PRIZE FOR ARAB CULTURE 2011

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 to the development, knowledge and transmission of Arab Culture through artistic, intellectual or promotional outreach with a view to promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding.

2. Profile

Candidates (eminent persons, groups or institutions) should have acquired an international reputation in the promotion of Arab Culture and distinguished 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 prizewinners, selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the recommendation of an International Jury established for that purpose.

4. Submission of nominations

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

- a description of the candidate's background and achievements;
- a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance;
- a description of the candidates contributions to promoting Arab Culture or improving its diffusion.

5. Nomination forms and further information are available at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO and can also be downloaded on the link below:
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002118/211840e.pdf>

6. Interested candidates should submit their application by **10 October 2011** to the **Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO, 2nd Floor, MITD House, Phoenix.**

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