

Guidelines for the nomination, assessment, evaluation and selection for the Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award

1. Introduction

The Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Award’) is intended to offer recognition and appreciation to successful and effective approaches and prominent contributions to the prevention of and fight against corruption. It would recognize and reward exceptional efforts made by individuals, groups and organizations, including youth. The Award would be given to initiatives that have demonstrated or have potential in significantly contributing or driving effectiveness in the field of anti-corruption.

With a view to promoting greater awareness of the importance of tackling corruption and to encourage implementation of crucial measures of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, creative achievements and contributions of individuals and organizations towards more effective and responsive anti-corruption prevention efforts in countries worldwide would be rewarded with the Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award.

By highlighting exemplary models and promoting excellence and creativity in anticorruption, the Award would facilitate the collection, dissemination and, where possible, replication of noteworthy initiatives and good practices to foster integrity, accountability and transparency. In this context, the Award would serve as an incentive and as a tool to identify, recognize, honour and reward those who have shown vision, leadership, creativity, enthusiasm in, and commitment and dedication for tackling corruption, as well as the capacity to inspire others to replicate similar efforts. Against this background, the Award would create a platform that acknowledges good practices and spurs action in the global fight against corruption.

Every year those eligible for nomination will be determined with the following categories:

- Anti-Corruption Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement
- Anti-Corruption Academic Research and Education

- Anti-Corruption Youth Creativity and Engagement
- Anti-Corruption Innovation

2. Assessment and Selection Process

2.1. There will be two selection bodies: the Assessment Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as ‘the AAB’) and the High Level Award Committee (hereinafter referred to as ‘the HLC’).

2.2. The AAB shall conduct a first round of evaluations, develop a shortlist of nominees for every Award category and present this shortlist with its relevant recommendations to the HLC for final selection.

2.3. The HLC will select the winners from the shortlist.

2.4. Separate Terms of Reference (hereinafter referred to as ‘ToR’) specify the role of each of these bodies.

2.5. The Secretariat has been established with the purpose of serving in a supporting, organizational and administrative function with regards to the implementation of the Award.

2.6. A Code of Conduct complements the ToRs of the HLC, AAB and the Secretariat.

3. Nomination Procedure

3.1. The evaluation process will be initiated by a call for nominations. Nominations must be made by a third party, i.e. another entity than the individual or institution being nominated, through an on-line nomination form. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Eligible nominators include senior level officials from government departments and agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, renowned and relevant non-governmental organizations and professional associations. The nominee and nominator cannot be the same person or hierarchically dependent of each other. Each nominee can be nominated only in one of the Award’s categories.

3.2. Nominations shall be done through the submission of the online nomination form containing the following information:

3.2.1. Name, title, organization and contact details of the nominator and relationship with the nominee;

3.2.2. Name, title, organization, contact details of the nominee and relationship with the nominator;

3.2.3. The Award category;

3.2.4. Short description e.g. merit of the nominee; project details and impact; academic work etc. (information to be provided specified for each nominee; will refer to the information category to allow the assessment of the nomination against the evaluation criteria);

3.2.5. Key reasons why the nominee is worthy of receiving an award

3.3. Nominations with incomplete and/or missing data shall not be accepted by the Secretariat.

3.4. Past Award winners shall not be considered for further nominations.

4. Due Diligence

4.1. The Secretariat reviews the submissions and prepares a list for the consideration of the Assessment Advisory Board. The list consists of all nominations relevant to the category under review where all requested information has been duly provided. The Secretariat organizes and services the meetings of the Assessment Advisory Board (3-5 days depending on the number of nominations) during which it presents the nominations to the Board. The Board can request further communication with nominees or, if necessary, additional documents.

4.2. After the nomination period has expired, the Secretariat will conduct due diligence of all submitted nominations. The nominees shall be contacted and asked by the Secretariat whether they accept the nomination and whether they consent to being subject to background checks, as appropriate and necessary. If they do not accept, or consent to the background checks their nomination shall be removed from the list. If they accept, the Secretariat shall proceed. The Secretariat may contact both the nominators and nominees for further questions and additional information.

5. Evaluation and Completion of the Short List

- 5.1. The AAB shall hold at least one meeting, organized and serviced by the Secretariat, to consider the results of all nominations received.
- 5.2. The AAB shall be able to conduct further analysis of the information provided by the Secretariat and, if deemed necessary, establish contact with the nominees through appropriate means, e.g., telephone and/or Skype.
- 5.3. The AAB shall prepare a provisional shortlist of no more than 5 (five) nominees per category and present it to the Secretariat for further verification.
- 5.4. If a nomination does not fulfill the required due diligence, the Secretariat shall forward it to the AAB for further verification and discussion.
- 5.5. The AAB shall forward the shortlist for the HLC with appropriate recommendations.

6. Final Selection by the HLC

- 6.1. The HLC shall reach a final decision in selecting the award winners, preferably not later than one month prior to the Award ceremony.
- 6.2. The decisions of the HLC shall be final.
- 6.3. The HLC shall inform the AAB of its decisions and with reasons thereof.
- 6.4. The HLC reserves the right not to award a prize in one or more categories if it deems that no suitable nominations have been received.
- 6.5. The selected winners shall receive a formal letter from the Secretariat announcing their selection and inviting them to the Award ceremony. The list of winners shall be made public on the Award's multimedia platform.

7. Evaluation Criteria

7.1. Anti-Corruption Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement

7.1.1. Sustained and/or outstanding contributions to the achievement of the anti-corruption domestic and/or international agenda.

7.1.2. Unwavering commitment to the prevention and control of corruption.

7.1.3. Demonstrated commitment to personal and professional integrity.

7.1.4. Impact of actions, initiatives and work on anti-corruption.

7.1.5. Potential for serving as a role model for others.

7.2. Anti-Corruption Academic Research and Education

7.2.1. A peer-recognized body of research and publications in the anticorruption area.

7.2.2. Significant contribution to the growth of knowledge in anti-corruption through research, publications, and education-related work.

7.2.3. Significant contribution to awareness-raising among the academic community on anti-corruption.

7.3. Anti-Corruption Youth Creativity and Engagement

7.3.1. For projects designed and led by or for young people and, where applicable, supported by non-governmental organizations or civil society. The projects could range from anti-corruption initiatives led by youth, summer camps or schools and awareness raising campaigns coordinated by youths.

7.3.2. Development and leadership in implementation of individual or collective activities, projects or initiatives designed to raise awareness, propose new solutions preventing and combating corruption among young people or society at large.

7.4. Anti-Corruption Innovation

7.4.1. Development and/or use of innovative solutions and/or approaches to anti-corruption action and/or awareness-raising. Such solutions and/or approaches may involve the use of IT and communications technologies (e.g. new applications, software or integrated technology), as well as other innovative methodologies.

8. Disqualification Criteria

- 8.1. Conduct unbecoming the integrity standards expected of the recipient of such a prestigious award.
- 8.2. Administrative or legal/judicial sanctions imposed through a final decision by a competent administrative authority or court of law.
- 8.3. Grave allegations, which have not yet been adjudicated, while not constituting reason for disqualification, may give rise to a decision by the ABB and/or the HLC to suspend consideration of the nomination.