

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 effective initiatives in the field of anti-corruption.

With a view to promoting greater awareness of the importance of tackling corruption and to encourage the effective implementation 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 / Investigative Journalism
- From time to time, the Award may include one additional category reflective of a relevant and timely anti-corruption theme.

2. Assessment and Selection Process

- 2.1. There will be two 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. Past Award winners may submit nominations.
- 3.2. Eligible nominators include senior level officials from government departments and agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, renowned and relevant non-governmental organizations and professional associations.
- 3.3. Self-nominations shall not be accepted. The nominee and nominator shall not be the same person, and shall not be in any kinship relationship or hierarchically dependent of each other.
- 3.4. Nominations should not include the current

incumbents of top-level political positions in governments (defined as ministerial level and above), or heads of governmental agencies or international organizations and agencies.

- 3.5. Past Award winners are ineligible for subsequent nominations.
- 3.6. Nominations shall be submitted through the appropriate nomination form containing the following information:
 - 3.6.1. Name, function, organization, and contact details of the nominator, nominee, and their respective relationship.
 - 3.6.2. The proposed Award category.
 - 3.6.3. Reasons for nomination, including merits of the nominee; project details and impact; academic work etc.
 - 3.6.4. Key reasons why the nominee is worthy of receiving an award
- 3.7. Nominations with incomplete and/or missing data may be supplemented upon request of the secretariat
- 3.8. Disqualification Criteria:
 - 3.8.1. Conduct unbecoming the integrity standards expected of the recipient of such a prestigious award.

- 3.8.2. Administrative or legal/judicial sanctions imposed through a final decision by a competent administrative authority or court of law.
- 3.8.3. 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.

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 may request further communication with nominees or, if necessary, additional documents or relevant information.
- 4.2. After the nomination period has expired, the Secretariat will conduct due diligence of all submitted nominations diligence to inter alia confirm the existence of the nominee and verify the validity of the nominations. The Secretariat shall contact the eligible nominees to inquire if they wish to accept their nominations. If the nominees decline to either accept the nomination or provide additional information

when requested, their nomination shall not be considered. Once all nominations have gone through due diligence, the Secretariat shall inform the AAB of eligible nominations in order for them to carry out the remainder of the selection process.

5. Evaluation and Completion of the Short List

- 5.1. The AAB shall hold at least one meeting to assess all nominations received.
- 5.2. The AAB shall prepare a shortlist of no more than 5 (five) nominees per category to be forwarded to the HLC with appropriate recommendations.

6. Selection by the HLC

- 6.1. The AAB, or a representative of the AAB, will present the shortlist to the HLC, and the HLC shall reach a decision in selecting the award winners no later than one month prior to the Award ceremony.
- 6.2. The decisions of the HLC shall be final and should be communicated to the AAB along with reasons thereof.
- 6.3. The HLC reserves the right not to award a prize in one or more categories if it deems that no suitable nominations have been provided.
- 6.4. The selected winners shall receive a formal letter from the Secretariat announcing their selection and inviting them to the Award ceremony.

- 6.5. The list of winners shall be made public on the Award's multimedia platform after the Ceremony.

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 personal and professional integrity.
- 7.1.4. Impact of actions, initiatives and work on anti-corruption.
- 7.1.5. Serving as a role model for others.

7.2. Anti-Corruption Academic Research and Education

- 7.2.1. A 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 anti-corruption community on.

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 / Investigative Journalism

7.4.1. Development and/or use of transformative 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 as well as other innovative methodologies.

7.4.2. Sound and ethical investigative journalism which plays a critical role in tackling corruption by exposing and documenting corruption and corrupt actors, laying the foundation for long-lasting change.

7.5. From time to time, the Award may include one additional category reflective of relevant and timely anti-corruption themes.

7.5.1. In 2022 the category of ‘Safeguarding Sport from Corruption’, which is associated across the spectrum of

sports events and associations, has been chosen.

Nominations may address:

- Corruption in major sports events
- Illegal betting
- Manipulation of sports competitions
- Corruption and abuse in sport
- Gender and Corruption in sport