



AMANI AND MAZINGIRA PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Amani and Mazingira Award as announced by H.E. President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, C.G.H. on 3 March 2022 during the UNEA5.2 High level Special Session titled UNEP@50 is intended to be an award for multilateralism to be championed by the Government of Kenya.
- 1.2. The Amani and Mazingira Award (hereinafter referred to as 'the Award') aims to recognize persons and institutions leading the journey towards environmental sustainability. It seeks to promote global efforts towards strengthening multilateralism in the world, particularly in the area of environmental protection, sustainable development and peace and security.
- 1.3. The recipient of the Award will receive global publicity and recognition, a state commendation and a monetary gift of USD 20,000 in an Award giving ceremony to be hosted by the government of Kenya in the presence of national, regional, continental and international guests.
- 1.4. The Award will recognize and reward exceptional efforts made by individuals, groups and organizations, including women and youth as well as initiatives that have demonstrated or have potential in significantly contributing or driving effectiveness in the field of Environmental protection and conservation, sustainable development, peace and security issues.
- 1.5. By highlighting exemplary models and promoting excellence and creativity in environmental sustainability, the Award will facilitate the collection, dissemination and, where possible, replication of noteworthy initiatives and good practices to foster collective action to save the planet.
- 1.6. In this context, the Award is to serve as an incentive and as a tool to identify, recognize, honor and reward those who have shown vision, leadership, creativity, enthusiasm in, and commitment and dedication for tackling the triple planet crisis, 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 efforts towards a healthy planet for all.
- 1.7. It will consolidate the country's history of leadership in environmental protection and nature conservation and peace and security issues, drawing on the work of the noble laureate the late

Professor Wangari Mathai and affirming the status of Nairobi as the seat of environmental multilateralism.

- 1.8. Every two years those eligible for nomination will be determined with the following categories:
 - (a) Multilateral efforts to achieve environmental protection, sustainable development, peace and security;**
 - (b) Fostering linkages between the environment, sustainable development, peace and security;**
 - (c) Addressing climate change and its adverse effects;**
 - (d) Dealing with disruptive and unpredictable international threats;**
 - (e) Championing and negotiating multilateral resolutions at a continental and/or international level;**
- 1.9. In this regard, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are herein tasked to coordinate the process that seeks to identify the first nominee of this prestigious Award. This will be done through an Inter-Ministerial / Multi-sectoral Board with participants from MDAs, UN Agencies, NGOs, Private sector and Religious organizations.
- 1.10. This will also be implemented in line with the Constitutional provisions as contained in article 132 (4) (c) and the National Honours Act that establishes appropriate instruments, protocols, criteria and other modalities for such Awards. The multi-sectoral Board will be co-chaired by the Principal Secretaries, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1.11. The Award will facilitate the collection, dissemination and, where possible, replication of noteworthy initiatives and good practices to foster peace and security and a healthy planet which motivates people to make peace with nature. In this context, the Award will serve as an incentive and as a tool to identify, recognize, honor and reward those who have shown vision, leadership, creativity, enthusiasm in, and commitment and dedication to tackling environmental issues, peace and security as well as the capacity to inspire others to replicate similar efforts.
- 1.12. Against this backdrop, the Award will create a platform that acknowledges good practices and spurs action in the global call to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.

- 1.13. The Award will be Bi-annual and will be presented to the selected nominee by H.E the President of Kenya. The award will be biannually presented on 1 June during Kenya's national Madaraka Day and ahead of World Environmental Day or otherwise on day deemed appropriate by H.E the President of Kenya.

2. Assessments and Selection Process

There will be two selection bodies:

- 2.1 The Assessment Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the AAB) and the High Level Award Committee (hereinafter referred to as the HLAC).
- 2.2 The AAB shall conduct a first round of evaluations, develop a shortlist of nominees and present this shortlist with its relevant recommendations to the HLAC for final selection. The HLC will select the winners from the shortlist.
- 2.3 Separate Terms of Reference (hereinafter referred to as "ToR") will specify the role of each of these bodies.
- 2.4 There shall be a Secretariat which will be established with the purpose of serving in a supporting, organizational and administrative function with regards to the implementation of the Award.
- 2.5 A Code of Conduct complementing the ToRs of the HLC, AAB and the Secretariat will be developed.

3. Establishment of the Assessment Advisory Board (AAB)

- 3.1 The Assessment Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "AAB") has been established by the Principal Secretaries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Environment and Forestry (herein serving as the Chair Persons of the Board) with the purpose of serving in supporting, planning, organizational and administrative function with regards to the planning, implementation and follow-up of the Award.
- 3.2 The AAB shall comprise two coordinators (herein referred to as Executive Heads of the AAB) identified from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Environment and Forestry who will steer the engagements of the board.
- 3.3 The Board shall also include the Principal Secretaries for Shipping and Maritime, the National Treasury and State Department of Fisheries and a representative of the United Nations Environmental Programme.

- 3.4 The Board shall be responsible for all organizational, administrative and financial matters regarding the Award, including by means of establishing procedures and providing overall support to the selection process.
- 3.5 There shall be developed a code of conduct to guide the working of the Board.

4. Obligations and Responsibilities of the AAB

- 4.1 The responsibilities of the Assessment Advisory Board shall be:
- 4.1.1 Coordinate, implement and administer the processes of nomination and selection for the Award. Its responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following tasks;
 - 4.1.2 Prepare and coordinate the nomination and selection procedure for nominees of the Award;
 - 4.1.3 Carry out due diligence, after obtaining consent, of the shortlist nominations, requesting further information on nominees, and requesting their consent to be nominated and be subjected to appropriate background checks;
 - 4.1.4 Create and implement a communication strategy for the receipt of nominations as well as for sharing information regarding the Award;
 - 4.1.5 Provide administrative and organizational support to the High-Level Award Committee under the Office of the President which has been mandated to make the final assessment of the selected nominees;
 - 4.1.6 Contribute to the preparations and coordination of the identified nominee to the biannual ceremony for the presentation of the Awards;
 - 4.1.7 Prepare reports, evaluations, contacts and lessons learned; and
 - 4.1.8 Make full evaluation of the Award's succeeding iterations.

5. Secretariat

- 5.1 The Board will be supported by a Secretariat constituted from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Environment and Forestry and other relevant MDAs who are part of the Board.
- 5.2 The Secretariat will support the Board in the following manner;

- 5.2.1 Following up on the disseminated call of Expression of Interest.
- 5.2.2 Ensure the selection process is consistent with the set timelines.
- 5.2.3 Provide read outs and reports of the Board meetings.
- 5.2.4 Support the collating of the received nominations.
- 5.2.5 Support the research to be undertaken on the identified nominees for due diligence.
- 5.2.6 Support the preparation of the participation of the nominee for the Award ceremony.
- 5.2.7 Provide support on any other areas as requested by the Committee.
- 5.2.8 Report to the AAB on any matters arising that contributes to the Work of the Committee.

6. Eligibility Criteria

6.1. ***Eligible nominees for the award will be selected from the following criteria;***

- 6.1.1. Must have contributed to work/initiatives geared towards environmental protection, sustainable development, peace and security.
- 6.1.2. Must exhibit service leadership by developing and inspiring others. Tutoring and mentoring individuals or communities, or participating in initiatives that encourage individuals in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities to find solutions to environmental issues, peace and conflict issues.
- 6.1.3. Strong communities are essential to a thriving society – and eligible nominees will be those who have made a mark in their communities and the globe and changed it for the better. This may include supporting other people to continue in their work towards environmental protection, sustainable development, peace and security.
- 6.1.4. Engaged in activism to support addressing climate change issues, biodiversity loss, environmental pollution, deforestation and desertification, waste management, sustainable development, peace and security and countering terrorism and violent extremism and also fundraised for a good cause; or simply carried out individual acts of support, courage, and generosity.

7. Nomination Procedure

- 7.1. 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 a nomination form.

- 7.2. Self-nominations will not be accepted and the application call will be made within set timelines with a deadline set on the application call.
- 7.3. Eligible nominators include senior level officials from government departments and agencies, international organizations, academic institutions, renowned and relevant non-governmental organizations and professional associations.
- 7.4. The nominee and nominator cannot be the same person or hierarchically dependent of each other.
- 7.5. Nominations shall be done through the submission of the online nomination form containing the following information:
 - 7.5.1. Name, title, organization and contact details of the nominator and relationship with the nominee;
 - 7.5.2. Name, title, organization, contact details of the nominee and relationship with the nominator;
 - 7.5.3. The merit of the nominee; project details and impact; academic work etc.
 - 7.5.4. Key reasons why the nominee is worthy of receiving an award.
- 7.6. Nominations with incomplete and/or missing data shall not be accepted by the Secretariat.
- 7.7. Past Award winners shall not be considered for further nominations.

8. Due Diligence

- 8.1. The Secretariat shall review the submissions and prepare a list for the consideration of the Assessment Advisory Board.
- 8.2. The list shall consist of all nominations where all requested information has been duly provided.
- 8.3. The Secretariat shall organize and service the meetings of the Assessment Advisory Board (during which it presents the nominations to the Board. The Board can request further communication with nominees or, if necessary, additional documents.
- 8.4. After the nomination period has expired, the Secretariat will conduct due diligence of the shortlisted nominees. 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.

- 8.5. 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.
- 8.6. The Secretariat may contact both the nominators and nominees for further questions and additional information.
- 8.7. A nominee will be disqualified if they;
 - 8.7.1 Are members of criminal gangs/groups or support any course that undermine or infringe on the purpose and rationale of this Award.
 - 8.7.2 Conduct unbefitting the integrity standards expected of the recipient of such a prestigious award.
 - 8.7.3 Have administrative or legal/judicial sanctions imposed through a final decision by a competent administrative authority or court of law.
 - 8.7.4 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.
 - 8.7.5 Receive or solicit, or agrees to receive or solicit, a benefit as an inducement or reward for procuring or assisting in the procurement of the Award.
 - 8.7.6 Gives or offers, or agrees to give or offer, a benefit as an inducement or reward for procuring or assisting in the procurement of the Award.
 - 8.7.7 without lawful authority uses or wears a certificate, insignia, medal or other decoration issued and conferred as part of the Award.
 - 8.7.8 Falsely represents himself or herself to be the person upon whom the Award was conferred to.
 - 8.7.9 without lawful authority provides or offers to provide the Award conferred to them, to a person not authorized to use or claim the Award.

9. Evaluation Criteria

- 9.1. **Multilateral efforts to achieve environmental protection, sustainable development, peace and security.**
 - 9.1.1.1. Showcased commitments towards engaging and establishing multilateral efforts to halt environmental degradation and enhancement of sustainable development, peace and security.

- 9.1.1.2. Significant contributions in multilateral efforts geared towards environmental protection, sustainable development, peace and security.
- 9.2. **Fostering linkages between the environment, sustainable development, peace and security.**
 - 9.2.1.1. Demonstrated commitment to fostering the linkage between the environment, sustainable development, peace and security.
 - 9.2.1.2. Mobilized global discussions to address the nexus between environmental issues, sustainable development, peace and security.
- 9.3. **Addressing climate change and its adverse effects.**
 - 9.3.1.1. Impact of actions, initiatives and work to address climate change.
 - 9.3.1.2. Galvanized countries commitment and contribution to enhance mitigation, adaptation and climate financing.
 - 9.3.1.3. Unwavering commitment to widely communicate impacts of climate change effects if not urgently addressed.
- 9.4. **Dealing with disruptive and unpredictable international threats.**
 - 9.4.1.1. Significant contribution to awareness-raising among the academic community, youth and community based organizations on disruptive and unpredictable international threats.
 - 9.4.1.2. Contributed to national and global policy frameworks formulations geared to addressing disruptive and unpredictable international threats.
 - 9.4.1.3. Been at the forefront to combat unpredictable international threats towards a country.
- 9.5. **Championing and negotiating multilateral resolutions at a continental and/or international level.**
 - 9.5.1.1. Showcased potential for serving as a role model for others.

9.5.1.2. Contributed/participated in championing and negotiating multilateral resolutions at a continental/or international level in various platforms.

9.5.1.3. Contributed to formulating national and global positions and resolutions to be negotiated under various global frameworks and platforms.

10. Evaluation and Completion of the Short List

10.1 The AAB shall hold at least one meeting, organized and serviced by the Secretariat, to consider the results of all nominations received.

10.2 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 the information provided by the nominees. The AAB shall prepare a provisional shortlist of no more than 5 (five) nominees and present it to the Secretariat for further verification.

10.3 If a nomination does not fulfill the required due diligence, the Secretariat shall forward it to the AAB for further verification and discussion.

10.4 The AAB shall forward the shortlist for the HLC with appropriate recommendations.

10.5 The HLAC shall reach a final decision in selecting the award winners, preferably not later than one month prior to the Award ceremony.

10.6 The decisions of the HLC shall be final.

10.7 The HLC shall inform the AAB of its decisions and with reasons thereof.

10.8 The selected winner 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.

10.9 The Secretariat shall similarly communicate to the applicants who were not successful in the process with justified reasons in order to maintain a transparent and fair process.

11. Communication Strategy

11.1. The Secretariat shall create and maintain a comprehensive communication strategy for the dissemination of information and promotion of the Award.

- 11.2. This communication strategy will be multi-stakeholder in nature to ensure wider communication outreach and visibility of the Award.
- 11.3. The Board shall with the assistance of the Ministry of ICT develop an independent website for the Award including an online registration portal link to enable applications. This will be supported by alternative means of communication and selection as approved by the Board.

12. Assistance and Support by Other Ministries, Departments and Agencies

- 12.1. For the purposes of the Award and all procedures, the MDAs' role shall be strictly in a non-binding advisory capacity.
- 12.2. The Board will closely work with UNEP and relevant private sector, civil society organizations, academia and any other relevant stakeholders deemed prudent by the AAB to;
 - 12.2.1. **Participate as observers and advisors in the committee deliberations;**
 - 12.2.2. **Provide input and advice on best practices in tackling environmental issues and enhancing peace and security, as requested;**
 - 12.2.3. **Participate in the Award ceremony at the level of the Executive Director.**
 - 12.2.4. **Provide any organizational and administrative support to the selection process and its activities.**
 - 12.2.5. **Support communication outreach of the award and call of expression for awardee through their respective networks.**

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