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# Kuwait Announces 50 Nominations received so Far for US\$1million 2018 Al-Sumait Prize, Health Category

Kuwait City, June 21, 2018 – The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement

of Sciences (KFAS) has announced almost 50 nominations from around the world have been received so far for the US\$1Million Health category of the 2018 Al-Sumait Prize for African Development, which closes for entries at the end of June 2018.

The annual [Al-Sumait prize](#), which is worth one million dollars, is awarded for significant advances in development in the categories of health, food security and education for Africa. The health category closes at the end of June.

“We have received many praise-worthy nominations for both individuals and organizations for the 2018 Al Sumait Prize Health Category, which provides a great opportunity to promote pioneering health development throughout Africa by bringing scientific, medical and social ideas to life. There is still time left to nominate and the selection committee is ready to receive your nominations” said Dr Mustafa Marafi head of the KFAS Prizes Office.

The eventual winner proposed by the selection committee for the prize will be confirmed by the Al-Sumait Board of Trustees, which comprises prominent international personalities in the field of development in Africa and world-renowned philanthropists. The Board is chaired by H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait.

Other trustees include Mr Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr Makhtar Diop World Bank's Vice President for Africa, Mr Kwaku Aning, Deputy Director General and Head of Department at the International Atomic Energy Agency, and Mr Abdulatif Al-Hamad, Director General and Chairman of the Board of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Announced by the Amir of the State of Kuwait, H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in November 2013 at the 3rd Arab African Summit, the aim of Al-Sumait Health Prize is to contribute significantly to solve major health development challenges facing African nations. The prize celebrates the life of the late Dr Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, a Kuwaiti physician who devoted his life towards helping the poor in Africa.

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Kuwait's Al-Sumait Prizes are a set of annual awards designed to honor

significant advances in the fields of food security, health and education in Africa. Administered by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) and a Board of Trustees, the awards celebrate the work and accomplishments of Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sumait, a Kuwaiti physician who spent his lifetime helping the poor in Africa in the field of health and education. The objective of the prizes is to recognize best studies, scientific projects, applied research, and innovative initiatives that have a significant impact and lasting influence on advancing progress to economic and social development in Africa. [www.alsumaitprize.org](http://www.alsumaitprize.org)