



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah center with Al Sumait Prize winners and members of board of trustees at Ceremony

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US\$1 Million Al Sumait Prize for African Development Award Ceremony Held at Bayan Palace in Kuwait

The Deputy of His Highness The Amir of Kuwait, Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah awarded the 2019 AlSumait Prize, which comprises of one million dollars, a gold medal, and a plaque at a special ceremony held at the Bayan Palace in Kuwait.

The joint winners of the 2019, Food Security Cycle of the Prize, The Africa Rice Center (Africa Rice), and The Pan Africa Bean Research Alliance (PABRA), received half each of the US\$1million award.

Dr. Robin Buruchara, Director PABRA, commented, "This is a great honor and major source of encouragement to our partners to do more... Long term, the award will help us scale out our achievements to reach and have an impact on our beneficiaries across Africa."



Dr. Harold-Roy Macauley Director-General Africa Rice commented: "It is an enormous honor and privilege to receive this award" ; he went on to say, "We will use the Al-Sumait Prize money to support the development of more efficient seed systems, particularly through the Pan African rice seed capital initiative. This initiative was recently established by Africa Rice to meet the demand for quality rice seed for food security and generating jobs for Youth and Women. "



Initiated in 2013 by His Highness The Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al- Sabah, the Al-Sumait Prize for African Development is designed to reward innovative and inspiring initiatives and research by individuals and organizations that address the challenges facing the African continent. The award recognizes and honors individuals or institutions that help advance economic and social development, human resources development, and infrastructure in Africa.

Dr. Shihab-Eldin, Director General of KFAS, announced that both Africa Rice and PABRA's efforts had had a significant impact on achieving tangible improvements in the lives of millions of malnourished and underfed people. Additionally, their part in promoting the role of women in the agricultural sector has had a very positive effect on the sustainability of their work.

The Prize Board of Trustees include Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Makhtar Diop, Vice President of the World Bank for Africa, Dr. Daniel Gustafson Deputy Director-General of the FAO, and Mr. Abdulatif Al-Hamad, Director-General and Chairman of the Board of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

The Prize, which is awarded on an annual basis, is administered by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science. Nominations for the Education Cycle are invited and can be received until June 30, 2020.



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