

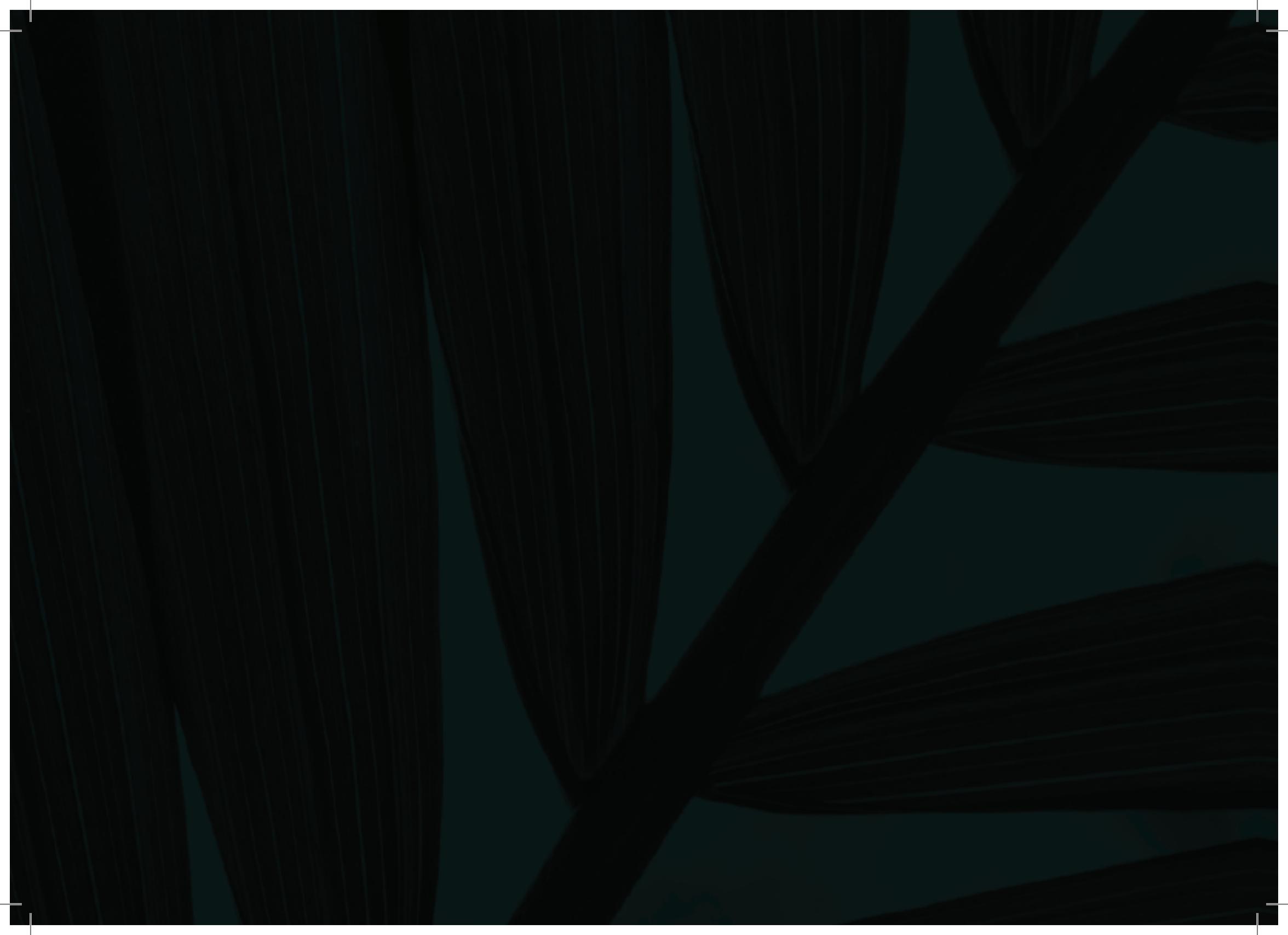


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# INTRODUCTION

## HISTORY OF THE ZAYED AWARD FOR HUMAN FRATERNITY

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity was established in 2019, when His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmed Al-Tayeb and His Holiness Pope Francis, head of the Catholic Church, held a historic summit on February 4, 2019 in Abu Dhabi to sign the Document on Human Fraternity.

This was a visionary joint declaration built upon friendship and mutual respect, with the Document calling for increased human fraternity and world peace. In recognition of this historic signing and their respective lives being dedicated to efforts for global peace and coexistence, His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar were the first honorary recipients of the award in 2019. From the 2021 edition onwards, the award opened annually to nominations of individuals or entities from anywhere in the world.

The award is named in honor of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founder of the United Arab Emirates. The values of the award reflect Sheikh Zayed's dedication to working closely with people from all backgrounds and cultures, his moral legacy, humanitarianism, and respect for others.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity is an independent global award that includes a monetary prize of USD \$1 million. It is awarded annually in February in conjunction with the International Day of Human Fraternity on February 4 which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate the ongoing efforts of leaders and benevolent people of promoting peace, harmony, and intercultural dialogue across the world. The day also marks the anniversary of the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity by His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence Grand Imam Al-Tayeb, a historic moment in modern history.

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity recognizes outstanding work to bring people together to advance humanity. The award celebrates above all, those who build bridges and strengthen human connections, those leading by example, creating breakthroughs, or collaborating selflessly and tirelessly across divides to drive real, conviction-led progress and to model to the world a gracious way of being; a way that chooses kindness, passion, courage and a deep commitment to peaceful co-existence..

The award is open to any person, organization, or entity around the world that demonstrates a dedication to human fraternity values. The honoree(s) will be honored at a special ceremony.



# NOMINEES

From the 2021 edition onwards, the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity became a global annual award, which is open to any person, organization, or entity that meets the criteria for the award. The criteria are based on the principles and values outlined in the Document on Human Fraternity, signed by the Pope and Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, in Abu Dhabi, in February 2019.

The nominees represent various religious, cultural, and scientific backgrounds, and come from all walks of life. They are nominated by leaders and members of governments and parliaments, and international, notable personalities in the field of human fraternity.

Candidates must be nominated by a qualified nominator. A qualified nominator is someone who possesses profound insights on initiatives related to humanitarian, political, and social ideas, which improve cooperation between individuals, agencies, and governments in their respective countries or regions.

From the opening of the call for the 2023 award submissions until its close, the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity will look to engage with qualified nominators to invite them to submit nominees.

## **Nominations may be submitted without invitation by qualified nominators, namely:**

- A member of a government and/or current or former head of state
- A member of parliament
- A head of a Supreme Court
- A former or current member of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity
- A United Nations senior executive
- A head of an international non-governmental organization (NGO)
- A university president
- A former Zayed Award for Human Fraternity honoree
- Religious leaders and public figures active within their communities, and leading intellectuals known for their support for human fraternity causes.

## **Nominators are required to upload official documentation confirming eligibility to nominate. These include**

1. Official letter of nomination
2. Nominee's current curriculum vitae or biography
3. Supporting evidence of the nominee's initiative(s)

In order to submit a nominee, applications must be completed online at [www.zayedaward.org](http://www.zayedaward.org) during the designated submissions phase. Any submissions received after the submission deadline will not be considered and will need to be resubmitted when the submission phase for the 2024 award opens.



## PAST RECIPIENTS

**2019**

His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmed Al-Tayeb and His Holiness Pope Francis, Head of the Catholic Church (joint honorary award).

**2021**

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and Latifa Ibn Ziaten, founder of the IMAD Association and activist against extremism.

**2022**

Their Majesties King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein and Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, alongside the Haitian humanitarian organization the Foundation for Knowledge and Liberty (FOKAL).



Conversation between the 2019 honorary recipients and 2021 honorees during the virtual award ceremony in 2021.

## PAST RECIPIENTS



The 2022 honorees and 2022 Judging Committee together with His H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, during the 2022 private award ceremony in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

# PURPOSE OF ENGAGEMENT

## QUALIFIED NOMINATORS

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity is an annual award, which is open to any person, organization, or entity that demonstrates they meet the criteria for the award. The criteria are based on the principles and values outlined in the Document on Human Fraternity, signed by His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, in Abu Dhabi, on February 4, 2019.

As outlined in the introduction of this document, while any person or entity is eligible to be nominated for the award, candidates must be nominated by a “qualified nominator.” To this end, the Organizing Committee has the privilege of inviting you to become a crucial participant at the highest level of this global award by submitting your nominations and, thus, having such a distinguished opportunity of selecting one or more candidates to become nominees for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity.

As a qualified nominator for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity, you are crucial to the success of the award through your selection of nominees. The award relies on its qualified nominators with their in-depth expertise and knowledge of potential candidates to provide one or more submissions so as to shed light on the work of those building a more peaceful world.

As a qualified nominator, you may invite others who are qualified nominators to contribute by submitting their nominations, as well.

This information pack is specifically designed to help you understand more about the award and guide you through the role of a qualified nominator.

## NOMINEE CRITERIA

Nominees may be an individual or a collective making outstanding contributions to promoting the principles and values of human fraternity. Any individual or collective that meets the criteria for the award may have a qualified nominator submit a nomination on their behalf.

### **When making nominations for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity, nominators should consider:**

- Contributions to the promotion of global fraternity, solidarity of the human family, justice and world peace
- Impact on the local community, serving as a role model and also shaping others to become role models
- Innovation to find new ways to foster fraternity, coexistence, and collaboration within communities
- Recognition from notable figures and/or international organizations and institutions and/or community members



# SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

Nominations are submitted via the official Zayed Award for Human Fraternity website: <https://www.zayedaward.org/>  
The nomination process consists of three steps:

**Step 1: Please enter your personal information to confirm your eligibility as a qualified nominator.**

**Step 2: Please enter the required information about your nominee(s).**

**Step 3: Please upload the following required documents in either Word or PDF format.**

## a. Proof of Eligibility as a qualified nominator

- A document that proves you are a qualified nominator, e.g., a personal identification or work identification document (such as a passport or identification card)

## b. Letter of Endorsement (max 1,000 words)

- A letter of endorsement/nomination containing information about your nominee(s) contributions and achievements written in a manner that persuades the judging committee that your nominee(s) should be awarded the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity. To learn more about the nomination criteria, please visit <https://zayedaward.org/en/nomination>.

## c. The nominee's current Curriculum Vitae or biography

Please note that nominations can be submitted in English, Arabic, or French and that self-nominations are not accepted.

## SUBMISSIONS PHASE

In order to be considered for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2023, nominations may be submitted from July 1 to October 31, 2022 (23:59 GMT). Nominations received after October 31 will be considered for the 2024 award.



# FAQs

## 1. WHAT IS THE ZAYED AWARD FOR HUMAN FRATERNITY?

It is an international independent award that recognizes profound contributions to the facilitation of peaceful coexistence and human progress. The award is for individuals anywhere in the world who lead by example, creating breakthroughs by collaborating selflessly and tirelessly across divides to drive real, conviction-led progress.

Each year, the recipient(s) will be presented with USD \$1 million, an honorary certificate, and a trophy.

## 2. WHO IS SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN?

The late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan founded the United Arab Emirates in 1971. His life was dedicated to working closely with people from all cultural backgrounds. His legacy remains one of compassion, respect, and innovation - values that to this day shape the culture of the people and leadership of the UAE.

## 3. WHEN WAS THE ZAYED AWARD FOR HUMAN FRATERNITY CREATED?

The award was established in February 2019 when His Eminence Professor Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, and His Holiness Pope Francis, Head of the Catholic Church, met together in Abu Dhabi to sign the Document on Human Fraternity. The Document is a visionary joint declaration built upon friendship and mutual respect. It calls for human fraternity, interfaith dialogue, and communication.

## 4. IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THE ZAYED AWARD FOR HUMAN FRATERNITY HAS BEEN AWARDED?

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity was first awarded honorarily in 2019 to His Eminence Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmed Al-Tayeb and Head of the Catholic Church His Holiness Pope Francis following their historic signing of the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi. The 2021 cycle was the first time the award opened to nominations from all parts of the world and the honorees were UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and Latifa Ibn Ziaten founder of the IMAD Association and activist against religious extremism. The 2022 honorees were Their Majesties King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein and Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, alongside Haitian humanitarian organization the Foundation for Knowledge and Liberty (FOKAL).

## 5. WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES FOR THE AWARD?

There are no separate categories. It is a single award that will go to the nominee(s) (individual or entity) that best meets the criteria as evaluated by the award committee.

## 6. WHAT WILL THE RECIPIENT(S) OF THE AWARD RECEIVE?

There is a prize of USD \$1 million (to be awarded to a single recipient or shared among multiple recipients), in addition to an honorary certificate and a trophy.

## 7. WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION?

Only qualified nominators can nominate candidates for the award.

Nominators must be:

- A member of government and/or current or former head of state
- A member of parliament
- The head of a Supreme Court
- A former or current member of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity
- A United Nations senior executive
- The head of an international non-governmental organization (NGO)
- A university president
- A former Zayed Award for Human Fraternity honoree
- Religious leaders, public figures who are active within their communities, and leading intellectuals known for their support for human fraternity causes.

Nominations from qualified nominators can be submitted without invitation.

Nominators will be required to upload official documentation confirming eligibility to nominate. Self-nominations are not accepted.

## 8. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING NOMINATIONS?

Each nomination application submitted will be evaluated by the judging committee based upon the following judging criteria:

- Contributions to the promotion of global fraternity, solidarity of the human family, justice and world peace
- Impact on the local community, serving as a role model and also shaping others to become role models
- Innovation to find new ways to foster fraternity and collaboration
- Recognition from notable figures and/or international organizations and institutions and/or community members

## 9. WHO DECIDES THE RECIPIENT(S) OF THE AWARD?

The independent judging committee decides on the recipient(s) of the award. Each year, the judging committee for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity is composed of a group of prominent figures in the areas of peacebuilding and human coexistence.

## 10. WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE 2021 AWARD JUDGING COMMITTEE?

- **H.E. Catherine Samba-Panza**, former President of the Central African Republic
- **H.E. Muhammad Jusuf Kalla**, former Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia
- **Rt. Hon. Michaëlle Jean**, 27th Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada
- **H.Em. Cardinal Dominique Mamberti**, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura
- **Adama Dieng**, Former UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
- **Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity

## 11. WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE 2022 AWARD JUDGING COMMITTEE?

- **H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou**, Former President of the Republic of Niger
- **H.E. José Ramos Horta**, President of East Timor and Nobel Peace Laureate
- **H.E. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, former Deputy President of South Africa and former UN Under-Secretary-General
- **H.Em. Cardinal Michael Czerny**, Interim Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Holy See
- **Dr. Leah Pizar**, President of the Aladdin Project
- **Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity

## 12. WHO CAN BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD?

Any individual or entity that has made a profound contribution to the facilitation of human fraternity may be nominated for the award.

## 13. WHEN WILL THE RECIPIENT(S) OF THE AWARD BE ANNOUNCED?

The recipient(s) will be announced on February 2023 in conjunction with the International Day of Human Fraternity, on February 4 which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate the ongoing efforts of leaders and benevolent people of promoting peace, harmony, and intercultural dialogue across the world.

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