



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
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Subject: **Call for nominations for the 2018 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Government to submit nominations for the 2018 edition of the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education. The Prize consists of two annual awards of US \$50,000 for each recipient.

Funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Prize was established by the UNESCO Executive Board at its 197th session in October 2015, and was awarded for the first time in 2016. It aims to honour and showcase outstanding projects that advance education for girls and women, and which have been undertaken by individuals, groups, organizations or other entities. It will be awarded for the third time at a ceremony that will take place in Paris on 11 October 2018, on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child.

The nomination process takes place online via a platform accessible through the UNESCO website, available from 8 March until 11 May 2018, at the following internet link: <http://unesco.org/gwe>

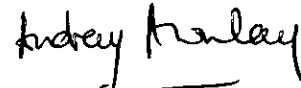
As stipulated in the Statutes adopted by the Executive Board at its 197th session, nominations can be submitted by the Governments of Member States via their Permanent Delegations to UNESCO, and by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in official partnership with UNESCO. Each Permanent Delegation or NGO may not submit any more than three nominations for any one edition of the Prize.

The online nominations should be received by UNESCO in English or French by **11 May 2018** at the latest. Any nomination received after midnight of 11 May 2018 (UTC+1, Paris time), or through a different channel or means than described above, will not be considered.

Further information on the UNESCO Prize on Girls' and Women's Education and the nomination process can be found at: <http://on.unesco.org/gweprize>

Any enquiries with regard to the nomination process should be addressed directly to the Secretariat of the Prize (Mr Leyong Gao, Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality, UNESCO; tel: +33 1 45 68 17 96; e-mail: [gweprize@unesco.org](mailto:gweprize@unesco.org)).

Please accept, Sir / Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Director-General

Enclosures: Explanatory Note and Nomination Form

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO  
Field offices of UNESCO  
UNESCO Institutes for education