



38th FAO CONFERENCE AWARDS

INFORMATION NOTE

FAO Conference

The 38th Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will take place at FAO headquarters in Rome from 15 to 22 June, 2013. The FAO conference Session on Saturday, 15 June will start with the McDougall lecture of Amartya Sen, Indian Nobel Prize in Economics, and will finish with the admission of Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, and South Sudan as member countries of FAO. Heads of Government of these countries have been invited to the Session and Dr Mayaki, Head of NEPAD, will also be present.

FAO Awards

The FAO Awards honour the contribution of individuals and institutions to global food security. An official awards ceremony will be held at 15.30 on Saturday, 15 June in the Plenary hall.

The FAO Selection Committee has agreed on the following recipients for the five FAO awards, which include three FAO field officers, four institutions and a team of journalists, all of whom will travel, or elect a representative to travel, to accept their award from FAO Director General José Graziano da Silva during the official awards ceremony in Rome.

B.R. Sen Award

The B.R. Sen award is presented to FAO Field Officers with the most outstanding contribution to the advancement of their country(s) of assignment and it consists of an inscribed medal, a scroll describing the winner's achievements and a cash prize of USD 5,000.

Established in 1968, this award pays tribute to former Director-General, Mr B.R. Sen and recognises the important role he played in transforming FAO from a study organization to a development agency.

B.R. Sen Award winners 2011:

Mr David Doolan (USA), International Project Manager, FAO Pakistan

Mr Patrick Durst (Ireland), Senior Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

B.R. Sen Award winner 2012:

Mr Luca Alinovi (Italy), Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator & OIC FAO Somalia

Mr Doolan has been selected for his excellent contribution to the development of the FAO programme in Pakistan through a combination of technical expertise, commendable leadership skills and the ability to support change and ensure continuity of operations, despite a very challenging environment. He has led the successful growth of a project to a large multi-donor programme, which has lifted communities out of extreme poverty, empowered them and encouraged self reliance, with a particular focus on gender balance.

Mr Durst receives the award for his extensive contributions to forests and forestry over his nineteen-year career, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. His leadership, intellectual and policy-related contributions have resulted in a variety of widely-used knowledge products,

innovative capacity building activities, and strengthened national forest policies, which have raised the Organization's visibility and credibility in the region. His efforts have ensured that forestry and forest-related issues are top priority areas in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr Alinovi will be recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Somalia Programme, his innovative approach to adopt Cash-For-Work (CFW) as an emergency response modality for the Horn of Africa crisis in 2011 and his leadership, which contributed to the successful decentralization of FAO operations and has increased the Organization's efficiency and reputation in Somalia. Together with his team, he has developed new approaches to increase the resilience of farmers and pastoralists, which will serve to develop and strengthen FAO's support to other countries in crisis.

A.H. Boerma Award

The **A.H. Boerma Award** is presented biennially to journalist(s) who have helped to focus public attention on the world food problem. The award consists of an inscribed medal, a scroll describing the winner's achievements and a cash prize of USD 10,000.

Established in 1977, this Award commemorates the services rendered by former Director-General, Dr. A.H. Boerma to FAO, his able leadership and the important steps he took towards solving global food problems of unprecedented magnitude. In recognition of the important role of the media in the fight against hunger, FAO has since 1979 presented the A.H. Boerma Award to journalists or groups of journalists, from around the world, who have brought food security and rural development issues in developing countries to the attention of civil society.

A.H. Boerma Award winner 2012-2013: The Guardian – Development

- Represented by Ms Lucy Lambie, global development editor, The Guardian Development (TBC)

The Guardian – Development has been selected as winner of the A.H. Boerma Award 2012-2013, in recognition of the editorial team's significant contribution to improving world-wide understanding of development issues, particularly agriculture, food security and poverty, with emphasis on progress made towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The team has provided high quality, in-depth and up-to-date multimedia coverage ranging from analysis of international policy to on-the-ground reportages, using various new media formats to expand their reach and ability to communicate on these important issues.

Edouard Saouma Award

The **Edouard Saouma Award** is presented to institution(s) that have implemented with particular efficiency a project funded by FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP). The award consists of an inscribed medal, a scroll describing the winner's achievements and a cash prize of USD 25,000.

Established in 1993, this biennial award pays tribute to former FAO Director-General, Mr Edouard Saouma for his conception and implementation of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and it is presented to institutions that have implemented with particular efficiency a project funded by the TCP. The TCP is an established and highly valued component of FAO action in the field, allowing the rapid mobilization of resources to respond to emergency situations and to meet unforeseen short-term technical assistance needs which could not be covered by other sources of support. is granted at the beginning of each regular session of the Conference to institutions that have implemented with particular efficiency a project funded by FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP).

Edouard Saouma Award winner 2012-2013: Kenya Forest Service (KFS), TCP/KEN/3204. "The sustainable livelihood development project in the Mau forest complex"

- Represented by Mr David K. Mbugua, Director of KFS and Mr Peter N. Kirigua, Chairman, KFS Board

Kenya Forest Service (KFS) is being awarded for their implementation of “The sustainable livelihood development project in the Mau forest complex”. The award is in recognition of their outstanding performance in terms of efficiency of project implementation and follow-up. Throughout the project, KFS provided a useful example of how to maximize and ensure sustainable benefits of forests, trees and agroforestry systems to rural people and the institution supported replication of key project aspects in other countries.

Jacques Diouf Award

The Jacques Diouf award is presented biennially to individuals or national/regional institutions that have made a significant contribution to the improvement of global food security. The award consists of an inscribed medal, a scroll describing achievements and a cash prize of USD 25,000.

Established in 2011 this award pays tribute to former FAO Director-General, Dr Jacques Diouf, recognizing his outstanding leadership, personal engagement, and untiring advocacy in the fight against poverty, hunger and malnutrition.

Jacques Diouf Award winners 2012-2013:

- 1. The Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA)** for improving the food security of poor self- employed women and their families
 - Represented by Ms Reema Nanavaty, Director, Rural Organizing and Economic Development, SEWA and Ms Kapilaben Vankar, Member of the SEWA Executive Committee.
- 2. The European Commission** for implementation of the EU Food Facility
 - Represented by Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

The **Self Employed Women’s Association** has been selected for their innovative and dedicated efforts in lifting extremely poor women out of poverty and hunger through the integrated provision of agricultural extension, financial, literacy, education, care, housing, and health services. This Gujarat-based association has close to two million members spanning several Indian States and has demonstrated over several decades that its model offers a sustainable pathway out of poverty and hunger. Their approach has also proven to be successful in empowering hundreds of thousands of women and has great potential as a model for other countries and an inspiration for cooperatives and other grassroots organizations all over the world.

The **European Commission** will receive the award in recognition of their rapid and massive €1 billion response to the food price crisis in 2008-2011 under the EU Food Facility. This initiative has improved the livelihoods of over 59 million people in 49 developing countries through the improvement of smallholder agricultural production. The EU Food Facility was the first major donor programme to help break a trend of more than 40 years where agriculture and food security were low on the political agenda. In doing so, the European Commission has contributed significantly to placing sustainable agricultural development and food security at the frontline of the global development agenda.

Margarita Lizárraga Medal

The Margarita Lizárraga medal is presented to a person or organization that has served with distinction in the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries of FAO.

Established in 1997, the Award pays tribute to Ms Margarita Lizárraga, a Mexican national and an officer in the Fisheries Department at the time of her passing away in 1997, for her productive work in the field of fisheries for almost forty years, for her great dedication to FAO and for her strong commitment towards fostering the promotion of the fisheries sector, especially in developing countries, as well as for her decisive role in promoting the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

Margarita Lizárraga Award winner 2012-2013: Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano (OSPESCA)

- Represented by Ms Xinia Chaves, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica/Director OSPESCA; Mr Juan D Alemán, Secretary-General, Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA), and Mr Mario González Recinos, Regional Director, SICA/OSPESCA

The **Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano** is being awarded for its significant contribution to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development and to the practical and tangible application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries in the Central American countries.

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