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FAO AWARDS  
2019

The FAO AWARDS publicly acknowledge achievements and showcase positive results in the global effort to achieve Zero Hunger and the wider 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The awards honour persons and institutions who are working together and sharing knowledge to support countries as they implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in national planning, particularly SDG2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

The FAO Conference Awards were all established on the basis of resolutions, during previous editions of the FAO Conference, the organization's highest governing body.

# FAO AWARDS 2019 CEREMONY

Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO  
Wednesday, 26 June 2019  
17.30 - 18.30

Moderator: **Yasmina Bouziane**  
Director a.i., Office for Corporate  
Communication

Moderator opens FAO Awards ceremony

Opening remarks by FAO Director-General

Presentation of the **FAO Conference Awards**

Presentation of the **B.R. Sen Award** 2017-2018 to:  
FAO Representative in South Sudan  
**Recipient** Serge Tissot

FAO Representative in Yemen  
**Recipient** Salah El Hajj Hassan

Presentation of the **A.H. Boerma Award** to:  
Editorial Team, EL PAÍS  
**Recipient** Jan Martínez Ahrens, Deputy Director and Managing Editor, EL PAÍS

Presentation of the **Edouard Saouma Award** to:  
Ministry of National Food Security and Research, Pakistan  
**Recipient** Khurshid Ahmad, Animal Husbandry Commissioner

Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda  
**Recipient** H.E. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture  
and Animal Resources

Presentation of the **Margarita Lizárraga Medal Award** to:  
The research vessel Dr Fridtjof Nansen of the Norwegian Agency for  
Development Cooperation  
**Recipient** H.E. Inge Nordang, Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of Norway to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Presentation of the **Jacques Diouf Award** to:  
Group of parliamentarians and former parliamentarians in Chile  
**Recipient** Senator Guido Girardi, author of the law on Food Labelling and  
Advertising

Presentation of the **International Innovation Award  
for Sustainable Food and Agriculture**

Remarks by H.E. Ambassador François Pythoud, Permanent Representative  
of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Practical Action, Bangladesh  
**Recipient** Azm Nazmul Islam Chowdhury, Strategic Lead Agriculture

Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola (Imaflora), Brazil  
**Recipient** Ana Patrícia Cota Gomes, Manager

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Nigeria  
**Recipient** Evelyn O. Ohanwusi, Interim Head Youth in Agribusiness Office

Moderator closes ceremony

*Interpretation available in all FAO languages.*  
The Awards ceremony will be followed by light refreshments  
in the Aventino Room, 8th floor

## FAO CONFERENCE AWARDS

### B.R. SEN AWARD

Winner 2017 | **Serge Tissot** is recognized for his outstanding leadership, which  
contributed to the remarkable transformation of the agricultural sector in South  
Sudan, one of the hardest operating environments in the world.

Winner 2018 | **Salah El Hajj Hassan** is nominated for his exceptional  
contribution to addressing food security, rural development and humanitarian  
challenges in conflict-affected Yemen.

### A.H. BOERMA AWARD

Winner 2019 | The **editorial team of EL PAÍS** for its active and consistent  
communication of important issues affecting global hunger, malnutrition and  
sustainable development. EL PAÍS has shown great commitment to raising awareness  
on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### EDOUARD SAOUMA AWARD

Winners 2019 | The **Ministry of National Food Security and Research,  
Development of National Control Program for Foot and Mouth Disease  
in Pakistan** is awarded for their effective model for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)  
control in Pakistan which triggered a large-scale vaccination campaign and built the  
capacities of a network of laboratories across the country.

Winners 2019 | The **Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources,  
Strengthening youth roles and access in the Agricultural sector  
in Rwanda** is recognized for its exceptional approach to tackling youth  
unemployment and the challenges faced by youth in agriculture through the Rwanda  
Youth in Agribusiness (RYAF).

### MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL AWARD

Winner 2019 | The **research vessel Dr Fridtjof Nansen of the Norwegian  
Agency for Development Cooperation** is awarded for its work in the  
application of the Ecosystem Approach for Fisheries.

### JACQUES DIOUF AWARD

Winners 2019 | **Group of parliamentarians and former parliamentarians  
in Chile for spearheading the Law on Food Labelling and Advertising.** The  
Law represents an outstanding example of ambitious policy change supported by the  
mobilization of a wide range of actors such as consumers, science and academia.

## INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD

Winners 2019 | **Practical Action**, Bangladesh, is recognized for empowering  
landless and marginalized farmers through "sandbar cropping" and connecting  
growers to buyers both in domestic and export markets.

Winners 2019 | **Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola**  
(Imaflora), Brazil, is commended for successfully creating a digital platform and  
brand "Origens Brasil" that links indigenous groups in Amazonia to new markets.

Winners 2019 | The **International Institute Tropical Agriculture (IITA)**,  
Nigeria, is awarded for establishing an agribusiness incubation program - IITA  
Youth Agripreneurs.

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