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Report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award 2022

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the General Assembly the report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The report covers the year 2022 and was prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112.

* [A/77/50](#).



Report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award on the United Nations Population Award 2022

I. Introduction

1. On 17 December 1981, the General Assembly adopted resolution [36/201](#), entitled “Establishment of the United Nations Population Award”. The Award is presented annually to an individual or individuals, to an institution or institutions, or to any combination thereof, for the most outstanding contribution to increasing awareness of population questions or to finding solutions to them.
2. The Committee for the United Nations Population Award selects the laureates for the Award. The Committee is composed of representatives of 10 States Members of the United Nations, elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of three years. The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund acts as Secretary of the Committee and submits to the General Assembly an annual report on the Award and the trust fund of the Award.
3. In its decision 41/445, the General Assembly amended article 2, paragraph 1, of the regulations governing the Award, so that an individual and an institution could share the award.
4. In its decision 1987/129, the Economic and Social Council amended the rules of procedure of the Committee accordingly.
5. The current elected members of the Committee (until 31 December 2024) are Bulgaria, Côte d’Ivoire, Indonesia, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritania, Portugal and Trinidad and Tobago.
6. During its organizational meeting, held on 20 January 2022, the Committee elected the Permanent Representative of Lebanon, Amal Mudallali, as Chair for 2022.

II. United Nations Population Award 2022

7. The Committee received 13 nominations from qualified nominators for the 2022 Award, of which 7 were for the individual category and 6 for the institutional category. The Committee selected Emma Inamutla Theofelus (Namibia) in the individual category and the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia in the institutional category.

A. Individual category

8. The Committee selected Emma Inamutla Theofelus in recognition of her significant contributions as an advocate for adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and her leadership in the national public communication campaign on preventive steps against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Namibia.
9. She is lauded for her pioneering work to address the enormous regional and class disparities with regard to teenage childbearing, as well as her leadership in incorporating youth-friendly perspectives into communication efforts aimed at her country’s adolescents.

B. Institutional category

10. The Committee selected the National Population and Family Planning Board in recognition of its significant contributions to implementing family planning initiatives in Indonesia to bring about a substantial decline in fertility since the 1970s and developing the “Active ageing” programme for families living with and caring for older persons.

11. Furthermore, the Board is commended for organizing an extensive one-day campaign for the provision of family planning services during the pandemic that set a world record (1 million acceptors in one day) and has become a global best practice model in family planning activities.

III. Financial matters

12. As at 15 June 2022, the balance of the trust fund of the Award was \$1,807,641.19. The net cumulative interest income will be \$84,589.19, with the final amount to be known and applied towards the end of February 2023. Expenditure in 2022, including prizes awarded to the two laureates, totalled \$49,396.73.
