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United Nations Population Award 2019

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 2019 and was prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112.

* [A/74/150](#).



Report of the Secretary of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award on the United Nations Population Award 2019

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 United Nations Population Award.
3. In its decision 41/445, the General Assembly amended article 2, paragraph 1, of the regulations governing the United Nations Population 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 for the Population Award accordingly.
5. The current elected members of the Committee (until 31 December 2021) are Côte d’Ivoire, Fiji, the Gambia, Iceland, Indonesia, Lebanon, Liberia, Panama and Romania.
6. During its organizational meeting, held on 22 March 2019, the Committee elected Ion Jinga (Romania) as Chair for 2019.

II. United Nations Population Award 2019

7. The Committee received 15 nominations from qualified nominators for the 2019 Award. Of these, 5 were for the individual category and 10 were for the institutional category. On 2 May 2019, in accordance with the mandate given by the General Assembly, after a thorough review of the nominations, the Committee selected Mamadou Tangara of the Gambia in the individual category and, in the institutional category, the National Peace Hut Women of Liberia.

A. Individual category

8. The Committee selected Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad, in recognition of his commitment to promoting peace, sustainable development and diplomacy.
9. He was recognized for his use of diplomacy in both the global and the national arenas which helped to prevent conflict in the Gambia; his engagement of the non-violent youth movement in building and sustaining peace in the Gambia in the wake of political uncertainty to safeguard the population and avert humanitarian crisis; and his unwavering advocacy for the principles of good governance and the rule of law with the aim of ensuring that the collective will of all Gambians form the basis of economic development and well-being in the Gambia.

B. Institutional category

10. The Committee for the United Nations Population Award 2019 selected the National Peace Hut Women of Liberia in the institutional category.

11. The National Peace Hut Women of Liberia was selected in recognition of its significant contributions to conflict resolution and peacebuilding, most particularly in the area of prevention and advocacy to end sexual- and gender-based violence; women's empowerment and participation in political spheres; reintegration of victims of rape and violence, and child soldiers, into their communities; and reunification of Liberia in the aftermath of civil war.

III. Financial matters

12. As at 31 December 2018, the trust fund of the United Nations Population Award had a total fund balance of \$1,723,300.00. Interest income in 2018 was \$30,464.92. Expenditures in 2019, including prizes awarded to the two laureates, totalled \$53,257.00.
