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The Aswan Forum Award on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development

Concept Note



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Background

The African continent is endowed with rich human and natural resources, representing enormous political and economic potential. Home to some of the world's fastest growing economies and the youngest population worldwide, Africa's real potential remains untapped. Confronted with a myriad of risks and threats to peace, security and development, as well as concurrent global shocks and overlapping crises, African countries find themselves grappling to address the detrimental impacts of these interconnected crises on their economies and societies, ensure hard-won development gains are not lost, and promote peace and stability across the continent.

Amidst this complex landscape, Africa's leadership and ownership is indispensable. It is, indeed, the responsibility of this generation of African leaders, policymakers and intellectuals to provide the home-grown solutions that the continent so urgently needs, to secure the future for generations to come. They have time and again showcased the continent's ability to substantively and meaningfully reshape important global discussions that have direct bearing on its peace and prosperity, from conflict resolution and peacebuilding to climate diplomacy and trade –among others.

In the context of H.E. President AbdelFattah el-Sisi's Championship of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) in Africa, Egypt launched the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development during its Presidency of the African Union in 2019. The forum is a high-level platform that advances home-grown solutions to address the challenges facing the African continent by strengthening interlinkages between peace, security and development through long-term innovative solutions and robust partnerships.

PCRD has always been a key priority of the Aswan Forum deliberations and has featured prominently across its successive editions, as well as its preparatory process. During the forum's inaugural edition, the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Sameh Shoukry, and the Chairperson of the AU Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, signed the African Union Center for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (AUC-PCRD) hosting agreement. The Forum has also contributed to the operationalization of the AU PCRD policy; including through the first AU workshop on the Review of the AU PCRD Policy, and co-hosting the second workshop in Cairo in May 2023 in partnership with the African Union Commission and the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; which finalized the review process of the Policy document. The review process has effectively widened the scope of AU PCRD activities to cover the entire conflict cycle, namely pre-conflict, conflict, and post-conflict, and culminated in the endorsement of the Policy at the Heads of State and Government at the AU Summit in February 2024.

Building on this, and in the lead up to the Fourth Edition of the Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development, titled: **"Africa in a Changing World: Re-envisioning Global Governance for Peace & Development"**, scheduled to take place in Cairo on 2-3 July 2024, the Aswan Forum is launching "The Aswan Forum Award for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD)" to recognise and bring forward African-owned innovative solutions and responses to the continent's most pressing peace, security and development challenges.

Target Group & Eligibility Criteria

The Aswan Forum Award for Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development honors an African individual (leader, policy-maker, practitioner, community leader), organization, initiative or project that has made a substantial contribution to the pursuit of peace, security and development in their respective community, country, region, or issue area. It aims to contribute to bridging the gap between policy and practice.

Thematic areas of the award are anchored in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, by implementing projects that address challenges to peace

and security, with a focus on conflict prevention, peacebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction and development, governance, security, combating terrorism, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, transitional justice and reconciliation, women and youth, humanitarian and emergency assistance, and environmental action, with careful consideration to be given to initiatives that integrate a gender and youth-sensitive lens.



How to Apply

Nominations for the 2024 Aswan Forum Award for Post-Conflict Reconstruction & Development (PCRD) are now open. Candidates who fit the eligibility criteria can nominate themselves/their institutions for the award through filling the nomination form available below. Nominations should be submitted by email to secretariat@aswanforum.org by 24 June 2024.

Selection Process & Announcement

Nominations will be reviewed by the Forum's Secretariat, who will shortlist and identify finalists. Finalist nominations will then be screened by a top-tier selection committee composed of a number of African and international officials, public figures, and experts who will determine the recipient of the award.

The Award shall be presented during the Fourth Edition of the Aswan Forum in Cairo (2-3 July 2024). Recipients of the award will have the opportunity to present their work/initiative at the Forum's Fourth Edition, to the different leaders and policymakers present. The forum will provide an opportunity for recipients to take forward their work through effective cooperation and partnerships, enhanced visibility, as well as technical support from the Aswan Forum Secretariat and partners present.



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