



**Zayed Award for Human Fraternity**  
**Invitation to Nominate**  
**Submissions Phase: 19<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

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H.E. Prof. Azza Karam,

The Zayed Award for Human Fraternity seeks to honour the legacy of the founder of the United Arab Emirates by celebrating people everywhere who embody through their work his lifelong commitment to human fraternity. Inspired by the principles and values of the historic Document on Human Fraternity, the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity is the world's first international award dedicated to recognizing individuals and entities that are actively pursuing a global path towards peaceful co-existence and human fraternity.

Following its establishment, in 2019, to coincide with the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity, the award's first two honorary recipients were the Document's co-signees – **His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar**. From the 2021 edition, this will become an annual prize, open to any person, organization or entity – worldwide – that demonstrates they meet the criteria for the award.

**Nominee Criteria**

Nominees may be an individuals or a collective making outstanding contributions to promoting the principles outlined within the Document on Human Fraternity. Any individual or collective meeting the criteria for the award may have a qualified nominator submit a nomination. An invitation by the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity is not required.

**Nominators**

While any person or entity may be nominated, nominators must possess profound insights on initiatives related to humanitarian, political, social, literary, cultural, and artistic ideas that augment cooperation between individuals, agencies, and governments in their respective countries or regions.

**HCHF Invitation**

The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) has the privilege to invite you to become a crucial participant, at the highest level of this global award, by nominating one or more candidates for the 2021 edition of the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity.

**Qualified Nominators**

Zayed Award for Human Fraternity nominators may be:

- Members of governments of sovereign states and current or former heads of state
- Members of Parliaments
- Presidents of Supreme Courts
- Members of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity



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- United Nations senior executives
- Heads of international NGOs
- University presidents
- Past awardees of the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity
- Influential public figures, spiritual leaders, and intellectuals

#### **Submitting a Nomination**

Nominations are submitted via the [official Zayed Award for Human Fraternity website: https://www.zayedaward.org/](https://www.zayedaward.org/)

The process is simple. Once you have registered your intent to nominate, you can upload documentation confirming your eligibility. The next step is to upload your nomination details, along with official documentation that provides the justification for your nomination. This includes a CV, a description of the work and impact of the nominee/nominees, together with names of distinguished specialists in the field who may be contacted for an independent opinion. Self-nominations will not be considered.

#### **Submissions Phase**

In order to be considered for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity 2021, nominations may be submitted from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (23:59hrs GMT). Nominations received after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 will be considered for the 2022 edition.

Yours Sincerely,  
Judge Mohamed Abdulsalam  
Secretary General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a cursive name.

Biography of Professor Azza Karam PhD:

Prof. Dr. Azza Karam serves as the Secretary General of *Religions for Peace* – the largest multi-religious leadership platform with 90 national and 6 regional Interreligious Councils.

Azza Karam is a Professor of Religion and Development at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, in The Netherlands – of which she is a citizen.

She has served as a Senior Advisor on Culture, at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) since 2007; and as Coordinator/Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development; where she coordinated engagement with members of a Global Interfaith Network for Population and Development with over 600 faith-based organizations from all regions of the world, representing all religions and interreligious affiliations. She was the Lead Facilitator for the United Nations' Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development and Diplomacy, building on a legacy of serving as a trainer cum facilitator of inter-cultural leadership and management in the Arab region as well as Europe and Central Asia.

She served as the President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations in 2003, and has supported the founding of numerous interreligious networks including the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI – 2013), the Moral Imperative (2015) and the International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD – 2016). She is also a member of the Trans-Atlantic Partnership for Religion and Diplomacy (TPNRD).

Professor Karam has served in different positions in the United Nations since 2004, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations since the early 1990s, such as International IDEA, the OSCE, and *Religions for Peace* (RfP). Simultaneously, she lectured in various academic institutions in Europe, in North America (including the United States Military Academy/West Point), Africa and the Middle East.

Her Ph.D. in 1996, focused on Political Islam, and became her first book in Arabic (her mother tongue) and in English. She has since published widely, and in several languages, on international political dynamics, including democratization, human rights, peace and security, gender, religious engagement, and sustainable development. She was born in Egypt, and now lives in the United States.