

## The Doha International Award for Interfaith Dialogue (2018)

The **Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID)** announces *The Fourth Doha International Award for Interfaith Dialogue: 2018*. The award will be presented to the selected recipients at the 13th Doha Interfaith Dialogue Conference on 20-21 February 2018 in Doha, Qatar.

It is no secret that human rights violations are rampant throughout today's world. Human rights violations come in many forms. They occur due to numerous conflicts and wars that are taking place. They also occur due to poverty, ignorance, or political upheavals. Human trafficking, suppression, exclusion, illegal siege, and detentions add to this unending list.

There is no dispute that Allah's honoring of man, and commanding him to preserve his rights, is consistent and authentic in all heavenly laws. Religious teaching on human rights precedes international laws and covenants. It is an affirmation that religions, and their principles, are an important stronghold whose role and impact we must not lose sight of in addressing human rights issues. It has become evident that human rights violations are a major issue not only in international legislation but also in religious texts and principles. Addressing human rights violations requires serious work through shared efforts of civil institutions and religious leaders. Legislation and laws meet in the hearts and minds of institutions and leaders who realize that stability, comprehensive peace, and humanitarian compassion can only be achieved through the guarantee of every individual's basic human rights. Many religious leaders and civil institutions who are on the right track to achieve that goal. However, through the cooperation of efforts more can be achieved.

Therefore, the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) has decided to dedicate the 2018 Fourth Doha International Award for Interfaith Dialogue to:

**"Successful experiences of religious leaders and human rights institutions in addressing human rights violations."**

### **Award Objectives:**

1. Support the move of leaders and officials towards the use of religious values and teachings to enact laws that address human rights violations
2. Utilize religious values to address human rights issues and violations suffered by humanity
3. Expand the circle of dialogue to include all those interested in the relationship between religious values and human rights issues
4. Provide and exchange information, and successful experiences, in the field of human rights and addressing its issues
5. Honor the most dedicated and creative people and institutions in the service of human rights
6. Encourage relevant researchers and specialized institutions to interact productively to protect human rights and find solutions to address their violations

### **Award Categories:**

The 2018 award will be granted in the following two categories:

#### **1. Distinguished Institution(s):**

This award is for a distinguished institution (s) that has worked on a project to address human rights violations or has contributed actively to the education and awareness of individuals on how to address human rights violations.

#### **2. Distinguished Individual(s):**

This award is for a distinguished individual(s) who has worked on a successful project to address human rights violations or has contributed actively to education and awareness of how to address human rights violations.

### **Award Nominee Requirements:**

#### **Nominated institutions:**

- Established for a minimum of three years and still active at time of nomination
- Must be a non-political entity
- Devotes a substantial portion of its activities to human rights
- Have a positive community impact
- Has shown a visible course of development
- Disseminates human rights information in various sectors of the society
- Completed work or project that protects human rights

#### **Nominated individuals:**

- Be known for integrity and persistence
- Distinguished in the field of human rights
- Does not hold a leadership position in a political party
- Has published work or carried out activities that are directly related to interfaith dialogue
- Devoted part of their work to the relationship between religions and human rights

### **Nomination Procedures:**

- Individuals or groups can submit nominations.
- Nominations are to be submitted via email.
- Nominations must be in Arabic or English.
- Nominations should be between four thousand and seven thousand words.
- Evidence to support the nomination, such as studies, publications, or films, should be included in the nomination submission.

**Award Value:**

The award amount is **\$100,000 USD**.

In addition, winners will receive medals and certificates from the DICID.

**Awarding Committee:**

The Award's Board of Trustees (ABOT) supervises the award.

The AABOT is a specialized committee of religious scholars from the Islamic, Christian, and Jewish faiths and officials from DICID.

The AABOT meets throughout the year to accomplish the following:

- (A) To announce the award
- (B) Approve the award's subject and conditions
- (C) To select the award judges
- (D) To announce the award winner based on the recommendation of the judges

**Judges:**

The Award's Board of Trustees selects the most qualified judges for the year's award from all over the world. The names of the judges are confidential.

The main tasks of the judges include:

- Review each nomination and accompanying materials
- Rate each nomination based on strict scientific criteria
- Submit detailed confidential reports and recommendations, in a sealed envelope, to the ABOT for each nomination

**Award Guidelines:**

- The award winner is not eligible to be nominated for any future awards.
- The award may be withheld if submitted work does not meet award quality standards.
- The name of the winning institution and individual will be announced at the 13th Annual Conference of Interfaith Dialogue Conference to be held from 20-21 February, 2018.
- The winners are given an opportunity to present a summary of their winning work or project to the conference participants.
- The materials submitted for publication, whether winning or not, will be published on the Center's website or in one of its publications.
- Nominees are invited to submit their work to be presented at the Center's annual conference.
- The nominated individual or entity shall not be a member of the BOD or advisory board of the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue.

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All nominations should be sent to the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue at:

[dohaAward2018@dicid.org](mailto:dohaAward2018@dicid.org)

**Nomination Deadline for the 2018 Fourth Doha International Award for Interfaith Dialogue:**

**December 31, 2017 at 2:00pm (GMT)**

For more information, please visit the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue website:  
[www.dicid.org](http://www.dicid.org)