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14 April 2015 – The first [UN Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize](#) has opened its call for nominations. Presented once every five years, the Prize is a tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of two individuals (one female and one male). Nominations must be sent to the UN Secretariat by May 18, 2015.

The Prize recognizes the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity in the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and in community development, guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

To be awarded to each winner in recognition of the humility of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the Prize shall be a plaque engraved with an appropriate citation and a relevant quotation.

In doing so, the Prize honours and pays homage to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's extraordinary life and legacy of reconciliation, political transition and social transformation.

Eligibility and conditions

Eligibility for the Prize is based on the achievements of the candidates, as mentioned above.

However, no current staff member of any organization of the United Nations system shall be eligible for the Prize.

Moreover, winners will include one female and one male laureate, who shall not be selected from the same geographic region.

More information on the selection process can be found [here](#) .

How to submit a nomination

To submit a nomination, please download the [nomination form](#) .

Nominations must be sent **in English** to the Secretariat by email at: mandelaprize@un.org .

The deadline for receiving nominations is **May 18, 2015**.

The individuals who are to receive the Prize shall be announced in the course of June 2015,

with the first prizes awarded at UN Headquarters in New York during the commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18.

Take action!

Looking ahead to Nelson Mandela International Day, you can take action!

Can you spare 67 minutes of your time helping others?

Every year, on Mandela Day, people around the world are asked by the Nelson Mandela Foundation to do just that.

By devoting 67 minutes of their time – one minute for every year of Mr. Mandela’s public service – people can make a small gesture of solidarity with humanity and a step towards a global movement for good.

To discover more on what you can do, please [consult the following website](#) .