

Tanzanian Professor wins sustainable development award

Former executive director of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme, UN HABITAT, Professor Anna Tibaijuka, has been awarded the 'His Royal Highness H.R.H Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Award for Sustainable Development', becoming the first woman to receive the award now in its third anniversary.



HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Professor Anna Tibaijuka.

The award is given to individuals or institutions who are actively involved in actualising the Sustainable Development Goals and is meant to motivate them to commit extra efforts at national, regional and international levels to achieve the award's noble humanitarian goals.

Professor Tibaijuka was selected in recognition of her role and contribution, through the posts she has held previously, that have advanced sustainable urban development, in addition to efforts she has championed in consolidating cooperation among various countries across the world, which have seen her recognised by governments, international and academic institutions.

These achievements tie with the award's objectives of achieving development projects by individuals and institutions and succeeding in providing creative solutions that contribute to achieving sustainable development.

"I thank Your Royal Highness for this recognition and promise that in return I shall continue to work hard in pursuit of the noble goals of the Award, namely, helping communities attain sustainable development," said Professor Tibaijuka on

receiving the news.

The award will be presented to Prof Tibaijuka during a ceremony to be held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, today, September 23, 2016, on the sidelines of the 71st UN General Assembly session, under the theme: 'The Sustainable Development Goals: a universal push to transform our world'.

Previous winners of the award include 'The Green Brigade' Project in Burkina Faso in 2008 - an initiative that has sought to improve the city environment while providing secure employment to a group of more than 1200, majority of who are breadwinners, through cleaning of streets and public places.

In 2010, the Brazilian Bento Rubião Foundation's 'Right to Land and Right to Housing' programme in 2010 was recognised for its role in offering construction skills to residents especially women who have gone on to obtain formal employment in the construction industry.

Through the award, all individual and collective initiatives aimed at achieving the aspirations for sustainable urban development, are encouraged.

The award also embodies a vision at a global level regarding the need to achieve sustainable urban development and promotes the development culture among all communities, especially in developing countries, supporting all international efforts aimed at improving the living conditions worldwide and embodies his support to all global sustainable development initiatives.

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