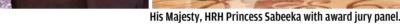






women's forward march





sion-making and activating their national specificity.

participation in public life.

ment at the political level, deci- experiences, taking into account to activate its role and to accept support for the award since it tributions to women advance- and Bahraini Women's Day

He stressed Bahrain will re- Ibrahim Al Khalifa voiced grat- and boosting the homeland's ago. main committed to its policy of itude for the royal support to the international standing.

to sustain women's advance- openness to global development SCW, which has been a motive

national responsibilities in the was launched at the national ment. HRH Princess Sabeeka bint areas of women's advancement level by a royal order 14 years

HRH the Princess commend- tion coincides with parliamen- action.

She also underlined the royal ed the jury members' rich contary and municipal elections that will celebrate their con-She explained that the forum tributions to the development on women's political participa- of legislative and municipal

'Award in line with SDGs set by United Nations'



Dr Helen Clark





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The head and members of the international jury of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment affirmed that Bahrain has achieved important milestone when it comes to the empowerment of women.

The head jury, the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, and jury members said the award aims to achieve gender equality and is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, underlining that the Sarah Bern directives and sponsorship of HM the King's Wife and the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women at Supreme Council of Women (SCW) HRH the same venue on March, 2019. Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa to launch the award has contributed to the promotion of the noble goals of

They added that 1,800 submissions in different fields. were received from international governmental, private and non-government effective global tool to achieve gender organisations (NGO)s this year.

United Nations Headquarters in March, the kingdom to serve the same goals by 2017, and the winners of this year's edi- eradicating gender discrimination with tion will be announced during the an-regard to wages, job promotions and nual assembly of the United Nations basic rights.



Prof Mustafa El Fegi



Dr Mlambo-Ngcuka said the UN's adoption of the award reflected the ca-

a path for the empowerment of women Dr Helen Clark, said the award is an equality and serves the UN's SDGs, add-The award was first announced at the ing that it showcases the efforts paid by

pability of the Kingdom to efficiently set

from international governmental, private and non-government organisations for the award this year.

be announced in March will represent models in their countries and around the world in the area of adopting the best practices in the field of gender equality and empowerment of women.

scored that all the participants in the en's Empowerment, the Kingdom has award will benefit from the standards and values it introduces, eventually efforts and endeavours in the field of contributing to the efforts of women women empowerment," Prof El Feqi empowerment, motivation and encouragement in their local communities.

She pointed out that the winning president of the UN General Assembly in al co-operation and co-ordination to

worldwide to take up such a position, said the award reflects an international recognition of the noble efforts dedicated by the Kingdom of Bahrain to serve all different types of women cases, challenging the global obstacles of empowering women and integrating them within the process of nations' development.

Prof Paulson stressed that the participants in the award shed light on the brave efforts paid by women across the globe to highlight their cases and call for acknowledgment of their rights.

Prof El Feqi stated that the award reflects the commitment of the Kingdom to global development and stability and that the Kingdom recognises that the empowerment of all women is truly a global task and a common challenge that needs to be addressed throughout

"Through Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibra-At the same time, Dr Clark under- him Al Khalifa Global Award for Womgained international recognition of its said.

Sarah Bern, the award director, said Shaikha Haya, who was elected as the that the award reflected internation-



submissions were received

institutions and individuals that will 2006/2007, becoming the third women achieve the goal of gender equality.