

women's forward march



His Majesty receives Prof El Feqi.



His Majesty, HRH Princess Sabeeka with award jury panel.

to sustain women's advancement at the political level, decision-making and activating their participation in public life. He stressed Bahrain will remain committed to its policy of

openness to global development experiences, taking into account national specificity. HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa voiced gratitude for the royal support to the

SCW, which has been a motive to activate its role and to accept national responsibilities in the areas of women's advancement and boosting the homeland's international standing.

She also underlined the royal support for the award since it was launched at the national level by a royal order 14 years ago. HRH the Princess commended

the jury members' rich contributions to women advancement. She explained that the forum on women's political participation coincides with parliamen-

tary and municipal elections and Bahraini Women's Day that will celebrate their contributions to the development of legislative and municipal action.

'Award in line with SDGs set by United Nations'



Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka



Dr Helen Clark



Antonio Patriota



Mohamed Al Nasiri



Shaikha Haya bint Rashid Al Khalifa

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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 directives and sponsorship of HM the King's Wife and the Chairperson of the Supreme Council of Women (SCW) HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa to launch the award has contributed to the promotion of the noble goals of the award.

They added that 1,800 submissions were received from international governmental, private and non-government organisations (NGO)s this year.

The award was first announced at the United Nations Headquarters in March, 2017, and the winners of this year's edition will be announced during the annual assembly of the United Nations



Sarah Bern



Prof Mustafa El Feqi



Marike Paulsson

Commission on the Status of Women at the same venue on March, 2019.

Dr Mlambo-Ngcuka said the UN's adoption of the award reflected the capability of the Kingdom to efficiently set a path for the empowerment of women in different fields.

Dr Helen Clark, said the award is an effective global tool to achieve gender equality and serves the UN's SDGs, adding that it showcases the efforts paid by the kingdom to serve the same goals by eradicating gender discrimination with regard to wages, job promotions and basic rights.

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She pointed out that the winning institutions and individuals that will

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.

At the same time, Dr Clark underscored that all the participants in the award will benefit from the standards and values it introduces, eventually contributing to the efforts of women empowerment, motivation and encouragement in their local communities.

Shaikha Haya, who was elected as the president of the UN General Assembly in 2006/2007, becoming the third women

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 Paulsson 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 the world.

"Through Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Global Award for Women's Empowerment, the Kingdom has gained international recognition of its efforts and endeavours in the field of women empowerment," Prof El Feqi said.

Sarah Bern, the award director, said that the award reflected international co-operation and co-ordination to achieve the goal of gender equality.