



Call for International Prize by Onassis Foundation directed to Civil Society organizations

The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, in view of its active involvement with the organization of the Civil Society Days of the 3rd Global Forum on Migration and Development 2009, in Greece and in accordance with the goals set forth by its founder, Aristotle Onassis, for the awarding of International Prizes, has decided to launch

the "Hestia" Onassis International Prize in Immigrant Integration and Human Development.

The Prize is a three year commitment of the Onassis Foundation and will be accompanied by a monetary award of EUR 50,000 per year. It will recognize a deserving and exceptional Immigrant Integration and Human Development initiative of a Civil Society Organization, team or individual based and acting, for 2009, in Greece, which is the host country for the 3rd Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

For the next two years, the Prize will be awarded to a Civil Society Organization, team or individual based and acting in the region of the GFMD host country, notably Latin America for Mexico (2010) and Europe for Spain (2011).

With this initiative, the Onassis Foundation confirms its lasting interest and strong commitment to this crucial social challenge.

Integration: the key for a successful migration policy – While heated political debates usually focus on immigration legislation and its reform, issues of immigrant integration often remain in the shadows. Integration issues are crucial for migrants themselves but also for the receiving society at large. Successful immigrant integration can have an impact on countries of origin too. It is important to shed light on the work and efforts directed towards making stronger, more unified and successful communities of mutual understanding between natives and immigrants, communities offering opportunities for individual success and collective prosperity.

The importance of migrant groups' initiatives - Migrant groups and communities exemplify a strong tendency for mutual help facilitating social integration and contributing, thus, to social cohesion. Solidarity in practice involves not only actions directed to newly arrived people from the same country of origin, but also covering a broader array of actions aimed at the emancipation and empowerment of migrants in their host countries. Greece is a relatively new migrant destination. Nevertheless, over the past few decades, immigrants have established organizations that go beyond strategies of immediate survival and individual solidarity; they have gradually transformed into vibrant links contributing to a better understanding of the complex issues involved as well as the empowerment of vulnerable groups by voicing their concerns and building alliances of mutual trust and support within the society.

Human development is understood here in its wider meaning as adopted by the UNDP, notably as a process of enlarging people's choices by expanding human capabilities and functionings. Human development thus includes the social, cultural and economic development of migrants and their families but also the impact that such development has on wider groups, communities, and countries.

By launching this Prize, the Onassis Foundation wishes not only to acknowledge this useful role but also enhance it even further by means of providing material support for further initiatives and by publicizing good practices that form the necessary pool of respect, understanding and good intentions required to tackle the issues of social integration. The award is meant to support the efforts of non governmental organizations and groups and develop their capacities to lead initiatives that encourage the human development of migrants and their families.

It is meant to take into consideration not only individual successful projects but also the beneficial impact of continuing efforts stemming from a general profile conducive to building trust and strengthening social solidarity and integration in the society at large.

Such organization profile and/or initiatives/projects should:

1. be initiated and implemented by civil society organisations;
2. strengthen the voice and citizen participation of migrant communities;
3. create links between migrant communities and their immediate environment;
4. facilitate concrete responses to specific problems experienced by migrants in general and by the more vulnerable migrant groups such as women, disabled persons, children, older people etc;
5. bring about a collective benefit to groups and communities as well as an individual benefit to specific people and their families;
6. generate a multiplier effect in order to provide a source of inspiration for others.

Candidates to apply for 2009

Candidates for 2009 can be civil society organizations, associations or groups of citizens or individuals dealing with migrant integration and human development issues, **established in Greece**. Actual or previous experience of partnerships between the applicant individual or organization and other associations, schools, local authorities or other actors is considered to

strengthen the application. There will be no priority in favour of any particular country of origin that a given migrant organization may represent or work with.

Selection criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. importance of the issue dealt with or need addressed by the project
2. innovative character of the activity/ies undertaken
3. impact of the activity (people reached, output achieved at the individual and collective level)
4. influence during and beyond the life of the activity

In particular:

Importance refers to how significant is the issue, population coverage or practice that the initiative/group addresses.

Questions to consider:

- What is the concern that your organization/initiative seeks to address? Which needs do you seek to meet?
- How is the initiative or group activities critical to the integration of immigrants and native-born communities, and the human development of migrants and their families?
- Which aspects of your initiatives/activities make your contribution especially valuable?

Innovative approach refers to the perceived institutional or policy gap addressed for the benefit of migrants.

Questions to consider:

- What core elements of your approach are particularly innovative?
- What is the value added of your actions and initiatives that would inspire others to imitate?

Impact refers to the effectiveness of the initiative/activities in achieving immigrant integration outcomes.

Questions to consider:

- What did you set out to accomplish?
- To what extent have you succeeded?
- What specific and measurable results can you provide to show individual, family or broader community development outcomes?
- To what extent have your actions/initiatives resulted in positive changes in policies and practices?

Influence refers to the extent to which the actions and initiatives taken are likely to influence the efforts of others.

Questions to consider:

- To what extent have your actions and initiatives influenced others in your community or field, as well as other communities or fields?
- Do you believe that your initiatives can be successfully replicated elsewhere by others?

Time schedule

- Launch of the call for candidates: Thursday, October 15, 2009
- Deadline for submission of applications: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 by 12:00 noon
- Announcement of final decision: Tuesday, 3 November 3, 2009

Selection procedure and Prize Committee

After closure of the application deadline, the Onassis Foundation will hand out the applications to the Prize Committee. This Committee is composed by 3 representatives of the Onassis Foundation and by 3 independent academic experts and is chaired by Ms Marianna Moschou.

The Prize Committee examines the submissions and shortlists up to 5 initiatives. The short listing will be accompanied by an evaluation report of up to 2 pages which will evaluate each project on the basis of the criteria mentioned above.

Shortlisted applications will be passed to the GFMD CSD International Advisory Committee (IAC) for the final selection of the winning project. The GFMD CSD International Advisory Committee members are selected by the Organizing Committee of each CSD.

The decision for the winner project will be announced at the last day of the CSD, notably this year on 3 November 2009 at an award ceremony at Astir Palace Hotel.

For 2009 the IAC is composed by the following members:

1. Professor Fransisco Alba, Professor, El Colegio de Mexico
2. Professor Richard Black, Professor of Human Geography, University of Sussex
3. Mr Chad Bolick, Director CSR Strategy, Business for Social Responsibility (BSR)
4. Mr Donald Flynn, Director of the Migrants' Rights Network
5. Ms Vicky Garchitorea, President, Ayala Foundation
6. Mr Syed Saiful Haque, Chairman, WARBE Development Foundation, Bangladesh
7. Professor Binod Khadria, Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
8. Ms Jin Sook Lee, Project Coordinator for the migration project of the Asia Pacific regional office of the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI)
9. Ms Martina Liebsch, Advocacy Coordinator, Caritas Internationalis
10. Mr Gregory Maniatis, Senior European Policy Fellow, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

11. Professor Susan Martin, Donald G. Herzberg Associate Professor of International Migration, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
12. Ms Neha Misra, Senior Program Officer - Africa & Global Coordinator-Human Trafficking & Migrant Workers Programs, Solidarity Center
13. Mr Awil Mohamoud, Founder and Executive Director of the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC), The Netherlands
14. Mr Colin Rajah, International Migrants Rights & Global Justice Program Director, National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (NNIRR)
15. Dr Dilip Ratha , Senior Economist, Migration and Remittances Team, Development Prospects Group, The World Bank (Washington D.C.)
16. Ms Kamalam Panicker, Director, Equality Department International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
17. Ms Doris Peschke, General Secretary, Churches' Commission on Migration in Europe (CCME)
18. Ms Khady Sakho Niang, President of the FES (Foundation of Emigrated Senegalese or Senegalese Overseas Foundation), France
19. Mr Mario Santillo, Director, Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos, Buenos Aires
20. Ms Angelica Salas, Director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
21. Professor Kostis Vaitsos, Professor of Political Economy, University of Athens

How to apply

- Application forms can be downloaded from www.gfmd2009.org or www.onassis.gr .
- Application forms must be completely filled out, **in English only**.
- Application forms and any supporting material should be submitted **electronically only**, to the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation at hestia.prize@gfmd2009.org. **Applications sent by post will not be accepted.**
- Please note that the size of the email message, including the application and all supporting material, **must not exceed 1MB**.
- Deadline for submission: **Tuesday, October 27, 2009 by 12:00 noon**.
- For queries, please contact Ms Marianna Logiadou (tel.: + 30 210 37 13 011)

