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AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATION

AU-TWAS YOUNG SCIENTISTS NATIONAL AWARD

PREAMBLE

The African Union Commission (AUC), and TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world, considering the necessity of recognizing and awarding young talented scientists living and working in Africa, have decided to join efforts and provide financial assistance to national scientific organizations including National Science Academies, Research Councils and Ministries of Science and Technology in Africa to enable them to institute a scheme of Awards in their respective countries, namely the "AU-TWAS Young Scientists National Award".

This new initiative, to be implemented from 2010, has been developed from the TWAS Prize to Young Scientists in developing countries.

ARTICLE 1

Definition

In this agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Commission", means the African Union Commission

"TWAS", the academy of sciences for the developing world

"The Awarding National Scientific Organization" means the organizations who are currently running a scheme of prizes for young scientists in their country and who are being asked to sign this new agreement.

ARTICLE 2

The Ministry of Science and Technology of _____, the Awarding National Scientific Organization in - _____, the Commission and TWAS have agreed to work together within the framework of the "AU-TWAS Young Scientists National Award".

The Awarding National Scientific Organization, will be responsible for the implementation of the prize scheme in their country.

ARTICLE 3

The Awarding National Scientific Organization agrees to make an annual call for suitable candidates working in the following two fields of science:

- Life and Earth Sciences;
- Basic Science, Technology and Innovation

ARTICLE 4

The Awarding National Scientific Organization agrees to set up a committee for the evaluation of candidates including, where possible, TWAS Fellows from _____.

ARTICLE 5

The Awarding National Scientific Organization will make sure that the following requirements for the AU-TWAS Young Scientists National Award are met:

- that candidates hold a university degree (minimum qualification is a Master's degree)
- that candidates are no older than 40 year of age on 31 December of the year of award.
- that candidates are nationals of _____ and they have lived and worked in _____ for at least the previous three years.
- that candidates have a good record of research publications (in internationally recognized journals)

ARTICLE 6

The Awarding National Scientific Organization agrees to set the deadline of **30 June** of each year (Africa Scientific Renaissance Day) for receipt of applications for the AU-TWAS Young Scientists National Award

ARTICLE 7

The Awarding National Scientific Organization agrees to send a profile to TWAS for each selected candidate together with the Curriculum Vitae/list of publications and a photograph of the person selected by 30 July of each year. This should be done before announcing the names of the winners.

ARTICLE 8

Upon receipt of the "Profile" and back-up material regarding the selected candidates, the Commission and TWAS will make the final decision with regard to the eligibility of the candidate. An amount of US\$5,000 will be provided for each of these prizes. If no prize is awarded in any one year, the prize money shall not be carried over to the following year.

ARTICLE 9

The Awarding National Scientific Organization will be responsible for organizing a prize ceremony where the winners will receive their award and certificate. The award ceremony should be hosted by the Ministry of Science and Technology in their respective Member States (and presented by a high-ranking public figure: head of state/government or the minister of science and technology) on African Union Day, 9 September of each year.

ARTICLE 10

TWAS will be responsible for the general administration of the programme/corresponding with the awarding organizations /transfer of funds for the prize.

ARTICLE 11

TWAS shall, where possible, include news of the prizes and photographs (if available) in TWAS Newsletters, Annual Reports etc.

ARTICLE 12

This agreement of collaboration shall be in force for an initial period of five years from the date of its signature. It will be renewed automatically at the end of that period unless either of the parties give at least six months prior notice in writing of their intention to terminate the Agreement.

The AU-TWAS Young Scientists National Award from _____ will replace any previous agreement signed with TWAS within the framework of the TWAS Prize to Young Scientists in _____ which will be no longer operative.

Signed on the _____ 2010 by:

Ministry of Science and Technology _____ Country _____

Signed on the _____ 2010 by:

The Awarding National Scientific Organization _____ Country _____

Signed on the _____ 2010 by:

Hon. Jean-Pierre O. Ezin
Commissioner
Human Resources, Science & Technology
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