In an effort by the Supreme Council for Women in the Kingdom of Bahrain to highlight the accomplishments that have reflected the progress on the status of women at the national level, and in order to circulate and spread best practices that enhance the status of women at the global level and pursue the accomplishment of development goals related to achieving gender justice, the Supreme Council for Women partnered with UN Women to establish a global edition to “Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment”.

The Establishment of the Award
With the overall aim:

- To encourage and promote national, regional and international efforts aimed at empowering women and enhancing their role as an equal partner towards sustainable development.
- To highlight the achievements of individuals and institutions in the field of women’s empowerment internationally.
- To enhance the impact of mainstreaming women’s needs methodologies and the provision of equal opportunities into national development.
- To spread a message to the world from the Kingdom of Bahrain about the importance of the participation of women in development and social stability efforts.

Vision

Leadership and excellence in institutional and individuals’ performance in order to achieve sustainable impact in empowering women to perform humanitarian and developmental roles.

Mission

To encourage public and private institutions, civil society, as well as individuals to strive for excellence and leadership towards women’s economic, social and political empowerment.

Target Audience

The public and private sector in addition to civil society (institutions/individuals).
Objectives

- Highlight the importance and impact of the commitment of countries, official agencies and organizations through their legislative, public and private executive authorities, civil society in addition to individuals to adopt non-discriminatory policies against women.
- Achieve justice in equal opportunities between women and men in various fields.
- Show appreciation to institutional and individual efforts, initiatives and projects that target mainstreaming women’s rights.
- Encourage communities to stimulate their intellectuality and creativity in the field of women’s empowerment in order to achieve for women, their family and community, more social, economic and political security.
General Criteria

- Innovate methodologies / scientific policies to fill gaps in favor of women in various sectors, and to ensure the sustainability of its application for a period no less than three years at a minimum.
- Contribute to the provision of quality services to different age groups of women in support of policies and methodologies for the empowerment of women, and gender balance.
- Development of plans and appropriate mechanisms to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and in particular the Fifth Goal regarding “Gender Equality”.
- Promote the participation of women by studying their needs within all phases of planning, implementation and evaluation.
- Empower women to assume leadership positions, and the sustainability of their participation in decision-making positions.

- The use of sustainable mechanisms that positively impact the context of women’s empowerment and equal opportunities to the current status of women and future generations, as well as ensuring the possibility of institutional and nation-wide development and application with the least resources.
- Launch initiatives and support services to resolve the problems and obstacles faced by women in order to ensure the provision of appropriate options and alternatives for an active participatory community.
- Achieving positive and sustainable impact on the economic and community development programs targeting the poor, or the women and families who are most in need, as well as to provide a decent and safe life by contributing to reducing poverty, illiteracy and unemployment rates for women etc.
First: Public Sector

- Increase the contribution of women in the national economy and benefit from the gross domestic product and national income.
- Empower women to reach national decision-making posts and to represent the state at the regional and international level.
- The adoption of strategies / action plans geared to bridge the gaps between men and women in all sectors of employment.
- Put the needs of working women and the institution’s beneficiaries within the strategic priorities of the institution and documented within the working procedures.
- Adopt initiatives / methodologies to mainstream women’s needs and to achieve equal opportunities between men and women.
- The existence of practical applications for the adoption of budgets that are responsive to the needs of women and mechanisms that prioritize issues for women in the preparation and implementation of the budget.
- Innovation and excellence in the development and activation of systems and mechanisms that achieve equal opportunities in professional development and provide services that support the reconciliation between the professional duties of women with family commitments.
- Deployment of social awareness and highlight success stories and best practices of initiatives that contributed to the support of women, their roles and progress in various fields.
Second: Private Sector

- Adopt policies / methodologies to bridge gaps in order to achieve equal opportunities in the private sector.
- Put the needs of working women and the institution's beneficiaries within the strategic priorities of the institution and documented within the working procedures.
- Adopt incentive-based initiatives and quality programs to support and empower women towards advanced value-added positions ensuring the sustainability of their presence in the labor market.
- Adopt methodologies in support of budgets that are responsive to the needs of women as well as the incorporation of women's needs in the preparation and implementation of the budget.
- Innovation and excellence in the development and activation of systems and mechanisms that achieve equal opportunities in professional development and provide services that support the reconciliation between the professional duties of women with family commitments.
- Empower women to attain decision making posts, particularly at the board of directors level. That is in addition to empowering women to represent the institution at the regional and international level.
- Within the context of social responsibility, adopt programs and initiatives with a sustainable impact on the empowerment of women.
Detailed Criteria Per Sector

Third: Civil Society

- Launch initiatives / programs that aim to empower women and ensure the sustainability of their participation in the labor market.
- Launch / implement development programs to empower women economically / socially, to be value-added members of society.
- The institution’s ability to take part in advocacy groups guided by public opinion in a way that positively reflects on the status of women and future generations.
- Contribute to building a national knowledge system in the field of women empowerment with the aim of contributing to developing further social awareness in relation to women and their role.
- The ability to adopt and provide innovative services and options in support of women and the family.
Fourth: Individuals

- Launch initiatives / programs that aim to empower women and ensure the sustainability of their participation in the labor market.
- Launch / implement development programs to empower women economically / socially, to be value-added members of society.
- The individual’s ability to take part in advocacy groups guided by public opinion in a way that positively reflects on the status of women and future generations.
- Contribute to building a national knowledge system in the field of women empowerment with the aim of contributing to developing further social awareness in relation to women and their role.
- The ability to adopt and provide innovative services and options in support of women and the family.
Application Terms

While adhering to the methodologies and standards of the organizations of the United Nations, and in consistence with the objectives of the Award.

- For the institution to be accredited in their country.
- For the institution in the private sector or civil society to be licensed formally and committed to the laws enforced in their countries.
- Individuals / commitment to provide all officially certified personal documents.
- Complete an application form via the official website of the award.
- Submit official information and supporting documents to the concerned committee:
  - Information regarding the work done by the concerned institution / individual.
  - Project, program or initiative time line.
  - The cultural, social and / or political context for which the project, program or initiative is supported by.
  - Literature, theses, and methodologies that have been adhered to in the project, program or initiative and the creative means that have been adopted.
  - The results of the impact evaluation of the project.
  - A plan that shows the sustainability of the project and its potential for development.
  - Certificates and documents from the beneficiaries of the project, initiative, or program.
  - Indicators that show the change in the status of women, their families and communities on a national level.
Provision of the Award

A period of two months to apply for the award in each term, and is determined according to the launch date. Each term runs for 3 years.

Award Stages

- **Receive Applications Stage (as per each category)**
  - Entries are received by the “International Committee for receiving applications”
  - The entries and selection of the candidates who meet the criteria of the award shall be sorted by the “Committee of Selection and Eligibility of Candidacy”.

- **Semi-final Stage (Supporting Documents)**
  - The qualified semi-finalists are selected by the “Evaluation and Audit Committee”, where additional data and supporting documents will be requested.
  - The short list of applications is selected by the “Evaluation and Audit Committee” based on the data and documents provided.

- **Final Stage (Selection process by Advisory Board)**
  - Selection of winners by the “Members of Jury”.
  - The award is withheld in the absence of institutions / individuals who meet the criteria to qualify for the eligibility to attain the award.
  - The winning institution or individual has no right to participate in the following term for which the project, initiative, and program had attained the award.
Four awards have been allocated as follows:

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To apply for the Award, please complete the form available on the following website

www.womenglobalaward.org

Award Application/Nomination Form:

- Public Sector
- Private Sector
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