



## INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

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The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority presents his compliments to the members of the Authority, and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's Award for Excellence in Deep-Sea Research, one of seven Voluntary Commitments that the Authority has announced at the opening of the 2017 UN Ocean Conference, which is aimed at encouraging the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area and the dissemination of the results of such research.

The Award is intended to recognize and encourage the achievements of young researchers from developing countries who have made outstanding contributions to advance scientific knowledge of deep-sea environment or improve the development of environmentally sustainable regulatory frameworks. It will be presented annually during the sessions of the Authority.

In this regard, the Secretary-General further has the honour to invite nominations of duly qualified individuals for consideration and selection by the Advisory Committee established for this specific purpose. Nominations must be based on the following eligibility criteria:

- (a) Candidates must be under the age of 35 at the date of nomination and must be a national from a developing country, as defined by the United Nations;
- (b) Although the Secretary-General's Award is intended to be based on individual accomplishment, a team consisting mainly of eligible candidates may be nominated;
- (c) The results of the research upon which the nomination is based should have been published, either in English or French, no earlier than one year prior to the time of submission; and
- (d) Candidates are not eligible for nomination if they have received the Secretary-General's Award on a previous occasion.

A nomination should consist of the following documents:

- (a) A letter, not exceeding 750 words, from the nominator summarizing the research and outlining the national or international significance of the work submitted;
- (b) The curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- (c) Any publication derived from the research undertaken; and
- (d) Two letters from sponsors outlining the type and impact of the research carried out by the nominee and attesting to its significance and quality.

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Nominations, in one of the official languages of the Authority should be submitted to [sgaward@isa.org.jm](mailto:sgaward@isa.org.jm) by 15 April 2018. Nominations received after that date will not be considered. Additionally, nominations that are not compliant with the guidelines, including lacking the requisite signatures and institutional approvals, if appropriate, will not be considered for review.

For further information on the Secretary-General's Award please visit our website at <https://www.isa.org.jm/secretary-general-award-excellence-deep-sea-research>.

The Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority avails himself of this opportunity to renew to members of the Authority the assurances of his highest consideration.

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To: All Member States of the International Seabed Authority