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Subject: **Call for nominations for the 2020/2021 UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**

Sir/Madam,

It is my honour to invite your Government to submit nominations for the 2020/2021 UNESCO/Emir Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

The aim of this prize is to reward the outstanding contributions of individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations that promote inclusion and the enhancement of the lives of persons with disabilities through the effective, innovative and inclusive application of digital solutions. Special emphasis is placed on efforts to facilitate access to information and knowledge.

Two prizewinners will be designated by the Director-General, following the recommendation of an international jury consisting of experts in the field, on 3 December 2020, on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Each prizewinner will be awarded a diploma and the sum of US \$20,000.

Applicants must complete the enclosed form, either in English or French. This form is also online at the following address: <http://en.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment>. The completed form must be returned no later than **2 September 2020** by e-mail to ict-pwd@unesco.org or in paper format.

Nominations may be proposed to UNESCO by Member States after consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO or by non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with the Organization.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

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Application Guidelines
Application Form

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
Non-governmental organizations with official relations to UNESCO