VIDANTA FOUNDATION AWARD, 2019 EDITION

“Contributions to the Reduction of Inequality and Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean”

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OBJECTIVE

Vidanta Foundation, in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB), seeks to encourage and consolidate pioneer, innovative and sustainable initiatives that help reduce poverty and inequality and combat discrimination in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This year non-governmental organizations (NGOs), privately funded institutions, foundations, afro descendants’ and indigenous peoples’ associations, civil organizations and nonprofit organizations established in Latin American and the Caribbean or that developed their humanitarian work in these countries are encouraged to participate.

PRIZE

First Prize  USD 100.000.
Second Prize  USD 75.000.
Third Prize  USD 50.000.
Fourth Prize  USD 35.000
Fifth Prize  USD 25.000

The prizes will be furnished entirely by the Vidanta Foundation.

Two of the five awards were at least assigned to Mexicans civil associations.

SUBMISSION OF CANDIDACIES

The projects presented must have been implemented in Latin American and the Caribbean, contain some innovation and be replicable in other country of the region.
The submission of a candidacy will only be considered valid once **all** of the following requirements have been satisfied:

- Being a non-profit organization legally constituted in Latin America, Andorra, Spain or Portugal.
- Submitting organizations must have a minimum of three years of operation in their country from the time of legal constitution.
- Complete all sections of the online questionnaire found at [www.fundacionvidanta.org](http://www.fundacionvidanta.org) before the Deadline.
- Vidanta Foundation reserves the right to make copies of all information and documents for its records.
- The “Deadline” for receiving applications shall be understood to be July 31th, 2019.
- Under no circumstances shall a candidate be rejected for reasons of sex, religion, disability, political ideology, sexual orientation, socioeconomic level or ethnicity.
- Submissions that do not comply with all of the above mentioned requirements or include false information or are received after the closing date will be automatically disqualified.
- Submit the budget of the institution or a summary report of expenses and income.

**PRESELECTION**

Based on the forms and supporting materials received in a timely manner, the Preselection Committee will choose up to 30 candidates to submit to the consideration of the jury. Nevertheless, the Jury will have access to all the submissions.

The Pre-selection Committee will include representatives from the OAS, SEGIB as well as a representative from the Vidanta Foundation and will convene in September to:

i) Review and evaluate all applications and ensure that they meet the requirements to be considered and reject those that do not;

ii) Select candidates deemed worthy of consideration by the Jury;

iii) prepare a report for the jury, detailing the number of applications received and their country of origin, and the criteria used for the preselection;

iv) Prepare an evaluation chart for the Jury’s assessment, which will include a brief description of the shortlisted projects and an evaluation scale; and
v) Provide the jury the documentation for all applications submitted in accordance with these rules.

Special consideration will be shown for organizations that work with resources that are self-generated or the result of communal efforts. The procedure for granting the Prize will be guided by the principles of publicity, transparency, objectivity and non-discrimination.

**JURY**

The Jury will be composed of renowned personalities from Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal and/or Andorra chosen because of their experience and careers in the academic, social, political, business, cultural and intellectual fields, seeking that its composition reflects a regional and gender balance.

The Jury of the 2019 edition of the Vidanta Prize will be composed of distinguished personalities from the diplomatic, academic and government spheres whose names will be announced on the website of the Vidanta Foundation.

The jury will receive the report of the Preselection Committee and will proceed to evaluate the short listed projects. The Jury may also review and evaluate any other application that has been presented, even if it has not been shortlisted.

Applications will be assessed according to the relevance of the work done, taking into account:

i) Innovation in concept or in the area of implementation;
ii) Measurable results and impact;
iii) Capacity to continue in time and to be replicated elsewhere;
iv) Environmental sustainability.

The majority of points awarded to each project or work considered will determine the Jury’s decision. In the event of a tie, there will be a second round of voting. This decision shall be final and the results will be announced through the websites of the OAS, the SEGIB, and the Vidanta Foundation. The winners will also be contacted by email or phone.

The Jury will issue its decision in September 2019 and the Prizes will be given in October of 2019, in a city of Mexico to be determined.
AWARDS CEREMONY

The Prize will only be conferred upon the organization that appear as a registered candidate and may not be neither given posthumously nor divided.

The net amount that the winners will receive will be subject to the tax laws applicable in Mexico, and the winners shall be solely responsible for making the payments of the corresponding taxes.

The Prize may be claimed in person or through a legal representative. Vidanta Foundation will cover the costs incurred by the winners to attend the ceremony.

Vidanta Foundation, in collaboration with the Organization of American States and the Ibero-American General Secretariat, will take the necessary measures to develop and implement the provisions of these Regulations.