

GENERAL RULES OF THE LITERARY LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

PREAMBLE

Considering peace as a common aspiration to all mankind upon which the moral, cultural and spiritual values shared by world civilizations are based on ;

Convinced that it is the weakening of the culture of peace in human conscience that breeds violence and intolerance and that it is, therefore, in human consciousness that we must cultivate and maintain the reasons of peace ;

Aware that any genuine approach to peace is primarily cultural, and that the dialogue among cultures is one of the essential foundations of peace and international understanding and that they are based on the respect for the cultural identity and dignity of every human being and every people ;

Considering that peace is the foundation on which the democratic values of justice, freedom and equal dignity of all peoples are based on ;

Considering that the action of governments alone cannot be sufficient to maintain peace, and that initiatives by private persons or entities, are equally important in the quest for peace ;

Considering that any behavior or action contributing to the emergence and triumph of peace in the world deserves respect, encouragement and distinction ;

Praising the beautiful UNESCO Constitution, which states that « ***Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed*** » ;

Members of the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" on 25 April 2015, on the occasion of their General Assembly, adopted by acclamation the institution and for the first time **the Youth for Peace Awards**.

Article 1 : PURPOSE

The Literary Letter-Writing Competition aims to promote all actions aimed at "the establishment of the defences of peace in the minds of men" by rewarding hundred young African men and women who will be declared winners of the first Literary Letter-Writing Competition on the occasion of the organization in Lomé, Togolese Republic of the "Second African Peace Conference" whose main theme will be « **The youth in search of peace in Africa** ».

Its main purpose is the development of ways to enable young people to promote peace.

Article 2 : THE PRIZE

a) The Prize of the Youth for Peace will be awarded for the first time on 21 September 2017 in Lomé, capital city of the Togolese Republic.

b) The Prize's value is NINETY MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (90,900,000) CFA Francs.

Article 3 : THE FUND

a) The amount of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND (153,120,000) CFA Francs will be used to finance the Prize and the activities of the jury entrusted with awarding it.

b) Grants or donations may be received from any State, government, association, organization and natural or legal person. However, the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" will not accept any donation from a State, association or person whose activity, philosophy, politics and ethics are in contradiction with the ideals and the principles in the Constitution of the African Union and the United Nations Charter.

Article 4 : THE JURY

a) A jury of five members designated as « Special Commission of the "Literary letter-writing competition" for the Youth for Peace Awards » will be appointed by the General Coordinator of the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix".

b) It shall be formed of eminent personalities, known and respected for their attachment to the cause of peace and reputation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication.

c) The judges, who will be appointed by the General Coordinator of the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" for a period of one month, will serve as a « Special Commission of the "Literary letter-writing competition" for the Youth for Peace Awards » ; it may undertake any study of business, research and public outreach in the field of peace as defined in Article I of this Regulation.

d) The jury, which will be created in order to award the Prize of the Youth for Peace Awards, must be under the aegis of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" and, through the quality of its members and the winners it will choose to reward, one of the highest Togolese Judges of peace. The General Coordinator of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" will be a member without voting right.

Article 5 : CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

- a) The winner shall not be subject to any discrimination for reasons relating to nationality, religion, race or sex. He/she shall have distinguished themselves through their writing, whose quality is recognized by the jury for the establishment of peace defence in the minds of men.
- b) The winner will be selected for his/her writing executed in the spirit of the Constitution of the African Union and the UN Charter.

Article 6 : SUBMISSION OF COMPOSITIONS

- a) Young girls and boys aged from 18 to 30 years can participate in the literary letter-writing competition.
- b) The Contest start date is 1st July 2017.
- c) The deadline for submission of the compositions is set for 31 July 2017.

Article 7: NO RETURN OF COMPOSITIONS OF CANDIDATES

The compositions will not be returned to applicants. The information provided by applicants may be used in particular as evidence in any proceedings or actions involving directly or indirectly the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix".

Article 8 : GENERAL CONDITIONS

The mere fact of participating in this competition implies full acceptance of the terms of its regulations. Candidates agree that their first and last names may be subject to communications in the form of list.

Participation in the "Literary Letter-Writing Competition" is prohibited for members of the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" and their families.

Article 9 : SELECTION OF WINNERS AND DATE OF AWARDS

- a) The jury will sit over the last three weeks following the deadline for the transmission of the compositions in order to make recommendations to the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" for the selection of winners.
- b) The prize award date is officially set at 21 September 2017 in Lomé, capital city of the Togolese Republic.

Article 10 : OFFICIAL CEREMONY

An official Award Ceremony will be organized. On the occasion of this ceremony, the speech delivered by the sponsor and the jury president will be a publication of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix".

Article 11 : CONTACT DETAILS OF CANDIDATES

Candidates shall indicate their full address and telephone number (and possibly fax or email), age and sex. The list of winners will be announced after the corrections.

Hundred prizes will be awarded to the best compositions by a jury. The winners will be announced by mail, press and radio.

***1 st	to	3 rd Price	2 million	CFA francs each
***4 th	to	7 th Price	1.5 million	CFA francs each
***8 th	to	16 th Price	1.3 million	CFA francs each
***17 th	to	29 th Price	1.2 million	CFA francs each
***30 th	to	42 nd Price	1 million	CFA francs each
***43 rd	to	50 th Price	900,000	CFA francs each
***51 st	to	53 rd Price	800,000	CFA francs each
***54 th	to	69 th Price	750,000	CFA francs each
***70 th	to	84 th Price	600,000	CFA francs each
***85 th	to	100 th Price	500,000	CFA francs each

Article 12 : FILING OF FULL CONTEST RULES

The complete contest rules, filed with Maître **Sylvanus E. SALLAH**, Bailiff, at the address: 42, Rue Mamissi - Tokoin Doumassessé, 08 Boîte Postale 80 816 Lomé 08, Togo (Tel: +228 23-20-65-12 or 90-16-06-61), is available on written request to the Bailiff Cabinet, E-mail address : maitresallah@yahoo.fr.

Article 13 : ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

Participation is the acceptance by the competitors of all provisions of this Regulation. All difficulties in the application of the Regulation will be subject to a sovereign interpretation of the organizers.

Article 14 : MODIFICATIONS

The "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix" reserves itself the right to modify, shorten or cancel the contest. They could not, in this case, be subject to any claim to engage accountability. It is the same in the case of technical problems before and during the contest period.

Any amendment to these General Regulations shall be submitted to the Permanent Secretariat of the "Premières Assises Africaines de la Paix". /-