

The Betty Plewes Fund – 2010 Award

Origin of the Fund

The Betty Plewes Fund was created in the spring of 2000 by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) to honour the contribution made by Betty Plewes while President-CEO of CCIC.

The Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the *Fund* is to provide an award to an African non-governmental organisation, engaged in research and policy development on issues of priority to women. It is intended to recognise the work of an African organisation, and to provide flexible and reliable support for initiatives that might not otherwise receive funding from other sources.

The Amount and Modalities of Allocation

The \$15,000 CDN award will be given to the recipient organisation through a Canadian registered charity.¹ Reporting and overall monitoring of the award, in accordance with its modest amount, should be kept at a minimum.

Nomination Process and Criteria

Canadian registered charities active in international development co-operation and involved in Sub-Saharan Africa are invited to nominate an African organisation that meets the profile hereafter described. Nominations from non CCIC member organisations must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Executive Director of a CCIC or Africa-Canada Forum member organisation.

To be eligible, the African organisation should meet the following criteria:

- A non-governmental organisation registered and operating in one or several countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and which has a history of work with women in the region;

- Known for the excellence of its work and the relevance of its initiatives on issues of priority to women in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- That carries out research, develops policies, or is involved in any other initiatives in accordance with the purpose of the *Fund*;
- That has developed collaborative and partner relationships with Canadian registered charities;
- That is committed to share knowledge and strengthen links of solidarity and collegiality between Africa and Canada.

Nominations should be submitted in writing and include a description of the African organisation, as well as a brief statement of the reasons why the nominee meets the criteria of the Betty Plewes Fund.

The document should introduce the work (a maximum of 1,500 words) to which the award would be applied:

- i) The purpose and the objectives of the work of the organization;
- ii) An example of the benefits of the organisation for women;
- iii) How the award would benefit the organisation

The Selection Process

Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat of CCIC to the attention of the:

Betty Plewes Fund Selection Committee
450 Rideau Street, Suite 200
Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 5Z4

Send email copy to sperras@ccic.ca.

The Selection Committee will receive nominations until January 8, 2010.

The Committee will recommend one or more of the nominees to the CCIC Board of Directors that will make the final decision and will communicate the name of the successful organisation during the CCIC Annual General Meeting, in May 2010.

¹ All costs related to the transfer of this award should be covered by the Canadian organisation.