



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

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2013 North-South Prize

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe announces the award of the 2013 North-South Prize to His Highness Prince Aga Khan, Shah Karim al-Hussaini, and the Aga Khan Development Network, and Suzanne Jabbour.

The North-South Prize is awarded annually to two personalities, coming from each of the two regions that have stood out for their exceptional commitment to the defence and promotion of human rights and democratic pluralism, as well as in strengthening North-South solidarity.

His Highness the Aga Khan is globally recognized for his philanthropic work, as well as initiatives for peace and the promotion of development projects. Relevant part of this action is carried out by the Aga Khan Development Network, which is composed of institutions that aim to improve the living conditions of populations in the most deprived regions in the perspective of sustainable development, with particular focus in the areas of health, education, culture, rural development, institution-building and the promotion of economic development.

Suzanne Jabbour is a Lebanese doctor with a relevant action in promoting human rights and the fight against torture within prisons and detention centers in countries of the Middle East as well as Africa and Latin America. Suzanne Jabbour currently holds the position of Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Council for the rehabilitation of victims of Torture. She is also vice-president of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture of the United Nations functions that she accumulates with the position of director of the NGO "Restart" - Centre for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture.

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, based in Lisbon since 1990, whose main objective is to promote global citizenship based on human rights and citizen's responsibility through dialogue and cooperation between Europe, the southern Mediterranean and Africa, created this honorific prize in 1995. Previous winners of the Prize include personalities such as Kofi Annan, Simone Veil, Queen Rania of Jordan, Mary Robinson, Mário Soares, Bob Geldof, Lula da Silva, Graca Machel, Souhayr Belhassen or Stéphane Hessel.

The North-South Prize is personally awarded by the President of the Republic of Portugal, in the premises of the Parliament, in Lisbon, in the presence of the President of the Portuguese Parliament and eminent personalities. The ceremony will take place on a date to be announced in the first half of 2014.

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