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MEDIA RELEASE

L'Oreal - UNESCO Award for Women in Science

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) encourages the Namibian scientists to submit candidates for the L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards.

The L'Oreal Foundation and UNESCO have announced the 2014 For Women in Science programme call for applications now open. The awards are a result of a partnership between the French cosmetics company L'Oreal and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and will honour five winners with an award of €100,000 in March 2015, in Paris.

The Award recognises women scientists whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the advancement of scientific knowledge and of its benefits to society, and provides support to promising young women scientists with worthy, viable projects. Over the past 16 years For Women in Science has expanded internationally to become truly global and has supported more than 1700 women from 108 countries.

Each year, five outstanding women scientists – one per continent – are honoured for the contributions of their research, the strength of their commitments and their impact on society. By giving these researchers increased visibility, the awards show the way for new generations, encouraging young women to follow their example. Since the launch of the program, 77 women have been distinguished by the L'Oreal-UNESCO Awards, two of whom subsequently received the Nobel Prize.

To be eligible for an award, it is necessary to be nominated in writing by an eminent scientist. Self-nominations or nominations from immediate family members or team nominations are not eligible.

Nominations can only be submitted electronically through the online platform: www.fwis.fr. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, 15th June 2014. Please note that only nominations received through the online platform not later than the set deadline will be considered by the Members of the Jury. Paper applications will no longer be considered.

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