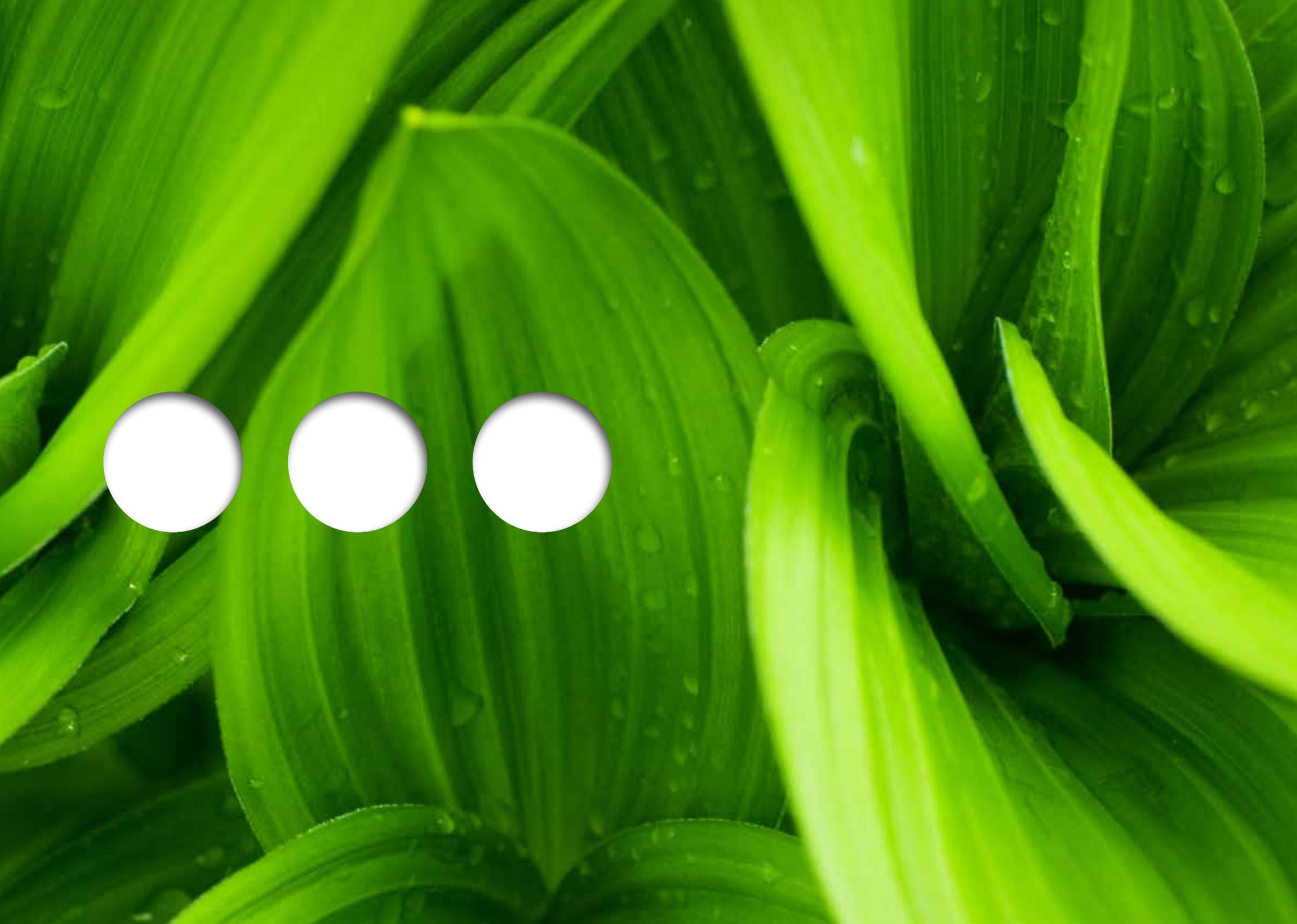




KING HAMAD PRIZE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

2017 -2018





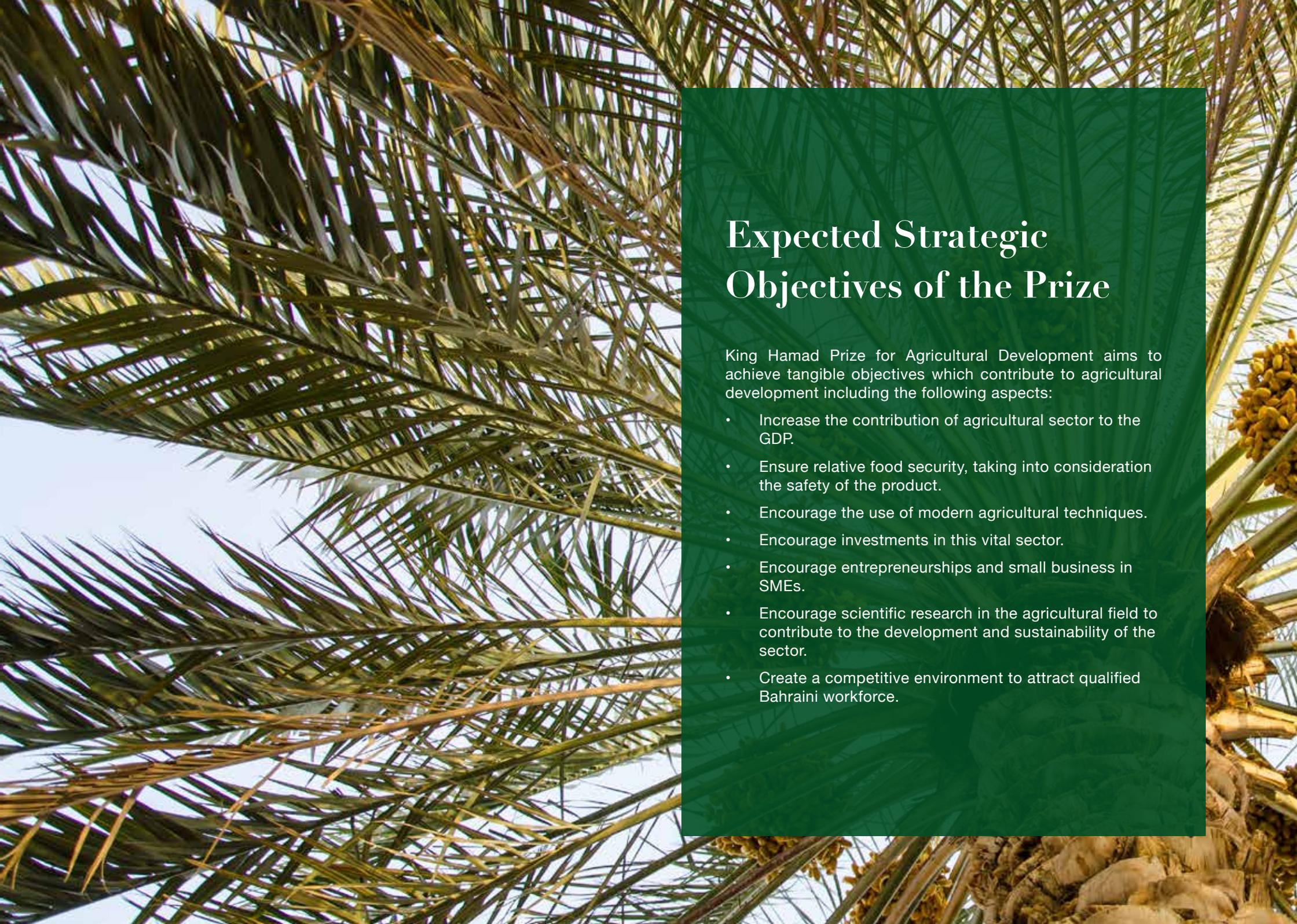


Introduction

The King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development has been instituted by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Wife of the King of Bahrain, President of the Consultative Council of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development, to create a positive competitive environment between owners of agricultural projects, Bahraini farmers as well as researchers to better improve this sector.

The agricultural sector is one of the most important three sectors forming any global economy (agriculture, industry and services). It is the main sector to achieve sustainable development and economic balance.





Expected Strategic Objectives of the Prize

King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development aims to achieve tangible objectives which contribute to agricultural development including the following aspects:

- Increase the contribution of agricultural sector to the GDP.
- Ensure relative food security, taking into consideration the safety of the product.
- Encourage the use of modern agricultural techniques.
- Encourage investments in this vital sector.
- Encourage entrepreneurship and small business in SMEs.
- Encourage scientific research in the agricultural field to contribute to the development and sustainability of the sector.
- Create a competitive environment to attract qualified Bahraini workforce.



Prize Categories and Value

King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development is awarded to three categories:



1 Best Agricultural Project



2 Best Bahraini Farmer



3 Best Agricultural Research and Studies

General Conditions

- 1 The applicant may apply only to one category of King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development.
- 2 The winning applicant may not apply again to the same category before the elapse of one cycle (two years) from the date of winning the prize.
- 3 The applicant should fill the application form accurately and provide all required documents.
- 4 The decision of the judging committee is final.



First Category: Best Agricultural Project

A. Best Agricultural Project

The prize has been introduced for the best productive agricultural project that contributes to supporting the national economy and achieving food security by using modern agricultural technology; employing effective marketing methods, and promoting Bahrainization through training and employment.

B. Best Agricultural Supporting Project

The prize in its second cycle has introduced Best Agricultural Supporting Project category, because of its active role and added value in supporting and sustaining productive agricultural projects, thereby enhancing the agricultural sector's contribution to the national economy and the achievement of relative self-sufficiency.

Judging Committee

Dr. Fuad Mohammed Al-Ansari <i>University of Bahrain</i>	Head
Eng. Fuad Habib Khalifa <i>Bahrain Agricultural Engineers Society</i>	Deputy Head
Prof. Waleed Khalil Zubari <i>Arabian Gulf University</i>	Member
Ms. Ebtisam Essa Bin Butti <i>University of Bahrain</i>	Member
Eng. Isam Mustafa <i>Agriculture and Marine Resources</i>	Member
Mrs. Kareema Mohammed Saleh <i>University of Bahrain</i>	Member
Mr. Mohammed Ali Bucheery <i>Tamkeen</i>	Member

The Award Prize

The first place winner from both categories will each be granted cash prize of BHD 10,000, commemorative plaque, and certificate of appreciation.



Application Conditions

1. The owner of the Project should be a Bahraini citizen or from GCC.
2. The Project should have a valid commercial registration.
3. The Project's age should not be less than one year from the date of establishment.
4. The applicant should allow the judging committee to visit his/her Project at any time the committee deems appropriate.
5. The activity of the Project should be inside Bahrain.
6. The main activity of the Project should not be raising, exporting, importing or selling livestock, poultry and fish.

Criteria

- Size of investment in human resources and the percentage of Bahraini employees.
- Trademark, general appearance and marketing channels of the product.
- Percentage of sales and net profits.
- Use modern and innovative agricultural methods and techniques and introduction of new products to the local market.
- Knowledge of the targeted customers, marketing requirements and competitive prices.



Second Category: Best Bahraini Farmer

An annual prize awarded to the best Bahraini farmer for his/her distinction and appreciation for their efforts and contribution in the development of the agricultural sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This prize aims to increase the number of professional Bahraini farmers of different age groups and encourage them to compete for better agricultural output. It also aims to raise the level of knowledge and technical skills to increase local production as well as economic return in the agricultural sector to achieve sustainability in agricultural production and contribute in achieving food security. Objectives of the prize have been extended to include the increasing awareness of farmers about the importance of preserving Bahraini agricultural traditions and to environmental issues. It also intends to encourage farmers to innovate and use modern farming techniques.

Judging Committee

Dr. Thuraya A. Almansoori <i>University of Bahrain</i>	Head
Prof. Ahmed Ali Saleh <i>Arabian Gulf University</i>	Member
Dr. AbdulAziz AbdulKareem <i>Arabian Gulf University</i>	Member
Dr. Abdelhadi Abdelwahab <i>Arabian Gulf University</i>	Member
Dr. Nilofer Jahromi <i>Ministry of Education</i>	Member

The Award Prize

The best two farmers each will be awarded a cash prize of BHD 5,000, commemorative plaque, and certificate of appreciation.



Application Conditions

1. The applicant should be a Bahraini citizen.
2. The applicant should hold a certified document from Agriculture and Marine Resources that he is a farmer.
3. The applicant should allow the judging committee to visit his/her farm at any time it deems appropriate.
4. The applicant should attend the personal interview and be present in the farm at the time of visit.

Criteria

- Years of experience and accumulated knowledge.
- Proficiency of the farmer, as well as the quantity and the quality of the product.
- Innovative agricultural practices and use of modern techniques.
- The impact of farming practices on the environment and human health (priority is given to environment-friendly practices).
- Method of separating and packaging the products.
- Farmer's skills in growing palm trees.



Third Category: Best Agricultural Research and Studies

The Agricultural Research & Studies prize aims to support and motivate researchers to enhance their efforts towards raising the level of their scientific research in the area of agricultural development. It also aims to boost the agricultural sector to be a tributary of economic development, achieve food security and sustainability, and create a database of documented scientific research in the field of agriculture and related topics such as water, climate and the surrounding environment.

The priority suggested research and studies topics for this field:

1. Study Treated Water TSE (Vegetables/Fruits): Microorganisms content / Heavy metal content.
2. Salt content studies in soils and water.
3. Irrigation Systems and its effects on Salt content in both plants and soils.
4. Plants salt tolerance.
5. Survey of useful and harmful insect species.
6. Study on most spread harmful insects and means of combating. (white fly – fruit fly – white grub – red weevil... ect).
7. Study the relation of wild birds and its effects on harmful insects.
8. Study different kind of fruits and vegetables and their tolerance to salinity and high temperature.
9. Introduction of species and varieties of plants which has tolerance to Bahrain Environment.
10. Study the content of heavy metal and harmful material in locally produced and imported fruits and vegetables.

Judging Committee

Prof. Waheeb Essa Alnaser <i>University of Bahrain</i>	Head
Dr. Dunya Ahmed <i>Supreme Council for Women</i>	Deputy Head
Eng. Zahra Abdul Malek <i>Bahrain Garden Club</i>	Member
Dr. Mohammed Otman <i>Agricultural Expert</i>	Member
Prof. Mohammed Foda <i>Agriculture and Marine Resources</i>	Member

The Award Prize

Two winners each will be awarded a cash prize of BHD 5,000, commemorative plaque, and a certificate of appreciation.

Application Conditions

1. The researcher must be a Bahraini national or residents in Bahrain for two years and more, or GCC citizens. Supporting documents in this regard should be attached to the application form.
2. The scientific work should be innovative and of high importance to the agricultural development.
3. The research is relevant to Bahrain's agricultural environment.
4. The research is applicable and economic feasible.
5. The scientific work should be in Arabic or in English language.
6. The applicant should not have won a prize for the work from any other entity, including Higher Diploma, Masters or PhD. dissertations.

7. Priority should be for research works conducted in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
8. In case of not winning the prize, the applicant may apply one more time only for a work previously submitted to the prize.

In case the scientific and the quality level of the research works are equal, they will be prioritized as follows:

- The research should be individual or joint. If the work is jointly done, a letter holding the signature of all authors should be presented in which they indicate their approval, to be submitted to the competition by the person/ researcher applying for the prize.
- The scientific work should be a research published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed international scientific journal, a published book, or a chapter published in a peer-reviewed book having International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and should not have been published longer than three years ago.
- The scientific and social value of the researcher's study.
- The researcher's scientific achievements and patents obtained.
- Level of published research (priority shall be for researches referred to more than 20 times).
- The work meets the prize conditions at the initial submission.

Criteria

- The research is relevant to the agricultural environment in Bahrain.
- Location of conducting the research.
- The research applicability and economic feasibility.
- The research is relevant to agriculture and agricultural sciences.
- Level of the book or journal in which the research work was published (in case the research was published in a booklet of conference or chapter in a book, the points shall be dealt with at the same methodology of the journal).

Important: The National Initiative for Agricultural Development will have the rights and may use the research works submitted for the prize for publishing in its original language or translating and publishing them in a special volume without contradicting the intellectual property laws applicable in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Partners Research Organization

The National Initiative for agricultural development facilitates for the applicants to use the laboratory of the following national and regional universities/centers:



Sultanate of Oman



Kingdom of Bahrain



Kingdom of Bahrain



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Kingdom of Bahrain

UAEU



United Arab Emirates



Qatar

Who can apply

- Owners of agricultural projects.
- Bahraini farmers.
- Agricultural researchers and those who conduct agricultural related studies.

One person can apply for one category only per cycle.



Prize Privileges

The winner is awarded a cash prize and a commemorative plaque at a ceremony under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princesses Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of the King of Bahrain, and the President of the Consultative Council of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development. The winners may use the prize logo on promotional and marketing materials and their own publications. The winners have the right to apply again after one complete cycle of the award. The winners will be presented through various mass media and the website of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development.





Prize Schedule

1 Best Agricultural Project:

Date of Launching	13th November 2016
Date of Applying	20th November 2016 - 20th January 2017
Judging Period	1st February – 30th March 2017

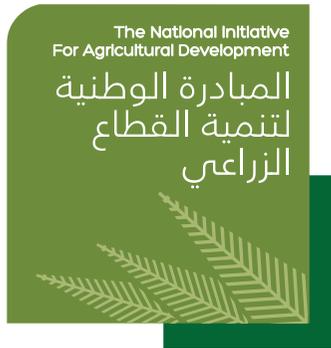
2 Best Bahraini Farmer

Date of Launching	13th November 2016
Date of Applying	20th November – 20th December 2016
Judging Period	15th January – 30th October 2017

3 Best Agricultural Research and Studies:

Date of Launching	13th November 2016
Date of Applying	20th November 2016 – 1st November 2017
Judging Period	1st – 30th December 2017

For More Information



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