

List of winners of the Human Rights Prize of the French republic 2020 Edition

On the opening of the International Human Rights Day, the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights is honored to announce the winners of the 2020 edition of the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic under the motto "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity".

To highlight and support civil society, which is the kingpin for the protection and promotion of human rights

The Human Rights Prize of the French Republic "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" has been awarded every year since 1988 by the CNCDH. The Prize aims to distinguish actions in the field and projects relating to the effective protection and promotion of human rights, in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the World Conference on Human Rights, regardless of nationalities or borders.

With this Prize, the French Republic wishes to support individual and collective actions in favour of the defense and protection of human rights in the world. The Prize recognizes the fundamental role played by civil society, and in particular non-governmental organizations, in the promotion and protection of these rights.

Two themes were considered in 2020: the right to health and the fight against social exclusion, and defense of the environment and biodiversity

For this 33rd edition, the members of the CNCDH wanted to support actions in favour of:

- protecting the right to health, in connection with the fight against social exclusion (theme 1), reflecting the global health crisis;
- and defending the environment and biodiversity (theme 2), a crucial issue in the contemporary world.

The rankings

This year again, the influence of the Prize was confirmed: the CNCDH received nearly 200 nominations from 62 countries, from all continents.

Among these nominations, the jury for the Human Rights Prize, made up of members of the CNCDH, decided to award the Prize to:

- The association Jeevika, India (theme 1)
- The association Mekong Plus, Vietnam (theme 2)
- The Tanzanian Forest Conversation Group, Tanzania (theme 2)
- The Mongol Ecology Center, Mongolia (theme 2)
- Taisiia Kutuzova, Ukraine (theme 2)

The jury also awarded a special mention to:

- The Association « Parents Pleurons Ensemble à Kabare », Democratic Republic of Congo (theme 1)
- The Association Jesuit Refugee Service, Burundi (theme 1)
- The Association « Poussières de vie », Vietnam (theme 1)
- The Association « Tchendukua Aqui y Allá », Colombie (theme 1)
- The Association SystExt (Systèmes Extractifs et Environnements), France (theme 2)

Exceptionally this year, due to the health situation, it is not possible to organize an official award ceremony for the Human Rights Prize. Ceremonies will be held at the French embassies in early 2021 in the countries where the winners are working.

[More information on the winners and the prize on our website](#)