Distinguished Fellow of TWAS,

I am writing to you with reference to the 2018 edition of the following prizes:

- TWAS-C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientific Research
- TWAS-Samira Omar Innovation for Sustainability Prize

I am pleased to invite you to nominate qualified candidates for each of these two prizes.

Please find below the main features of these prizes:

- TWAS-C.N.R. Rao Award for Scientific Research

Eligible candidates:

TWAS Fellows from the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs), who have made significant contributions to global science.

To identify suitable candidates, please make use of the new Directory of TWAS Fellows available at:

https://twas.org/article/twas-launches-online-directory

More information on the award, including a list of previous winners, is available from:

https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-cnr-rao-award-scientific-research

- TWAS-Samira Omar Innovation for Sustainability Prize Eligible candidates:

The 2018 prize will be awarded to a scientist living and working in a Least Developing Country (LDC)

for scientific achievements in the thematic area of 'Plastic: degradation, pollution and microplastics'.

The duly completed form (see attached), full CV with list of publications, and supporting statement related

to your candidates for each of the above prizes must reach TWAS secretariat (prizes@twas.org) no later than **31 May 2018**.

For a list of the 46 LDCs, please visit: https://twas.org/node/2292

Looking forward to your collaboration.

Best regards,

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