

BACKGROUND

At \$1.5 million, the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize is the world's largest humanitarian award. Inaugurated in 1996, the annual award is presented to a nonprofit organization judged to have made exemplary and extraordinary contributions in alleviating human suffering. Following initial background and legal review, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize staff conducts an extensive evaluation of the candidates, which is then submitted to an independent, international jury that makes the final selection.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2005—Partners In Health
2004—Heifer International
2003—International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims/IRCT
2002—SOS Children's Villages/ SOS-Kinderdorf International
2001—St. Christopher's Hospice
2000—Casa Alianza
1999—African Medical and Research Foundation/AMREF
1998—Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières
1997—International Rescue Committee
1996—Operation Smile

JURORS

Princess Salimah Aga Khan, International Ambassador for SOS-Kinderdorf International
Susanna Agnelli, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy
William H. Foege, M.D., Chairman, Global Health Council; Senior Advisor, Gates Foundation
James R. Galbraith, Director, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Eric M. Hilton, Director, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Olara A. Otunnu, Former UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict; former Ugandan Minister for Foreign Affairs
Professor Amartya Sen, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics and Lamont University Professor at Harvard University

FORMER JURORS

Francis M. Deng, Ph.D., J.S.D., Representative of the U.N. Secretary General on Internally Displaced Persons; Former Ambassador from Sudan
C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D., Former Surgeon General of the United States, 1981-1989
H. E. Anand Panyarachun, Former Prime Minister of Thailand
Margarita Peñón, Former Chair of the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress
Robert A. Seiple, Former Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, U.S. State Department
Liv Ullmann, Co-founder, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children
H. E. Richard Von Weizsäcker, Former President of the Federal Republic of Germany
Professor Muhammad Yunus, Founder and Managing Director, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh

HUMANITARIAN SYMPOSIUM AND PRIZE CEREMONY

The Hilton Humanitarian Prize is presented in conjunction with an annual Hilton international humanitarian symposium attended by decision makers from governments and the humanitarian and human rights fields. The assembly is broadcast on the Internet and its proceedings are distributed to world leaders.

The 2006 Hilton Prize will be presented in New York City on October 30. The keynote speaker will be **Václav Havel, writer and dramatist, and former President of the Czech Republic.**

Previous keynote speakers have included: *Paul Rusesabagina, founder of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation; Dr. Lee Jong-wook, Director-General, World Health Organization; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Dr. Oscar Arias, president of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan; Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson; former United States Presidents George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter; and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata.*

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