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## Champion Awards Launched

**Kabul, Afghanistan** – Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Champion Awards. Conducted for the very first time in Afghanistan, the Champion Awards will identify Afghan men and women who have promoted the role of women in government, their participation in society, and have supported their rights. The Champion Awards aims to increase societal and institutional recognition of the idea that women can and should contribute to public and private sectors.

To apply for the Champion Awards, individuals must have the following qualifications: Afghan citizens living in the country; must be at least 18 years old; working in government or in the private sector; and have not been awarded yet for their work in gender development. Applicants must submit the following documents: a copy of their national ID; a fully completed application form; a two-page personal story and supporting documents for their stated accomplishments; and links to their social media accounts, if available. Applicants must be based in Kabul, Herat, Balkh, Kandahar, or Nangarhar. Winners of the Champion Awards will receive a plaque, capacity building trainings, and gifts from corporate sponsors to honor and celebrate their contributions to uplifting women's status in society.

Application forms and details of the Champion Awards are available at the MoWA office in Kabul and in the provinces. They may also be downloaded from [www.mowa.gov.af](http://www.mowa.gov.af) and [www.epd-af.org](http://www.epd-af.org). Applications may be submitted to MoWA offices or via email to [communications@promotewig.com](mailto:communications@promotewig.com) no later than August 14, 2018.

The Champion Awards steering committee is led by MoWA, with support from the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled, and civil society organizations including Empowerment Center for Women, Women Integrity for Society Empowerment Organization, and Afghanistan Learning Organization.

For further information about the Champion Awards, please contact the Champion Awards Secretariat, at 0730663574 or email [communications@promotewig.com](mailto:communications@promotewig.com).