

The Delegation of the European Union to Egypt presents its

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7 Photography Competition under the theme of "Children of Egypt"

OBJECTIVE: The European Union Delegation to Egypt is organising its **7**th **Photography Competition in Egypt** in order to promote and stimulate interest and creativity in photography among amateur photographers in Egypt, and to provide an opportunity for disseminating and exhibiting their work.

<u>CONTEXT:</u> As some of the most vulnerable members of society, children require particular protection. EU programmes and activities address such rights and needs. A combination of policy dialogue, development cooperation and trade incentives are used by the EU. The EU has around 240 million Euro of programmes operating in Egypt focusing on primary education, access to education, child protection and children's rights.

WHAT: The theme of this 7th Photography Competition is: <u>"Children of Egypt"</u>. Children are the future of any country as they are the leaders of tomorrow. Egypt is lucky to have a young population unlike many other countries in the world. This year's competition is an opportunity to take a snap shot of Egypt's future.

Amateur photographers are invited to portray moments, scenes, characters and everyday events that embody what it is like to grow up in a country undergoing profound political, social and economic changes. The purpose of the competition is to explore the subject in all its facets in an attempt to obtain a unique portrayal of Egypt through the photos of its youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Contestants are required to picture children, conceptualise their lives and frame it from all levels of society, capture certain moments, figures, and events that illustrate the complexities/simplicities of children's lives.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit as well as the personal vision on the theme of " Children of Egypt" that the photographer conveys.

Each contestant can participate by sending three images although only one image per photographer will be selected. The jury will consider and value the quality and consistency of the work presented.

Previously published material or images previously awarded in other competitions will not be accepted.

WHO:

This 7th Photography Competition is open to all amateur photographers living in Egypt who do not receive a major part of their income from photography.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Employees of the Delegation of the European Union to Egypt, members of the jury, and their immediate families, are not allowed to participate in the Competition.

HOW:

Each application must contain three photographs which respond to the theme of the Competition. The documentation to be submitted by each applicant is the following:

A printed copy (24x36cm) of each of the three (3) colour or black and white photos. In the back of the photo, please number each one (1, 2 or 3) but do not write anything else on them.

A digital file corresponding to each photo must be submitted. The files must be sent in a CD or DVD properly wrapped and protected in a separate envelope. Entries submitted by any other means (e.g. by fax or by e-mail) or delivered to other addresses will be rejected.

The digital files of the photographs (or scans of negatives, slides or prints) should be presented in the highest possible quality in jpeg or TIFF format.

Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter or clearer, but not digitally manipulate the content.

Each digital photo file will contain the photographer's name, and the photo entry number (1 to 3). For example: Ahmed Rafaat – 1.jpeg

In a separate, single sheet of paper include:

- a) A one-page CV with the participant's full name, nationality, address of residence, telephone number, occupation and email address.
- b) A brief description of each of the three photos submitted including: title, caption, camera and lens used and a brief description of where, when and how the photograph was taken.

Any application that does not respect these criteria will not be eligible.

WHEN:

Photographic entries to this Competition can be delivered in hand or posted by mail. In both cases, the deadline for reception at the EU Delegation in Egypt is Thursday 23 October 2014. No entry arriving after the deadline will be accepted.

Selected photos and winners will be notified by e-mail.

WHERE:

The packages containing the hard copies of the photos, the CD or DVD with the digital files, and sheet of paper with CV and photo descriptions must be delivered in hand or sent by mail to the following address:

Rasha Serry
Press & Information Officer
The European Union Delegation to Egypt
Nile City Towers, North Tower, 2005 C Corniche El Nil, 10th Floor,
Ramlet Boulaq, Cairo – Egypt
Tel.: (+ 20 2) 2461 9860 Ext.215

The envelopes should be marked on the outside with the words: "The 7th Photo Competition"

No photographic entries will be returned to participants.

For any queries regarding this competition, you can send an email to Mrs. Rasha Serry: rasha.serry@eeas.europa.eu

PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded for the three best images. Top of the line cameras and latest laptops that help in photography and photo journalism will be awarded.

The 30 selected photos will also be exhibited in Cairo during the month of December 2013 and/or January 2014. A catalogue of the exhibition including the 30 selected pictures will also be published.

Each of the 30 winning entrants will receive a diploma on that occasion.

Out of the thirty selected photos, twelve (12) images will be chosen to be included in the 2015 calendar of the Delegation of the European Union to Egypt.

LEGAL CONDITIONS:

By participating in this photo competition, you agree to the entry rules, and the following legal conditions:

Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow the photographs (and your name, occupation and country of residence) to be published as selected award winners in European Union publications and used for promotion of the EU Photography Competition including, but not limited to, exhibitions, an EU photo calendar, a brochure or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features, and web pages providing EU-related information.

Participants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. The European Union will credit and acknowledge the copyright of the author of the photograph in all its publications.

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, and do not infringe on any third party's rights.

By entering, participants release the EU and the members of the jury from any liability for any incorrect information, loss, claim or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the photo competition or any prize won. The EU shall have the right to verify, in its sole judgment, winner eligibility. Decisions of the EU shall be final and binding.