



The Delegation of the European Union to Egypt
presents its
Photography Competition under the theme of
8th "Egypt is the Gift of the Nile"

OBJECTIVE: The European Union Delegation to Egypt is organising its 8th **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.

CONTEXT: Contestants are encouraged to visualize the significance of the Nile River as it runs from the north to the south of Egypt bringing life to humanity as it became a historic symbol of stability. Egyptian civilization has depended on the Nile since ancient times. The Nile River is also an important waterway for trade and tourism. The famous Greek historian Herodotus described the Nile by saying: Egypt is the Gift of the Nile

This year's theme is a rich one which would motivate all participants to explore the different aspects of the Nile to reflect the importance of this vital lifeline for all Egyptians and how it affects their lives. Thus, this year's theme is quite interesting and challenging making the competition more rewarding.

- Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit as well as the personal vision on the theme of " Egypt is the Gift of the Nile" 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 8th Photography Competition is open to all amateur photographers living in Egypt who do not receive a major part of their income from photography.
- Employees of the Delegation of the European Union to Egypt and members of the jury 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 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 please 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 Friday 16 October 2015.** 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 8th 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 award ceremony.
- 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 2016 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.

