

Awards of the Global Network on Electoral Justice

“GNEJ awards – 2nd edition”

Call for nominations

Context

In a constantly evolving democratic environment, it is essential to guarantee effective protection of citizens’ political and electoral rights. Electoral authorities are currently facing complex challenges that require decisive actions to ensure an effective electoral justice administration. The 2nd edition of the Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ) Awards aims to recognize outstanding efforts in this field, carried out by electoral jurisdiction authorities, international organizations, academic institutes, private entities, and electoral experts.

About the Awards

To identify good practices and contribute to their dissemination, the GNEJ convenes courts or authorities responsible for electoral justice in their respective jurisdictions, international organizations, and individuals in the academic field to present a work, significant actions, and inspiring efforts to strengthen electoral justice at the national, regional or international level. The **three categories** for the 2nd edition of the GNEJ Awards are: 1) judicial-electoral integrity and independence; 2) gender equality; and 3) specific progress in a topic relevant to the GNEJ.

Bases

1. Authorities, international organizations, and scholars may be nominated in each of the three main categories, regardless of their formal affiliation with the GNEJ.
2. Three awards (one per type of actor) will be granted per category 1 and 2, and one general award will be conferred for the third category, resulting in seven winners for this edition.
3. The winners will be announced at the Sixth Plenary Assembly, and their work will be published on the [Global Exchange Platform](#).
4. The awarded institutions and individuals will be invited to the Sixth Plenary Assembly, with only one representative per category.
 - a. The GNEJ will cover the travel expenses of one winner from each category.
 - b. If any prize-winning authority is not a member of the GNEJ, the person attending in its representation will participate as an observer. The presence of a larger delegation will be considered if the winning institution assumes the corresponding expenses. In that case, it should seek an equal representation and not exceed four persons.

- c. If an academic paper prepared by more than one person is presented, the person designated as the main author shall be invited.
5. The Technical Secretariat will receive the nominations and their supporting documents between the **21st of August 2023 and November 15th, 2024.**
6. The Scientific Committee of the GNEJ will review, analyze and selection of the winners, based on specific criteria per category and rules for their functioning as judges, from December 2024 to February 2025.
7. The Scientific Committee of the GNEJ reserves the right to declare this call partially or totally void.
8. All issues that are not specifically mentioned or considered in these rules will be resolved by the Scientific Committee.
9. The GNEJ Awards will be presented in 2025, during the Sixth Plenary Assembly (date to be confirmed).

Categories and conditions



Categories:

1. Judicial-electoral integrity and independence
2. Gender equality
3. General award: Specific progress on an important topic for the GNEJ



For the nomination, a summary of a maximum of 1500 words in English, French, or Spanish must be submitted:

- Authorities: action, ruling, or jurisprudence
- Organizations: programmatic, practical, real, and measurable progress
- Scholars: summary of the study, monograph, or work, regardless of whether it has been published yet

The same project, program, action, or work can only be nominated in one category. An organization or person can be nominated in different categories, with different projects. The terms of reference establish the criteria for each type of actor and category.

It should be noted that nominations must include actions carried out in the immediately preceding years. For the second edition of the GNEJ Awards, which will be presented in 2025, nominations will be allowed for actions in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first half of 2024.

The nomination shall also include an argument on its relevance or impact for electoral justice, up to 500 words. It may not exceed the 2000-word limit. Up to 3 relevant supporting documents are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, *résumé* or curriculum vitae, the work itself, letters of recommendation, manuals, or technical documents.



Reception of nominations will take place from August 21, 2023, to November 15, 2024. All nominations will be consolidated by the Technical Secretariat, which will deliver the documents to the Scientific Committee before the deadline of this period.



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Winners: Three winners per category (authority, organization, and academic work) for categories 1 and 2, and a general award for the third category, resulting in seven winners for this edition.



Announcement: The winners will be announced and awarded during the Sixth Plenary. The winning best practices and academic papers will be published electronically on the Global Exchange Platform and on the GNEJ's social media.