



- MEPI AUMNI CONNECTION -

Alumni of the Year

The MEPI Alumni of the Year (AOY) Award recognizes and celebrates the remarkable work of our alumni in building a more prosperous and sustainable MENA region. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and impact in their respective fields.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the MEPI Alumni of the Year Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a graduate of the following MEPI programs: Student Leaders, Tomorrow's Leaders, or Leadership Development Fellowship.
- Previous AOY winners are not eligible for another AOY award for at least two years.
- Nominee must be willing to offer in-person or virtual training, or mentorship to the MEPI alumni community as part of their post-award support for their peers.
- MEPI alumni residing in the diaspora are welcome to apply, however, preference will be given to those based in the MENA region.



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Application and Selection Process

- MEPI alumni either nominate themselves, are nominated by embassies, or can nominate their peers from the eligible alumni based in the MENA region. Nominees will be asked to answer questions to learn about their work and impact. Nominees (whether self-nominated or nominated by others) are encouraged to provide a personal statement, or a 3-minute video, showcasing their achievements and resilience. Additionally, nominees must submit an endorsement letter from their organization, a community-based group of beneficiaries, or another relevant institution or individual who can attest to their resilience and impact.
- Once the call for nominations is closed, the team will review and determine the eligibility of all nominees.
- The MAC team will use a scorecard based on the selection criteria to identify the top 10 AOY nominees.
- The team will conduct interviews with the top 10 nominees to gather more detailed information.
- MEPI receives the final list and information on the top 10 nominees and decides on the final awardees and any selected as honorable mentions.
- Upon final approval the World Learning team will coordinate with the selected awardees.

2026 Alumni of the Year will open in the fall of 2025.



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