



DECISION

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Rules of the "CJCA Thesis Prize"

- The President of the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions – CJCA;
- Having regard to the Statute of the CJCA, in particular Article 3 (e) thereof.
- Having regard to the decision of the Executive Bureau of the CJCA, at its 12th session held in Luanda (Angola) on 24 January 2021 on the creation of the CJCA Thesis Prize;
- Taking into account the remarks and observations made by the members of the Executive Board, during its 15th session held in Kinshasa (DRC), on February 10, 2023;
- Pursuant to the Decision of the President of the CJCA, of May 31, 2023, establishing the CJCA Thesis Prize.

DECIDES

Article 1.-The purpose of this Decision is to regulate the modalities of awarding the "*Thesis Prize of the CJCA*".

Article 2.- The CJCA awards a Prize for the best theses developed by African students and researchers, in the four (04) working languages of the Conference, namely:

- Prize for the best thesis developed in English;
- Prize for the best thesis developed in Arabic;
- Prize for the best thesis developed in French;
- Prize for the best thesis elaborated in Portuguese language.

In its first edition, the Prize is awarded to the best theses developed by African students and researchers during the last five (05) years.

Article 3.- Are eligible theses falling within one of the disciplinary fields falling within the field of competence of the Supreme Courts and African Constitutional Courts and Councils and dealing in particular with constitutional justice, its history, political institutions, constitutional law and electoral disputes, the status of parliamentarians or relating to cross-cutting issues likely to fall within the scope of the activities of the courts Constitutional.

Article 4.- The "**CJCA Thesis Prize**", awarded every two years, shall be made public by posting on the media provided for this purpose, by insertion on the CJCA website and by any other appropriate means.

Article 5.- The Prize is endowed with a total sum of **Ten thousand (10,000) Euros**, distributed equally between the four theses prepared in the four working languages of the Conference, at the rate of **Two thousand Five hundred (2 500) euros** for each thesis. This endowment is left at the free disposal of the winner.

The CJCA may contribute to the costs of publishing the winning thesis.

In this case, the CJCA may request that the cover and cover page of the book mention «**With the financial support of the CJCA**» be mentioned.

Article 6.- The application file includes:

- an electronic version of the thesis (file in "Word" or "PDF" format);
- the defense report;
- a summary of the thesis of 3 pages,'
- the certificate of defense or the doctoral degree;
- an application form signed by the candidate;
- a declaration on honor following the model provided by the General Secretariat of the CJCA, and which can be downloaded from the conference website, certifying that the works produced do not in any way infringe the copyright of scientific productions.

Any candidate for the **CJCA Thesis Prize** who, before it is awarded, would have received another prize leading to the publication of his thesis, must immediately notify the Permanent Secretariat of the CJCA and withdraw.

Applications are sent, by e-mail and by any other appropriate means, no later than the date fixed in the call for applications, to the Permanent General Secretariat of the CJCA, located in Algiers.

Documents provided by applicants will not be returned.

Any incomplete file will not be reviewed.

Article 7.-The members of the Executive Board constitute the jury of the Prize.

The President of the CJCA chairs the jury.

The Executive Board may be assisted by law professors from the country where the session of the Bureau is held.

Article 8.- The president of the jury may decide on an unjustified pre-selection of applications.

In order to carry out this pre-selection, the chairman of the selection board may, if necessary, appoint deputy rapporteurs to the members of the selection board. Each thesis submitted to the jury for assessment is presented by a rapporteur, who is a member of the jury.

Article 9.- The jury's deliberations are held in camera. It shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 24 of the Statute of the CJCA and the following provisions:

- The jury is sovereign and does not have to justify its decisions;
- Each member of the jury has one vote, that of the President being preponderant in case of equal division of votes;
- The jury may decide either to share the prize or not to award it; in the latter case, the CJCA may exceptionally relaunch applications within one year;
- The jury may, if necessary, award special mentions to theses selected but not awarded.

Article 10.- The presentation of the Thesis Prize will take place on the sidelines of the CJCA Congress.

The winners undertake to be present at the award ceremony. The costs of their participation in the award ceremony are covered by the CJCA.

Article 11.- The laureates may claim the title of winner of the «*Thesis Prize of the CJCA*» when presenting their work at conferences, symposia, or scientific publications.

The winners authorize the CJCA to use their first names, surnames, and images by way of quotation, mention, reproduction, representation on the occasion of internal or external communication actions. These actions may not give rise to remuneration or any advantage for the benefit of the winners other than the award of the prize mentioned as provided for in this Decision.

Article 12.- Participation in the Thesis Prize of the CJCA, implies acceptance of these Rules which will be signed by the President of the CJCA.

Article 13.- The Permanent General Secretariat of the CJCA is responsible for the execution of this Decision which will be published by insertion on the website of the CJCA.

Done in Rabat, on : 15 June 2023

Hon. Mr. Said IHRAI

President of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Morocco

President of the Conference of African Constitutional Jurisdictions - CJCA