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The Cairo Association against Smoking, Tuberculosis and Lung diseases – Egypt (CASTLE) decided to allocate an annual prize called (Nelson Mandela Award) for persons or organizations with outstanding contributions in the field of combating tuberculosis . In 2014 the Award will be at the national level and it is planned to make it at global level in the next years. The award will be presented at the world TB day 24 March 2014.

Mr Mandela led South Africa's transition from white-minority rule in the 1990s and was elected President in 1994. Despite being imprisoned for 27 years because of his political activities, during which time he became ill with tuberculosis (TB), and he devoted much of his time to campaigning for people living with TB and HIV, urging world leaders to step up their responses to the two diseases. With his death, we lose a great champion for TB and HIV. In 2004 he told the International AIDS Conference: "We can't fight AIDS unless we do much more to fight TB as well."



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