

# CV of Professor Muhammad Yunus

Curriculum Vitae of Professor Muhammad Yunus, Chairman of Yunus Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh

## Personal Information

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**Marital Status** Married

**Nationality** Bangladeshi

**Education** Ph.D in Economics, Vanderbilt University, U.S.A.(1970)

## Scholarships / Fellowships

1. Awarded Fulbright Fellowship to study in the U.S.A. for 1965-66.
2. Awarded Vanderbilt University research and teaching fellowships during 1966-69.
3. Awarded Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship for 1984.
4. Senior Fellow, The Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Universita della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland (2000 - ).

## Professional Experiences

1962 - 65 Lecturer of Economics, Chittagong College, Bangladesh  
1969 - 72 Assistant Professor of Economics, MTSU, Tennessee, USA  
1972 (July-Sept) Deputy Chief, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh.  
1972 - 75 Associate Professor of Economics and Head of the Department of Economics, Chittagong University, Bangladesh  
1975 - 1989 Professor of Economics, Chittagong University and Director, Rural Economics Programme, Chittagong, Bangladesh

1976 - 1983	Project Director, Grameen Bank Project, Bangladesh
1983 - today	Managing Director, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh
1996 (April-June)	Cabinet Minister (Advisor) in the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh

## **Membership of Committees and Commissions (National)**

1. Was member, National Committee on Population Policy set up by the President of Bangladesh, in 1981.
2. Was member, Land Reform Committee, set up by Chief Martial Law Administrator, headed by the Minister of Agriculture, in 1982.
3. Member, Education Commission (1987-88), Government of Bangladesh.
4. Member, Presidential Committee on Health Education and Service (1987-88).
5. Appointed as the Chairman of the Socio-economic Committee of the National Disaster Prevention Council set up by the President of Bangladesh (1989-90).
6. Member of the National Debt Settlement Board headed by the President of Bangladesh (1989-90).
7. Member of the Task Force for reviewing the operation of the Nationalised Commercial Banks (1989).
8. Appointed as the Convenor of the Task Force on Self-Reliance set up by the Planning Advisor (1991).
9. Member of the National ICT Task Force Committee, Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh (2002 - ).

## **Membership of Committees and Commissions (International)**

1. Appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations as a member of the International Advisory Group for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China (1993-1995).
2. Appointed as a member of the Global Commission on Women's Health for the period 1993-1995 by the Director General, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.
3. Appointed as member of Advisory Council for Sustainable Economic Development, World Bank, Washington DC, USA (1993-to-date).
4. Appointed as member of the UN Expert Group on Women and Finance: Transforming Enterprise and Finance Systems, UNIFEM, Washington DC, USA (1993 to date).
5. Chairman of the Policy Advisory Group for the CGAP (Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest), World Bank , Washington D.C., U.S.A.

- (1995 - 2000).
6. Member of the Council of Patrons of Friends of the Earth International, Amsterdam, Netherlands to support it in its continued campaigns to protect the environment (1996).
  7. Member of the Advisory Committee, Asian Ecotechnology Network.
  8. Co-Chairman , State of the World Forum, San Francisco, U.S.A. (1996 - ).
  9. Co-Chairman, Council of Practitioners, Micro-Credit Summit, U.S.A. (1997 - ).
  10. Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Center of Arab Women For Training And Research (CAWTAR), Tunisia (1997 - ).
  11. Member of the Advisory Group, Institute For Democracy And Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Sweden (1997 - ).
  12. Honourary Member, Club of Budapest, London, U.K. ( 1997 - ).
  13. Member of the Advisory Group, Council of Women World Leaders, Kennedy Schools of Government Harvard University, U.S.A. (1997 - ).
  14. Member of the Advisory Committee, 2020 Vision for Food, Agriculture and the Environment initiative, IFPRI, U.S.A. (1998 - ).
  15. Member of the Advisory Committee, INTERNEWS, Arcata, San Francisco, U.S.A. (1999 - ).
  16. Member of the International Consultative Committee, International Forum, Mujeres & Hombres, Lima, Peru (1999 - ).
  17. Member, AGFUND Prize Committee, AGFUND, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1999 - ).
  18. Member, Hilton Humanitarian Prize Jury Committee, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, U.S.A. (1999 - ).
  19. Member of the Presiding Council of the ProVention Consortium (a global partnership to address the increasing vulnerability of developing countries to the risk of natural and technological catastrophes), World Bank, Washington DC, U.S.A. (2000 - to-date).
  20. Member of the High Council of International Exhibitions, International Bureau of Expositions, Paris, France (2000 - ).
  21. Member of the High-Level Advisory Group on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), United Nations, New York, U.S.A. (2000 - ).
  22. Member, Advisory Committee, Queen Sofia Chamber Orchestra (Orquesta de Camara Reina Sofia), Madrid, Spain (2001 - ).
  23. Member, Global Steering Committee for the Fish for All Initiative, ICLARM, Malaysia (2002 - ).
  24. Member, International Jury Committee of the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development, Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, India (2002 - 2004).
  25. Co-Chairman, Ambassadors' Council, Freedom from Hunger,

- U.S.A. (2003 - to-date).
26. Member, Africa Progress Panel, UK (2007 - to-date).
  27. Member, Elders Project, South Africa (2007 - to-date).
  28. Co-Chairman, Women's World Forum, Republic of Korea (2007 - to-date)
  29. Member, Foundation Board of the Global Humanitarian Forum, Geneva, Switzerland (2007 -to-date).

## **Member, Board of Advisors (International)**

1. Calmeadow Foundation, 4 Kind Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1B6, Canada.
2. The Synergose Institute, 100 East 85th Street, New York, NY10028 U.S.A.
3. Living Economics, 42 Warriner Gardens, London SW11 4DU, U.K.
4. International Council for Freedom From Hunger, U.S.A.
5. International Council, Ashoka Foundation, Washington DC, USA.
6. Advisory Council, Women for Women of Bosnia, Washington DC, USA.
7. Advisory Board, The Center For Visionary Leadership, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
8. International Advisory Board, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, U.S.A.
9. International Advisory Board, Foundation for the Research of Societal Problems Ankara, Turkey.
10. Advisory Board, Credit for All, Inc. Denver, U.S.A
11. Advisory Board, The Gleitsman Foundation International Activist Award, California, U.S.A.
12. International Council, Asia Society, New York, U.S.A.
13. International Advisory Panel, UNESCO, Paris, France.
14. International Advisory Board, The Center For Visionary Leadership, Washington D.C. U.S.A.
15. International Council on the Future, UNESCO, Paris, France.
16. Global Advisory Board, EARTH ONE (a radio service for the world community) Borehamwood, United Kingdom.
17. Global Public Goods Advisory Board, Office of Development Studies, UNDP, New York, U.S.A
18. Advisory Board, Information Technologies and International Development, MIT Media Laboratory, Cambridge, U.S.A.
19. Advisory Board, Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Germany.
20. Advisory Panel, ESCAP/UNDP Joint Initiative in Supporting the Achievement of Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific Region, Thailand.
21. Founder Member, The Global Academy for Social Entrepreneurship, Ashoka, U.S.A.

22. Advisory Board, Prague Institute for Global Urban Development, Czechoslovakia.
23. Honorary Advisory Council, Alliance for the New Humanity (ANH), U.S.A.
24. Advisory Council for the new Templeton Freedom Awards, Atlas Economic Research Foundation , U.S.A
25. Advisory Board, Holcim Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland.
26. Advisory Board, Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence, Virginia, U.S.A
27. Honorary Board Member, Center for International Studies Micro-Credit Program, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.
28. Honorary Board Member, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, the Netherlands.
29. Advisory Board Member, "Global Health Agenda for Girls" project at the Center for Global Development, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
30. Advisory Board Member, Multimedia Super Corridor Malaysia International Advisory Panel (IAP), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
31. Member, Advisory Committee, Ritsumeikan Asian Pacific University, Japan.
32. Honorary Advisor, Super Naissance Academic Project at Super Naissance Incorporated, Tokyo, Japan.

### **Member, Board of Directors (National)**

- 1976 - 1983 Founder and Project Director, Grameen Bank Project.
- 1983 - to-date Founder and Managing Director, Grameen Bank, Dhaka.
- 1991 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Krishi (Agriculture) Foundation, Rangpur.
- 1990 - to-date Founder and Executive Trustee, Grameen Trust, Dhaka.
- 1990 - to-date Designer and member of Governing Body, Polli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Dhaka.
- 1979 - to-date Member, Board of Directors, Centre for Mass Education for Science, Dhaka.
- 1994 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Fund (a Social Venture Capital Fund), Dhaka.
- 1994 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Motsho (Fisheries)O PasuSampad (Livestock) Foundation, Dhaka.
- 1994 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Uddog, a non-stock, non-profit organization dedicated to promote the interest of the handloom-weavers of Bangladesh.
- 1995 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Telecom, a cellular telephone company to provide nationwide telephone service. It will provide telephone service in the rural areas of Bangladesh primarily through the poor women in rural areas.

- 1995 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Shamogree (Products), Dhaka.
- 1995 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Gona Shyastha Grameen Textile Mills Ltd., Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Cybernet, Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Communications, Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Kallyan (well-being), Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Shakti (energy), Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Yunus Foundation, Dhaka.
- 1996 - to-date Member, Advisory Council of the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Dhaka.
- 1997 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Shikkha (Education), Dhaka.
- 1997 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Knitwear Ltd., Dhaka.
- 1998 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Capital Management Ltd, Dhaka.
- 1999 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Software Ltd, Dhaka.
- 2000 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen IT Park Ltd, Dhaka.
- 2002 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Star Education Ltd, Dhaka.
- 2002 - to-date Founder and Chairman, Grameen Information Highways Ltd, Dhaka.

### **Member, Board of Directors (International)**

- 1987 - 1997 Board of Directors, RESULTS, A Citizen's Lobby, Washington DC, U.S.A.
- 1987 - 1995 Board of Trustees, Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (A Grameen Replication Project in Malaysia.)
- 1989 - 1994 Board of Trustees of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines.
- 1990 - to-date Chief Patron, Credit and Savings for Hardcore Poor, (CASHPOR), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 1990 - 1992 Steering Committee, The Aga Khan Award for Architecture, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1992 - 2002 Board of Directors, Calvert World Values Fund, Washington DC, USA.
- 1993 - to-date Board of Directors, Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA), U.S.A.
- 1995 - to-date International Crisis Group, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
- 1996 - to-date Patron, United Kingdom Social Investment Forum, London, U.K.
- 1998 - to-date Board of Directors, United Nations Foundation , Washington, U.S.A.

- 2000 - to-date Founding Patron, C21: Tomorrow's Leaders for a Safer Planet, Oxford Research Group , Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 2001 - to-date Board of Directors, Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship , Coligny, Switzerland.
- 2002 - to-date Board of Director, ManyOne Foundation, Canada.
- 2006 - to-date Board of Trustees, Coexist Foundation, University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2007 - to-date Board of Director, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Monaco.
- 2007- to -date Board of Directors, Chirac Foundation, France.
- 2007- to -date Board of Directors, Grameen Danone Food Ltd, Bangladesh.
- 2007- to -date Board of Directors, Danone Communities Fund, France.
- 2007- to -date Board of Directors, Grameen Credit Agricole Microfinance Foundation, Luxemburg.
- 2007- to -date Board of Directors, Sing For Hope, New York, U.S.A.

## **Awards:**

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **President's Award: 1978**

Originator of the concept of Three share Farming (Tebhaga Khamar) as a joint farming operation. Organised Nabajug Tebhaga Khamar in Jobra, Chittagong in 1975, around a deep tubewell which was lying unused because of management problems. Government of Bangladesh adopted the concept and introduced it in the country under the name of "Packaged Input Programme" (PIP) in 1977. Nabajug Tebhaga Khamar was awarded President's Award in 1978 for introducing an innovative organisation in agriculture.

### **PHILIPPINES**

#### **Ramon Magsaysay Award: 1984**

Awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award in the Field of "Community Leadership" in 1984 for "Enabling the neediest rural men and women to make themselves productive with sound group managed credit."

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Central Bank Award: 1985**

Awarded the Bangladesh Bank Award 1985 in recognition of the contribution in devising a new banking mechanism to extend credit to the rural landless population, thereby creating self employment and socio economic development for them.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **Independence Day award: 1987**

Awarded the Independence Day Award, 1987, by the President for the outstanding contribution in rural development. This is the highest civilian national award of Bangladesh.

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **Aga Khan Award For Architecture: 1989**

Awarded Aga Khan Award For Architecture, 1989 by Geneva based Aga Khan Foundation for designing and operating Grameen Bank Housing Programme for the poor, which helped poor members of Grameen Bank to construct 60,000 housing units by 1989, each costing on an average \$ 300.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Humanitarian Award: 1993**

Awarded 1993 Humanitarian Award by the CARE, U.S.A. in recognition of role in providing a uniquely pragmatic and effective method of empowering poor women and men to embark on income generating activities.

## **SRI LANKA**

### **Mohamed Sahabdeen Award for Science (Socio Economic): 1993**

Awarded Mohamed Sahabdeen Award for Science (Socio Economic) in 1993.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **Rear Admiral M. A. Khan Memorial Gold Medal Award: 1993**

Awarded Rear Admiral Mahbub Ali Khan Memorial Gold Medal Award in 1993.

## **U.S.A.**

### **World Food Prize: 1994**

Awarded 1994 World Food Prize by World Food Prize Foundation, U.S.A. in recognition of the lifetime achievements of an economist who created a bank loan system that has given millions of people access to adequate food and nutrition for the first time in their lives.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Pfeffer Peace Prize: 1994**

Awarded 1994 Pfeffer Peace Prize by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, U.S.A. for his vision of non collateral lending through the Grameen Bank and the courage of persevere in the concept that credit is a human right.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal Award: 1994**

Awarded Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal Award in 1994.

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **Max Schmidheiny Foundation Freedom Prize: 1995**

Awarded Max Schmidheiny Foundation Freedom Prize in 1995.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **RCMD Award: 1995**

Awarded Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka Foundation Award in 1995.

## **VENEZUELA & UNESCO**

### **International Simon Bolivar Prize: 1996**



Awarded International Simon Bolivar Prize in 1996.

**U.S.A.**

**"Distinguished Alumnus Award" of Vanderbilt University: 1996**

Awarded "Distinguished Alumnus Award" of Vanderbilt University in 1996.

**U.S.A.**

**International Activist Award: 1997**

Awarded International Activist Award Gleitsman Foundation, U.S.A., in 1997.

**GERMANY**

**Planetary Consciousness Business Innovation Prize: 1997**

Awarded "Planetary Consciousness Business Innovation Prize" by the club of Budapest in 1997.

**NORWAY**

**Help for self help Prize: 1997**

Awarded "Help for self help Prize" by the Stromme Foundation in 1997.

**ITALY**

**Man for Peace Award: 1997**

Awarded "Man for Peace Award" by the Together For Peace Foundation in 1997.

**U.S.A.**

**State of the World Forum Award: 1997**

Awarded "State of the World Forum Award" by the State of the World Forum, San Francisco in 1997.

**U.K.**

**One World Broadcasting Trust Media Awards: 1998**

Awarded "One World Broadcasting Trust Special Award" by the One World Broadcasting Trust in 1998.

**SPAIN**

**The Prince of Asturias Award for Concord: 1998**

Awarded "The Prince of Asturias Award for Concord" by The Prince of Asturias Foundation in 1998.

**AUSTRALIA**

**Sydney Peace Prize: 1998**

Awarded "Sydney Peace Prize" by the Sydney Peace Foundation in 1998.

**JAPAN**

**Ozaki (Gakudo) Award : 1998**

Awarded "Ozaki (Gakudo) Award" by the Ozaki Yukio Memorial Foundation in 1998.

**INDIA**

**Indira Gandhi Prize: 1998**

Awarded "Indira Gandhi Prize" for Peace, Disarmament and Development by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust in 1998.

## **FRANCE**

### **Juste of the Year Award: 1998**

Awarded "Juste of the Year" by the Les Justes D'or in 1998.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Rotary Award for World Understanding: 1999**

Awarded "Rotary Award for World Understanding" by the Rotary International in 1999.

## **ITALY**

### **Golden Pegasus Award: 1999**

Awarded "Golden Pegasus Award" by the TUSCAN Regional Government in 1999.

## **ITALY**

### **Roma Award for Peace and Humanitarian Action: 1999**

Awarded "Roma Award for Peace and Humanitarian Action" by the Municipality of Rome in 1999.

## **INDIA**

### **Rathindra Puraskar: 1998**

Awarded "Rathindra Puraskar for 1998" by the Visva-Bharati in 1999.

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **OMEGA Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement: 2000**

Awarded "OMEGA Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement" in 2000.

## **ITALY**

### **Award of the Medal of the Presidency of the Italian Senate: 2000**

Awarded "The Medal of the Presidency of the Italian Senate" in 2000.

## **JORDAN**

### **King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Award: 2000**

Awarded "King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Award" by the King Hussein Foundation in 2000.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **"IDEB Gold Medal" Award: 2000**

Awarded IDEB Gold Medal Award by the Institute of Diploma Engineers in 2000.

## **ITALY**

### **"Artusi" Prize : 2001**

Awarded "Artusi" prize by Comune di Forlimpopoli in 2001.

## **JAPAN**

### **Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize: 2001**

Awarded "Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize " by the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize Committee in 2001.

## **VIETNAM**

### **Ho Chi Minh Award: 2001**

Awarded "Ho Chi Minh Award" by the Ho Chi Minh City Peoples' Committee in 2001.

## **SPAIN**

### **International Cooperation Prize Caja de Granada: 2001**

Awarded "International Cooperation Prize Caja de Granada" Caja de Ahorros de Granada in 2001.

## **SPAIN**

### **"NAVARRA" International Aid Award: 2001**

"NAVARRA" International Aid Award by the Autonomous Government of Navarra together with Caja Laboral (Savings Bank) in 2001.

## **U.S.A**

### **Mahatma Gandhi Award: 2002**

Awarded "Mahatma Gandhi Award" by the M.K Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, in 2002.

## **U.K.**

### **World Technology Network Award: 2003**

Awarded "World Technology Network Award 2003" for Finance by the World Technology Network in 2003.

## **SWEDEN**

### **Volvo Environment Prize: 2003**

Awarded "Volvo Environment Prize 2003" by the Volvo Environment Prize Foundation in 2003.

## **COLOMBIA**

### **National Merit Order Award: 2003**

Awarded "National Merit Order" by the Honorable President of the Republic of Colombia in 2003.

## **FRANCE**

### **The Medal of the Painter Oswaldo Guayasamin Award: 2003**

Awarded "The Medal of the Painter Oswaldo Guayasamin" by the UNESCO in 2003.

## **SPAIN**

### **Telecinco Award: 2004**

Awarded "Telecinco Award for Better Path Towards Solidarity" by the Spanish TV Network - Channel 5 in 2004.

## **ITALY**

### **City of Orvieto Award: 2004**

Awarded "City of Orvieto Award" by the Municipality of Orvieto in 2004.

## **U.S.A.**

### **The Economist Innovation Award: 2004**

Awarded "The Economist Award for Social and Economic Innovation" by The Economist in 2004.

## **U.S.A.**

### **World Affairs Council Award: 2004**

Awarded "World Affairs Council Award for Extra-ordinary Contribution to Social Change" by the World Affairs Council of Northern California in 2004.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Leadership in Social Entrepreneurship Award: 2004**

Awarded "Leadership in Social Entrepreneurship Award" by Fuqua School of Business of Duke University, U.S.A. in 2004.

## **ITALY**

### **Premio Galileo 2000 - Special Prize for Peace: 2004**

Awarded "Premio Galileo 2000 - Special Prize for Peace" by Ina Assitalia Fireuze in 2004.

## **JAPAN**

### **Nikkei Asia Prize: 2004**

Awarded "Nikkei Asia Prize for Regional Growth" by the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. (Nikkei) in 2004.

## **SPAIN**

### **Golden Cross of the Civil Order of the Social Solidarity: 2005**

Awarded "Golden Cross of the Civil Order of the Social Solidarity" by the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in May, 2005.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Freedom Award: 2005**

Awarded "Freedom Award" by the America's Freedom Foundation, Provo, Utah, U.S.A. in July, 2005.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **Bangladesh Computer Society Gold Medal: 2005**

Awarded "Bangladesh Computer Society Gold Medal" by the Bangladesh Computer Society, Bangladesh in July, 2005.

## **ITALY**

### **Prize Il Ponte: 2005**

Awarded "Prize Il Ponte" by the Fondazione Europea Guido Venosta, Italy in November, 2005.

## **SPAIN**

### **Foundation of Justice: 2005**

Awarded "Foundation of Justice 2005" by the Foundation of Justice, Valencia, Spain in January, 2006.

## **U.S.A**

### **Harvard University, Neustadt Award: 2006**

Awarded "Neustadt Award" by Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, U.S.A. in May, 2006.

## **U.S.A**

### **Global Citizen of the Year Award: 2006**

Awarded "Global Citizen of the Year Award" by Patel Foundation for Global understanding, Tampa, Florida, U.S.A in May, 2006.

## **NETHERLAND**

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom Award: 2006**

Awarded "Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom Award" by Roosevelt Institute, Middleburg, Province of New Zeeland, The Netherlands in May, 2006.

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **ITU World Information Society Award: 2006**

Awarded "ITU World Information Society Award" by International Telecommunication Union, Geneva, Switzerland in May, 2006.

## **KOREA**

### **Seoul Peace Prize: 2006**

Awarded "Seoul Peace Prize 2006" by Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation, Seoul, Korea in October, 2006.

## **SPAIN**

### **Convivencia (Good Fellowship) of Ceuta Award: 2006**

Awarded "Convivencia (Good Fellowship) of Ceuta 2006" by Fundacion Premio Convivencia, Ceuta, Spain in October, 2006.

## **Norway**

### **Nobel Peace Prize: 2006**

Awarded "Nobel Peace Prize 2006" in October, 2006.

## **INDIA**

### **Disaster Mitigation Award: 2006**

Awarded "Disaster Mitigation Award 2006" by FIRST INDIA Disaster Management Congress 2006, Delhi, India in November, 2006.

## **INDIA**

### **Shera Bangalee:2006**

Awarded "SHERA BANGALEE 2006" by ETV, India in February, 2007.

## **U.S.A**

### **Global Trailblazer Award: 2007**

Awarded "Global Trailblazer Award 2007" by the Vital Voices, Washington DC, USA in March, 2007.

## **U.S.A**

### **ABICC Award For Leadership In Global Trade: 2007**

Awarded "ABICC Award For Leadership in Global Trade 2007" by ABICC, Miami, USA in March, 2007.

## **U.S.A**

### **Social Entrepreneur Award: 2007**

Awarded "Social Entrepreneur Award 2007" by the Geoffrey Palmer Center for Social Entrepreneurship and the Law, Pepperdine School of Law, USA in January, 2007.

## **U.S.A**

### **Global Entrepreneurship Leader Award: 2007**

Awarded "Global Entrepreneurship Leader Award 2007" by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, USA in April, 2007.

## **SPAIN**

### **RED CROSS Gold Medal: 2007**

Awarded "Red Cross Gold Medal 2007" by the Red Cross Society, Spain in 2007.

## **INDIA**

**Rabindra Nath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque: 2007**

Awarded "Rabindra Nath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque 2007" by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, India in May, 2007.

**NETHERLAND**

**EFR-Business Week Award: 2007**

Awarded "EFR-Business Week Award 2007" by the University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands in May 2007.

**U.S.A.**

**Nichols-Chancellor's Medal: 2007**

Awarded "Nichols-Chancellor's Medal" by the Vanderbilt University, U.S.A. in May, 2007.

**GERMANY**

**Vision Award: 2007**

Awarded "Vision Award 2007" by the Global Economic Network, Berlin, Germany in June, 2007.

**U.S.A**

**BAFI Global Achievement Award: 2007**

Awarded "BAFI Global Achievement Award 2007" by the Bangladesh-American Foundation Inc., U.S.A in July, 2007.

**U.S.A.**

**Rubin Museum Mandala Award: 2007**

Awarded "Rubin Museum Mandala Award" by the Rubin Museum, USA, October 2007.

**INDIA**

**Sakaal Person of the Year Award: 2007**

Awarded "Sakaal Person of the Year Award 2007" by the Sakaal Group of Publications, India in November, 2007.

**PHILIPPINES**

**First AHPADA Global Award: 2007**

Awarded "1st AHPADA Global Award" by the ASEAN Handicraft Promotion and Development Association (ASPADA), Philippines in November, 2007.

**Brazil**

**Medal of Honor: 2007**

Awarded "Medal of Honor" by the Government, Santa Catrina State, Brazil, November 2007.

**U.S.A.**

**Award for UN South-South Cooperation: 2007**

Awarded the "UN South - South Cooperation" by the United Nations, USA, December 2007.

**U.S.A.**

**Project Concern Award: 2008**

Awarded "Project Concern Award" by Project Concern International, Santa Barbara, California, January 2008.

## **New York**

### **International Women's Health Coalition Award: 2008**

Awarded "IWHC" Award by the International Women's Health Coalition, February 2008.

## **Japan**

### **Kitakyushu Environmental Award: 2008**

Awarded "The Kitakyushu Environmental Award" by the Mayor of City of Kitakyushu, Japan, February 2008.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Chancellor's Medal: 2008**

Awarded "Chancellor's Medal" by York College, USA, February 2008.

## **U.S.A.**

### **President's Medal: 2008**

Awarded "President's Medal" by Lehman College, USA, March 2008.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Human Security Award: 2008**

Awarded "Human Security Award" by Muslim Public Affairs Council, USA, March 2008.

## **AUSTRIA**

### **Annual Award for Development: 2008**

Awarded "2008 Annual Award for Development" by OPEC Fund for International Development(OFID), Austria, June 2008.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Humanitarian Award: 2008**

Awarded "2008 Humanitarian Award" by The International Association of Lions Clubs, U.S.A., June 2008.

## **SPAIN**

### **Friend of Children Award: 2008**

Awarded "Friend of Children 2008" by Save the Children, Spain, October 2008.

## **GERMANY**

### **AGI International Science Award: 2008**

Awarded "AGI International Science" by University of Cologne, Germany, October 2008.

## **GERMANY**

### **Corine International Book Award: 2008**

Awarded "Corine International Book Award" by the Bavaraian Government for the book, "Creating World Without Poverty", Germany, November 2008.

## **GERMANY**

### **TWO WINGS prize: 2008**

Awarded "TWO WING prize 2008" by the Freie Universitat, Berlin, Germany, November 2008.

## **California**

**Global Humanitarian Awards: 2008**

Awarded "Global Humanitarian Awards 2008" by the Tech Museum, San Jose, California, November 2008.

**California****World Affairs Council Awards: 2008**

Awarded "World Affairs Council Awards 2008" by the World Affairs Council of Northern California, San Francisco, California, November 2008.

**Portugal****Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize: 2009**

The Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize was awarded to Muhammad Yunus's *Creating a world without Poverty*. It is the biggest award in the field of international studies. It is awarded on an annual basis to books, which offer outstanding analysis of global issues. May, 2009.

**USA****Eisenhower Medal for Leadership and Service: 2009**

Awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower Medal for Leadership and Service from the Eisenhower Fellowships at a ceremony in Philadelphia, May, 2009.

**Slovakia****Golden Biatec Award: 2009**

Awarded Golden Biatec Award by the Economic Club, Slovakia, June, 2009.

**USA****Gold Medal of Honor Award: 2009**

Awarded the Gold Medal of Honor Award from the ATLAS, U.S.A, June, 2009.

**USA****PICMET Leadership in Technology Management: 2009**

Awarded the "PICMET (Portland International Center for Management of Engineering and Technology) Leadership in Technology Management" from PICMET, U.S.A. on August 4, 2009. This award recognizes and honors individuals who have provided leadership in managing technology by establishing a vision, providing a strategic direction, and facilitating the implementation strategies for that vision.

**USA****Presidential Medal of Freedom: 2009**

Awarded the highest US civilian honor "The Medal of Freedom" by President Barack Obama at White House on August 12, 2009. The Medal of Freedom is awarded to individuals who make an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.



## **SPAIN**

### **The Sustainable Development Award: 2009**

Awarded "The Sustainable Development Award 2009" by Ecology and Development Foundation, Spain on October 22, 2009.

## **GERMANY**

### **The Bayreuth Leadership Award: 2009**

Awarded the "The Bayreuth Leadership Award 2009" by the University of Bayreuth, Wiesbaden, Germany on November 5, 2009 in recognition of work to create opportunities for economic and social development with the aim of eliminating world poverty.

## **USA**

### **Prize for Ethical Business Award: 2010**

Awarded the "Prize for Ethical Business Award 2010" by the Creighton University, Omaha, USA in February, 2010.

## **USA**

### **Presidential Medallion Award: 2010**

Awarded the "Presidential Medallion Award 2010" by the President, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA in March, 2010.

## **USA**

### **Presidential Medal Award: 2010**

Awarded the "Presidential Medal Award 2010" by the Emory University, Atlanta, USA in March, 2010.

## **SPAIN**

### **SolarWorld Einstein Award 2010**

Awarded the "SolarWorld Einstein Award 2010" by the SolarWorld AG, Germany at the 25th European Photovoltaic Conference in Valencia, Spain on September 6, 2010.

## **USA**

### **Presidential Medal Award 2010**

Awarded the "Presidential Medal Award 2010" by the Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida, USA in September, 2010.

## **USA**

### **Congressional Gold Medal 2010**

Awarded the highest civilian honor "Congressional Gold Medal" by US Congress in September, 2010.

## **PERU**

### **Order of the Sun in the Grade of Grand Cross**

Awarded the highest national award given by the Nation of Peru

## **CHINA**

### **Global Award, the Third China Poverty Eradication Awards 2010**

Awarded Global Award, the Third China Poverty Eradication Awards by The State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development Management, Government of People's Republic of China and China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation in Beijing on October 17,

2010.

**U.S.A.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Award 2011**

Awarded the "St. Vincent de Paul Award by DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois on September 23, 2011.

**Honorary Degrees Received by Professor Muhammad Yunus:**

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| U.K.      | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, by the University of East Anglia, U.K., in 1992.   |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Humanities by the Oberlin College, U.S.A. in 1993.   |
| CANADA    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa, by the University of Toronto, Canada in 1995.  |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Law by the Haverford College, U.S.A. in May, 1996.   |
| U.K.      | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Law by the Warwick University, U.K. in July, 1996.   |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Public Service by the Saint Xaviers' University, U.S.A. in May, 1997.  |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa by the University of the South, U.S.A. in January, 1998.                                  |
| BELGIUM   | Awarded a Degree of Doctor Honoris Cause by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium in February, 1998.                                       |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa by the Yale University, U.S.A. in May, 1998.   |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa by the Brigham Young University, U.S.A. in August, 1998.                             |
| AUSTRALIA | Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science in Economics by the University of Sydney, Australia in November, 1998.                           |
| AUSTRALIA | Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University by the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia in February, 2000.        |
| ITALY     | Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor in Economics and Business (Laurea Honoris Causa) by the University of Turin, Turin, Italy in October, 2000. |
| U.S.A.    | Awarded a Degree of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa by the Colgate University, Hamilton, U.S.A. in May 2002.                                       |
| BELGIUM   | Awarded a degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University Catholique of Louvain in February, 2003.  |
| ARGENTINA | Awarded a Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the  |

	Universidad Nacional De Cuyo in April, 2003.
SOUTH AFRICA	Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Economics, honoris Causa by the University of Natal in December 2003.
INDIA	Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa by the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswayvidyalaya, India in February, 2004.
THAILAND	Awarded a Degree of Doctor of Technology, Honoris Causa by the Asian Institute of Technology in August, 2004.
ITALY	Awarded a Degree of Doctor in Business Economics, Honoris Causa by the University of Florence in September, 2004.
ITALY	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor in Pedagogyst by the University of Bologna in October, 2004.
SPAIN	Awarded a Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the Universidad Complutense, Madrid in October, 2004.
SOUTH AFRICA	Awarded a Honorary Doctorate Degree in Economics by the University of Venda, South Africa in May, 2006.
LEBANON	Awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters by the American University of Beirut, Lebanon in June, 2006.
SPAIN	Awarded a Doctor of Honoris Causa by the University of Alicante in Valencia, Spain in June, 2006.
SPAIN	Awarded a Doctor of Honoris Causa by the University of Valencia, in Valencia, Spain in June, 2006.
SPAIN	Awarded a Doctor of Honoris Causa by the University of Jaume I in Valencia, Spain in June, 2006.
BANGLADESH	Awarded a Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh in February, 2007.
JAPAN	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities by the Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan in July, 2007.
MALAYSIA	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Economics by the Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia in August, 2007.
KOREA	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Ewha Womans University in September, 2007.
COSTA RICA	Awarded a Doctor of Humanities Honoris Causa Degree by the Earth University in December 2007.
U.S.A.	Awarded an Honorary Degree by the Regis University, U.S.A. in March 2008.
CANADA	Awarded an Honorary Degree by the University of British Columbia in March 2008.
RUSSIA	Awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by Moscow State University, Russia in April 2008.
ITALY	Awarded an Honoris Causa Degree in Science of Cooperation and Development by Sapienza University of Rome, Italy in June, 2008.
U.K.	Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Letters (D. Litt)

- in Glasgow Caledonia University, Glasgow, UK in December 2008.
- U.K. Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctorate in University of Glasgow, UK in December 2008.
- JAPAN Awarded an Honorary Degree in Kobe University, Japan in March 2009.
- U.S.A. Awarded an Honorary Doctors of Law Degree by University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia in May 2009.
- JAPAN Awarded an Honorary Degree from Hokkaido University, Japan in September 2009.
- TURKEY Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctorate in Istanbul Commerce University, Istanbul in October 2009.
- U.S.A. Received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Duke University, Durham, USA on May 16, 2010.
- JAPAN Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctorate in Kwansei Guakin University, Kobe, Japan on 18 July 2010.
- CANADA Awarded a Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada on September 1, 2010.
- PERU Awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa from San Ignacio de Loyola University, Lima, Peru on September 27, 2010.
- PERU Awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru on September 27, 2010.
- BELGIUM Awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa from University of Mons in Mons on October 18, 2010.
- U.K. Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science in Economics from London School of Economics at London on November 24, 2011.

### **Special Honour:**

- PHILIPPINES Legislature of Negros Occidental, a province of the Philippines, passed a resolution awarding the status of "Adopted Son of Negros Occidental" for the contribution made to the poorest of the poor of the province, in 1992.
- BANGLADESH Chosen by The Daily Star, a daily newspaper of Bangladesh, as the "Man of the Year 1994".
- U.S.A. Was Chosen as the "Person of the Week"

Professor Muhammad Yunus was chosen as the "Person of the Week" by American TV ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings on September 15, 1995 at the conclusion of the World Summit on Women held in Beijing.

This is how Peter Jennings announced the news :

"Finally this evening, our Person of the Week. As we reported elsewhere in this broadcast, the International Women's Conference in China is now over. And the women there, from many parts of the world, will go home and try to inspire others to translate all the talking into action which will benefit women. On this final day of the women's conference, we choose a man. He was on the agenda of the women's conference because he truly understands the value of women."

- HONG KONG The ASIaweek, a weekly international news magazine has selected as one of the "Twenty Great Asians (1975 1995)".
- INDIA The Ananda Bazar Patrika a daily leading newspaper of India has selected as one of the "Ten Great Bangalees of the century" (1900-1999).
- HONG KONG The ASIaweek, a weekly international news magazine has selected as one of the "Asians of the Century (1900-1999)".
- U.S.A The U.S. NEWS a weekly leading news-magazine of U.S.A. has selected as one of the 20 Heroes in the world in 2001.
- U.S.A Appointed as an International Goodwill Ambassador for UNAIDS by the United Nations in June, 2002.
- BANGLADESH Elected as a Fellow of the Society by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh in September, 2003.
- U.S.A PBS Documentary : The 25 Most Influential Business Persons of the Past 25 Years

Professor Yunus was chosen by Wharton School of Business for PBS documentary, as one of "The 25 Most Influential Business Persons of the Past 25 Years" Among others were : Bill Gates, George Soros, Oprah Winfrey, Jeff Bezos, Richard Branson, Warren Buffett, Michael Dell, Alan Greenspan, Lee Iacocca, Charles Schwab, Frederick Smith, and Sam Walton. PBS aired the programme on January 19, 2004, in their "Nightly Business News".

- U.S.A. Profiled in Discovery Channel

In 2004, TV Cable Channel Discovery produced an autobiography documentary film series titled "Crossings". In each episode it featured "one individual who made significant contribution to society as a result of certain experiences in life." Twelve Asians were profiled in this series. Professor Muhammad Yunus was one of them. He was the only one from the South Asian countries. Among others were : Chinese actress-director Joan Chan, international action movie star Jackie Chan, Thai elephant keeper Saudia

	Shawalla, and Malaysian cartoonist Datuk Laat.
FRANCE	Inducted as a Member of the Legion d'Honneur by President Chirac of France in May, 2004.
BELGIUM	Appointed as a Special Advisor to Hon'ble Mr. Louis Michel, E.U. Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid in March 2005.
FRANCE	Awarded "Professeur Honoris Causa" by the most prestigious business school of France, HEC, in October, 2005.
TURKEY	Addressed the "Members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly" at the invitation of the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly Mr. Bulent ARINC, on May 15, 2006.
COLOMBIA	Received the "Key of Bogota City" from the Mayor of Bogota City, the capital of Columbia in October, 2006.
COLOMBIA	Addressed Upper House of Parliament (Senate) and formal conferment of the title of "Knight", Colombia in October, 2006.
CHINA	Appointed as "Honorary Professor" by Peking University, China on October, 2006.
HONG KONG	"TIME" a weekly International news-magazine has selected as an "ASIAN HERO" of their "60 Years of ASIAN HEROS" issue in November, 2006.
USA	MSN chosen as one of "Ten Most Influential Men of 2006" in their MSN LIFESTYLE : MEN category in December, 2006.
FRANCE	Diploma of Honor given by Friends of the Indian Ocean, December 2006.
KOREA	Selected as a "Distinguished Fellow" of the Ewha Academy for Advanced Studies, EWHA WOMENS UNIVERSITY, Seoul, Korea in March, 2007.
BAHRAIN	Conferred the highest honour "Medal of the First Order of Merit" by the Kingdom of Bahrain in February, 2007.
VENEZUELA	Conferred the highest honor of Government of Venezuela "Order of the Liberator in First Class with Grand Decoration" by President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela in Caracas, May 2007.
U.S.A.	"Business Week" a weekly international news magazine has selected as one of the "Greatest Entrepreneurs of All Time" in July, 2007.
CHINA	The Government of Hainan Province of the People's Republic of China has honoured as an Adviser to the Government of Hainan Province in July, 2007.
SAUDI ARABIA	Conferred by HM King of Saudi Arabia the highest Civil Award "King Abdul Aziz Medal" in September, 2007.
SAUDI ARABIA	Establishment of a Research Chair at King Saud University in the name of Professor Muhammad Yunus in September 2007.

SAUDI ARABIA	Conferred Honorary Professorship of the University in the Department of Economics, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia in September 2007.
ECUADOR	Conferred Key to the City of Guayaquil and named Distinguished Guest of the City of Guayaquil declared by the District of Guayaquil, December 2007.
ECUADOR	Conferred Key to the City of Quito and named Distinguished Guest of the City of Quito declared by the District of Quito, December 2007.
ECUADOR	Visiting Fellow Catholic University of Guayaquil, Guayaquil, December 2007 .
USA	Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, USA has honoured Muhammad Yunus through proclaiming January 14, 2008 as Muhammad Yunus Day, January 2008.
BENIN	Commander of the National Order of Benin : Conferred " Commander of the National Order of Benin" by the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Benin in Cortonou in February, 2008.
RUSSIA	Conferred Honorary Professorship at Higher School of Economics by Evgeniy Yasin, Academic Supervisor, Alexander Shokhin, President and Yaroslav Kuzminov, Rector, The State University of Moscow - Higher School of Economics in March 2008.
RUSSIA	Decorated by the Presidium of the International Movement of "Eastern Dimension" with the International Order of Eastern Dimension for asserting the world's highest ideals, humanism, and progress and for enhancing of friendship between Russian and Bangladeshi people, Russia in April 2008.
UKRAINE	Awarded highest honor of the National Taras Shevchenko University in Kiev, Ukraine in April 2008.
U.S.A.	Delivered commencement speech at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Massachusetts, USA on 6 June, 2008.
U.K.	Delivered Adam Smith Lecture at Glasgow University, Glasgow, UK in December 2008.
U.K.	Delivered Romanes Lecture at Oxford University, UK in December 2008.
U.S.A.	Delivered commencement speech at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA on 17 May 2009.
JAPAN	Conferred the Distinguished Professor of the Kyushu University, Japan on July 17, 2010.

## **Awards Received by Grameen Bank**

## **SWITZERLAND**

### **Aga Khan Award For Architecture: 1989**

Awarded Aga Khan Award For Architecture, 1989 by Geneva based Aga Khan Foundation for designing and operating Grameen Bank Housing Programme for the poor, which helped poor members of Grameen Bank to construct 60,000 housing units by 1989, each costing on an average \$ 300.

## **BELGIUM**

### **King Baudouin International Development Prize: 1993**

Awarded "The King Baudouin International Development Prize 1992" for its recognition of the role of women in the process of development and the novelty of a financial credit system contributing to the improvement of the social and material condition of women and their families in rural areas.

## **BANGLADESH**

### **Independence Day Award: 1994**

Awarded Independence Day Award for outstanding contribution to Rural Development.

## **MALAYSIA**

### **Tun Abdul Razak Award: 1994**

Awarded the Independence Day Award, 1987, by the President for the outstanding contribution in rural development. This is the highest civilian national award of Bangladesh.

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

### **World Habitat Award: 1997**

Awarded "World Habitat Award : 1997" by Building and Social Housing Foundation.

## **INDIA**

### **Gandhi Peace Prize: 2000**

Awarded "Gandhi Peace Prize :2000" by Government of India.

## **U.S.A.**

### **Petersberg Prize: 2004**

Awarded "Petersberg Prize 2004" by the Development Gateway Foundation, U.S.A. in 2004.

## **Norway**

### **Nobel Peace Prize: 2006**

Awarded "Nobel Peace Prize 2006" in October, 2006.