Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

hereby resolves to honor

Naama Elsana

and bestows upon her

The Ben-Gurion Negev Award

With appreciation for an inspirational leader, for her important contribution to the advancement of gender equality; in recognition of a woman of vision, co-founder of the Lakiya Association for Improvement of Women’s Status, for her persistent quest, rooted in profound respect for tradition, to empower the female members of Bedouin society, and for the aid she offers them in the attainment of fiscal independence, education and the acquisition of knowledge, promoting the prosperity of their families and communities; to a trailblazing social activist, among the initiators of the Bedouin Tourism Forum and the driving force behind the Desert Embroidery Project and Visitors Center, which employs the traditional handicap of embroidery to give voice to women and their stories, thus providing them with an occupation, cultivating leadership and raising their status; and in honor of one who has, with determination and faith, paved the way for social change, encouraging all individuals to actualize their potential.

Prof. Rivka Carmi
President

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