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### 2017 Prince Claus Awards Ceremony at the Royal Palace Amsterdam

**On 6 December, the 2017 Prince Claus Awards ceremony will take place in the presence of their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima and their Royal Highnesses Princess Beatrix, Princess Mabel and Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands at the Royal Palace Amsterdam.**

**Honorary Chairman of the Prince Claus Fund HRH Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands will present the Principal Prince Claus Award jointly to filmmaker and indigenous activist, Vincent Carelli (Brazil) and new media designer and environmentalist Ma Jun (China).**

This year the Principal Prince Claus Award is presented to two laureates whose outstanding individual work has wide influence on vast populations on opposite sides of the world. They use different media and methods in different disciplines but in the words of the Prince Claus Awards Committee, “both highlight the urgent struggle to protect people’s lives and the environment against unjust and unsustainable exploitation...they emphasise the importance of people’s voices and demonstrate the fundamental need for transparent, accurate and accessible information.”

**HRH Prince Constantijn will also present 2017 Prince Claus Awards** to documentary filmmaker Khadija Al-Salami (Yemen), public art association L’Art Rue (Tunisia), scientist and environmentalist Brigitte Baptiste (Colombia), visual artist Amar Kanwar (India) and architect Diébédo Francis Kéré. (Burkina Faso). All Prince Claus Awards are in recognition of outstanding achievement in the fields of culture and development.

More information about the 2017 Laureates: [princeclausfund.org](http://princeclausfund.org)

#### **Hear their stories**

All seven Prince Claus Laureates will tell their stories in a public event on 7 December at 20:00 at the Compagnietheater in Amsterdam: **Louder than words: Global Leaders on the Frontline of Culture**. Ikenna Azuike, host of 'What's Up Africa' on BBC World News, moderates an evening where culture and impact combine to inspire. For more information and reservations: [compagnietheater.nl](http://compagnietheater.nl).

#### **About the Prince Claus Awards**

The annual Prince Claus Awards honour outstanding achievements in culture and development, particularly in regions where resources or opportunities for cultural expression, creative production and preservation of cultural heritage are limited. All the 2017 Prince Claus Laureates will be honoured in Amsterdam and in their home countries in the coming months. Attendance at the 6 December ceremony is by invitation only. Details at [princeclausfund.org](http://princeclausfund.org).

#### **About the Prince Claus Fund**

The Prince Claus Fund works toward a world of inclusive societies in which culture thrives. To this end, the Fund’s mission is to support and connect visionaries at the forefront of culture and cultural protection and to share their stories.

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## **Note for the Editors**

All seven Prince Claus Laureates are available for interviews during the week of the Prince Claus Awards ceremony.

### **For interview requests, additional information or visual materials, please contact:**

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### **Accreditation Prince Claus Awards**

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