MEDIA ADVISORY

GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PLURALISM TO HOST 2019 PLURALISM AWARD CEREMONY RECOGNIZING WORLDWIDE LEADERS OF INCLUSION

On November 20, 2019 in Ottawa, Canada,
His Highness the Aga Khan will present the Global Pluralism Award

November 6, 2019 (Ottawa, Canada) – The Global Centre for Pluralism, founded by His Highness the Aga Khan and the Government of Canada, will recognize the recipients of the 2019 Global Pluralism Award at a ceremony on November 20, 2019 in Ottawa, Canada at the Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat. The three winners will each be granted CAN $50,000 and in-kind support to advance their work to build more peaceful, sustainable and successful societies.

The Award will be presented to three winners and seven honourable mention recipients. The winners are:

- **Deborah Ahenkorah,** a young Ghanaian social entrepreneur and book publisher bringing African children's stories to life;
- the **Center for Social Integrity,** an organization, founded by a Rohingya humanitarian, giving youth from conflict-affected regions in Myanmar the skills to be leaders for change amidst the many overlapping conflicts ongoing in the country;
- '**Learning History that is not yet History**', a network of history educators and specialists in the Balkans pioneering a new approach to teaching the controversial history of conflict.

What: 2019 Global Pluralism Award Ceremony;
Remarks by the Centre's Secretary General, Meredith Preston McGhie and Chairman of the Board, His Highness the Aga Khan

Date/Time: November 20, 2019
Media availability for all Award recipients at 4:00 PM (ET)
Reception at 5 PM; Ceremony at 6 PM

Location: Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat
199 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 0C7

Note: Media registration is required. Interviews granted on-site with Award recipients.

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About the 2019 Global Pluralism Award Honourable Mentions

Adyan Foundation (Lebanon) promotes cultural and religious diversity through grassroots initiatives in education, media, public policy and intercultural exchange.

The Afghanistan National Institute of Music (Afghanistan) uses the power of music to transform lives, promote peace and restore music to Afghan society.

Artemisszió Foundation (Hungary) advances the social inclusion of Hungary's most disadvantaged populations, including youth from underprivileged backgrounds, Roma women, migrants and refugees, through intercultural education and mentoring.

onBoard Canada, a program of **Ryerson University's Chang School of Continuing Education,** supports more inclusive and diverse leadership on Canada's not-for-profit and public sector boards with governance training and board matching programs.

Rupantar (Bangladesh), the largest awareness and social mobilization organization in Bangladesh, works for democracy and just governance through mass participation.

SINGA (France), a citizen movement, supports refugees and migrants in 19 European cities to create meaningful relationships and professional networks in their host countries.

Soliya (USA) uses virtual exchange to bring cross-cultural experiences to youth around the world, preparing the next generation to engage constructively across differences and lead with empathy.