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Acclaimed leaders, including former Canadian Prime Minister and Nobel Laureate, to jury inaugural Global Pluralism Award

Ottawa, Canada – August 17, 2016 – A jury of international leaders, chaired by the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, former Canadian Prime Minister, has been named to select the winners of the first inaugural [Global Pluralism Award](#). The Award recognizes individuals and organisations whose high-impact, innovative initiatives are tackling the challenge of living peacefully and productively with diversity. The Award is a program of the [Global Centre for Pluralism](#), an international research and education centre founded by His Highness the Aga Khan in partnership with the Government of Canada.

The members of the jury represent a range of sectors, including local government, the business world and civil society. Through their own work on inclusive citizenship, social welfare and community development, the jury members all appreciate first-hand the extraordinary effort it takes to build societies where differences are valued and respected. Their expertise will inform the selection process for the top three awardees, who will be named at a ceremony in Ottawa, Canada in November 2017 at the Global Centre for Pluralism's new international headquarters.

The jury includes:

- The Right Honourable Joe Clark, former Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of Canada, Canada (Chair)
- Rima Khalaf, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Jordan
- Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary, Canada
- Bience Gawanas, Lawyer & Special Advisor to the Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, Namibia
- Rigoberta Menchú, Indigenous rights activist & Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Guatemala
- Pascale Thumerelle, Vice-president, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Vivendi, France

Bio notes for jury members are attached. The Award is accepting nominations until August 31st, 2016 at award.pluralism.ca. Each recipient will receive a prize of \$50,000 CAD to further their work in support of pluralism.

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Global Pluralism Award Jury Members

The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark (Canada – Jury Chair) was elected eight times to the House of Commons of Canada, serving as Canada's youngest Prime Minister (1979-1980) and one of the most distinguished Secretaries of State for External Affairs (Foreign Ministers) in Canadian history (1984-1991), then becoming Minister of Constitutional Affairs. Mr. Clark played a key role in some of the defining accomplishments for pluralism in recent history – the Commonwealth campaign against apartheid, the Ottawa conference which agreed on the “two plus four” formula to unite Germany at the end of the Cold War and the negotiation of the Charlottetown Accord in Canada (a complex Canadian constitutional accord among the federal government, the provinces and territories, and indigenous peoples). Today, as he sits on numerous Boards and Foundations, he applies that experience to promoting democracy and encouraging innovation and practical reforms in the developing world.

Dr. Rima Khalaf (Jordan) is the Executive Secretary of ESCWA, the United Nations regional commission mandated for development and economic integration in the Arab Region. She is known for her leading commitment to social justice and her pioneering role in promoting good governance as an imperative for human development. During her tenure as Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at the United Nations Development Programme, she had a remarkable contribution to the establishment of the broader concept of human development and founded the Arab Human Development Report issuing three reports that received much acclaim. She held senior positions in Jordan, including Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Planning and Deputy Prime Minister. As head of the ministerial economic team, she led the drive to reform and modernize the economy while implementing a social package for building capabilities, alleviating poverty and strengthening the social safety net.

His Worship Naheed Nenshi (Canada) is currently serving his second term as Calgary's 36th mayor. Prior to becoming mayor, he was Canada's first tenured professor in the field of nonprofit management at Mount Royal University's Bissett School of Business and a trusted business advisor to corporate leaders in Canada and the USA. As mayor, Nenshi's leadership has resulted in many positive changes for Calgary. He has transformed the municipal government to reinforce a culture of citizen-focused improvement and contributed to building more inclusive communities with initiatives such as “Enough for All,” a program to reduce by half the number of Calgarians living in poverty by 2023, "Trans Day of Visibility,” a day to build awareness of the challenges faced by transgender communities in Calgary and a refugee program that welcomes an average of 1,100 refugees per year to the city.

Advocate Bience Gawanas (Namibia) is a lawyer by profession and was elected for two terms as the Commissioner for Social Affairs at the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government in 2003 and 2008. As the Commissioner of Social Affairs, she initiated programmes and developed policy instruments and programmes relating to social development. She also served as the Ombudswoman of Namibia and as a member of the Public Service Commission of Namibia. Until recently she served as the Special Advisor to the Minister of Health and Social Services and currently as the Special Advisor to the Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare of Namibia. In her role, she provides policy and legal advice on

governance and social development matters particularly on poverty eradication and human rights and social policy for marginalized and vulnerable groups. She holds a LLB (Hons), Utter Barrister, Executive MBA and a honorary Doctorate in Law.

Ms. Rigoberta Menchú (Guatemala) has become widely known as a leading advocate of indigenous rights and ethno-cultural reconciliation, not only in Guatemala but in the Western Hemisphere generally. Her work has earned her several international awards including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 and the Prince of Asturias Award in 1998. She is also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. Today, she continues to promote indigenous rights and empowerment through her membership in the Nobel Women's Initiative which she co-founded in 2006, and PeaceJam, an organization whose mission is "to create young leaders committed to positive change."

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