



MEXICO CITY 7th EDITION  
CULTURE 21 INTERNATIONAL AWARD  
**WINNERS**

International Institute  
for the Inclusive Museum



CIUDAD DE MÉXICO  
CAPITAL DE LA TRANSFORMACIÓN

UCLG  
United Cities  
and Local Governments

culture 21  
UCLG Committee

CATEGORY: CITY / LOCAL OR REGIONAL GOVERNMENT



Ramallah



São Paulo

CATEGORY: INDIVIDUAL



Nancy Duxbury



Amareswar Galla

**PRESS RELEASE**

# Professor Amareswar Galla Honoured with the 2026 UCLG – Mexico City Culture 21 International Award

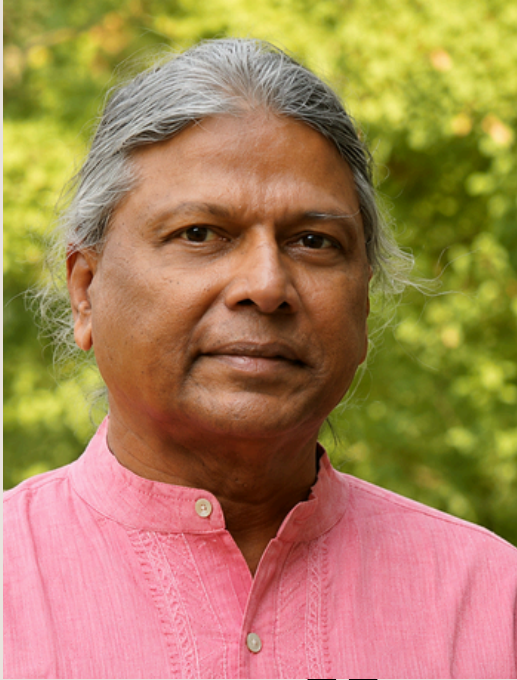
*Founding Executive Director of the International Institute for the Inclusive Museum (iiiM) recognised for a lifetime of global leadership in inclusive museums, cultural rights, and sustainable heritage development.*



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## A GLOBAL RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME'S CONTRIBUTION



The International Institute for the Inclusive Museum (iiiM) is proud to announce that its Founding Executive Director, Professor Dr Amareswar Galla, has been awarded the 2026 UCLG – Mexico City Culture 21 International Award (Individual Category), one of the highest international honours recognising distinguished leadership in advancing culture as a pillar of sustainable development.

**The Award is presented by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Government of Mexico City, and the Culture 21 Committee.**

It celebrates internationally renowned individuals whose life's work has transformed cultural rights and strengthened the relationship between culture, communities, and sustainable development.

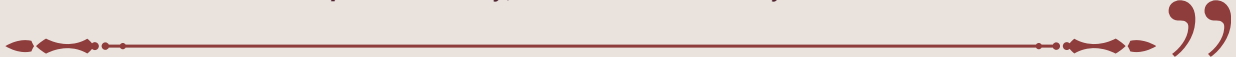
For the seventh edition of the Award, the international jury selected Professor Amareswar Galla and Professor Nancy Duxbury as ex aequo laureates, recognising two exceptional careers that have significantly shaped global thinking and practice in culture and sustainability.

His work has influenced museum policy and practice across the world, establishing new models for heritage management that recognise culture as an essential dimension of human development.



***The Jury acknowledged the quality of the nominations received and highlighted the inspiring impact of the two ex-aequo winners in this category, whose contributions have shaped both cultural rights and sustainable development.***

*-Communiqué of the Jury, 7<sup>th</sup> UCLG- Mexico City Culture 21 International Award*



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