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Prince Claus Fund for
Culture and Development

Speech by Principal Prince Claus Laureate Vincent Carelli on the occasion of the 2017 Prince Claus Awards at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam on 6 December 2017

Your Majesties, Your Royal Highnesses, Excellencies, distinguished guests,

I want to tell you all how honored I feel for receiving this prestigious award. I want to thank the people that have nominated me, the jury for choosing myself, and congratulate my colleague laureates present here. We all have been facing big challenges in our own countries with creativity and engagement. I want also to congratulate the Prince Claus Fund for focusing on culture and development, because it is through cultural intervention that we build bridges to overcome racial, gender, religious and cultural intolerances. I feel happy for this recognition and at the same time I feel sad to see the unelected president of my country retiring our civil rights, selling out our natural resources, destroying our industry and taking Indians' traditional lands. I hope that this award will give me more strength to stand up and, with millions of Brazilians, change this situation and rebuild the country. Thank you all for being here at this celebration.