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GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PLURALISM GIVES HONOURABLE MENTION TO ATD QUART MONDE FOR THE 2017 GLOBAL PLURALISM AWARD

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES FRENCH ORGANIZATION FOR ITS
WORK TO END POVERTY AND EMPOWER THE WORLD’S MOST DISADVANTAGED**

OTTAWA– October 3, 2017 – [ATD Quart Monde](http://www.atdquartmonde.org) fights for the inclusion of marginalized groups in societies and is dedicated to eradicating poverty. The [Global Centre for Pluralism](http://www.pluralism.ca), an international research and education organization dedicated to advancing respect for diversity around the world, has recognized ATD Quart Monde with an honourable mention for the 2017 Global Pluralism Award.

“Societies worldwide are struggling with extremely high levels of poverty and economic exclusion year after year,” said John McNee, Secretary General of the Global Centre for Pluralism. “ATD Quart Monde has united thousands of people from five continents and from all walks of life in the work of building a world free of poverty. Through their inspiring work, they give those living in poverty a chance to be involved in shaping their future and defending their human rights.”

In France, ATD Quart Monde has helped pass a number of laws including minimum welfare income for the unemployed (1988). More recently, ATD Quart Monde has assisted in the passing of universal health coverage (2000) and the enforceable right to housing in France (2007).

The movement has united thousands of people from all political, religious, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds from 34 countries. On the international stage, ATD Quart Monde is represented at the United Nations and UNESCO. This year, the organization is leading the “Stop Poverty Campaign” in an effort to put an end to poverty globally.

The international Award jury selected ATD Quart Monde as an honourable mention for this year’s Global Pluralism Award for their commitment to the inclusion of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in decision-making processes, which have led to great social assistance successes in France.

The Global Centre for Pluralism, founded by His Highness the Aga Khan and the Government of Canada, will recognize ATD Quart Monde, along with six other honourable mentions and three winners, Daniel Webb of Australia, Alice Wairimu Nderitu of Kenya and Leyner Palacios Asprilla of Colombia, for their commitment to building more inclusive societies on November 15th, 2017 at the Global Pluralism Award Ceremony in Ottawa, Canada.

About the Global Centre for Pluralism

Founded in Ottawa by His Highness the Aga Khan in partnership with the Government of Canada, the Global Centre for Pluralism is an independent, charitable organization. Inspired by Canada’s experience as a diverse and inclusive country, the Centre was created to advance positive responses to the challenge of living peacefully and productively together in diverse societies.

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Award Winners:

[Leyner Palacios Asprilla](#), Comité por los Derechos de las Víctimas de Bojayá, Colombia [Alice Wairimu Nderitu](#), Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Kenya
[Daniel Webb](#), Human Rights Law Centre, Australia

Honourable Mentions:

[ATD Quart Monde](#), France
[BeAnotherLab](#), Spain
[Fundación Construir](#), Bolivia
[Hand Talk](#), Brazil
[Sawa for Development and Aid](#), Lebanon
[Wapikoni Mobile](#), Canada

[Welcoming America](#), United States