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Salzburg Global Fellow (2019 & 2025); Emeritus Faculty, Australian National University, Canberra is the Founding Executive Director of the International Institute for the Inclusive Museum (iiiM). Distinguished Professor of Indigeneity and Inclusive Museum & Heritage Studies (KISS & KIIT), Galla is a globally renowned expert in sustainable heritage development, inclusive museum management, cultural democracy, intangible heritage, the role of culture in poverty alleviation, and the integration of community voices with heritage conservation. He has provided strategic cultural leadership, serving as Australia's first Professor of Museum Studies and as Chief Curator in Amaravathi Heritage Town. Throughout his career, Galla has contributed to advancing inclusive museums and sustainable heritage development and establishing regional observatories and programs in partnership with bodies including UNESCO.

His engagement has been visible across Australia, Europe, and the Pacific Asia region, developing strong networks of collaboration at the international level. Among other positions, he has been the UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development; he was also the first Australian elected as the President of the Asia Pacific Alliance Executive Board, Vice President of the International Executive Council, and Chairperson of the Cross-Cultural Task Force



of the International Council of Museums. He was the founder of the National Affirmative Action Programme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Management at the University of Canberra, in the 1980's and 90's and is a Senior Founding Trustee of the Pacific Islands Museums Association and founding Editor-in-Chief of academic journals dealing with Sustainable Heritage Development.