

The Film **Lingui the Sacred Bonds** **Won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 52nd IFFI Goa, 2021**



The International Council for Film, Television and Audio-visual Communication (CICT-ICFT) awarded its prize with the UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the closing ceremony of the 52nd International Film Festival of India, Goa (IFFI), November 20-28, 2021, to the film **Lingui the Sacred Bonds** by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun (Chad).

The jury motivated **“For its powerful description of the struggle of a mother for her daughter in Chad today. The film emphasizes the necessity of the bonds between women and their valiant fight against the injurious abuse of patriarchy. The film raises awareness of gender issues as well as the fundamental right to education for women and girls, values promoted by UNESCO.”**

Nine Films Pre-selected by the 52nd IFFI Goa, 2021

S. No	Film	Country	Director
1.	21st Tiffin	India	Vijaygiri Bava
2.	Commitment Hasan	Turkey	Semih Kaplanoglu
3.	Killing the Eunuch Khan	Iran	Abest Abed
4.	Lingui, the Sacred Bonds	Chad, France, Belgium, Germany	Mahamat Saleh Haroun
5.	Night Forest	Germany	André Hörmann & Katrin Milhahn
6.	Pebbles	India	Vinothraj P S
7.	Tokyo Shaking	France	Olivier Peyon
8.	Tree Full of Parrots	India	Jayaraj
9.	When Pomegranates Howl	Australia, Afghanistan	Granaz Moussavi

ICFT International Juries



Ms Isabelle DANEL (France), Chairperson
 Journalist, Author
 President of the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI)



Ms Agnès RAVOYARD (France)
 Television Producer
 SIGNIS Delegate to CICT-ICFT and UNESCO



Ms Xueyuan HUN (China)
 Performing artist (Film, theatre, music...)
 Director of the Platform for Creativity and Innovation (PCI, CICT-ICFT branch for youth)



Dr. Prof. Ahmed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
 Professor at Universities
 Film and Television Director/Producer
 Artistic Director of International Film Festival of Algiers
 Journalist, Film Critic, Author of numerous publications



Mr Manouj Kadaamh (India)
 Filmmaker
 Director of 24 Frames Entertainment
 CICT-ICFT International Prize winning Director with UNESCO
 Gandhi Medal at International Film Festival of India, Goa (IFFI) 2017

Award Ceremony

On January 27, 2022, the Award Ceremony was hosted by His Excellency Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of India to UNESCO Mr Vishal V. Sharma.

The ceremony took place at the Indian Delegation located at UNESCO Headquarters, in presence of Madam Soumya Chandrashekharachari, Deputy Permanent Delegate, and all officers of the Indian Delegation; UNESCO representatives Mr Dulat Kasymov (Sector PAX), and Mr Toussaint Tiendrebeogo, Secretary of the UNESCO 2005 Convention (Sector CLT); ICFT representatives Mr Serge Michel Vice-President and Mr Georges Dupont, Director General; jury members Madam Xueyuan Hun and Mr Ahmed Bedjaoui.

After words of welcome by the Ambassador and opening remarks by ICFT Director General and Vice President, the latter presented the ICFT International Prize with the UNESCO Gandhi medal to the award winner, film director Mr Mahamat-Saleh Haroun.



From left to right: Serge Michel, Mahamat-Saleh Haroun
 Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma



From left to right: Xueyuan Hun, Serge Michel,
 Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma, Amed
 Bedjaoui, Georges Dupont



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 Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma, Toussaint Tiendrebeogo,
 Dulat Kasymov