



## NEWS RELEASE

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Itah Sadu, Managing Director, The People's Residence has been chosen by Urban Land Institute (ULI) as a 2021 Championship Team member.

**Toronto, ON - On Thursday, June 24, 2021** Itah Sadu, Managing Director, A Different Booklist Cultural Centre - The People's Residence has been chosen as Champion for the 2021 Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) of the [Urban Land Institute \(ULI\)](#). She was nominated for her contributions towards the Non-Profit Sector under the Health/Community Services Discipline. Each year, a few of the most influential women in the Toronto real estate community and land use sector are chosen to join the ULI Toronto WLI Championship Team ([See full list of Inductees](#) ).

This accolade is a celebration of women's leadership in building a stronger Toronto Region through the responsible use of land. In addition to being an accomplished author, Sadu has been an educational partner, community developer and entrepreneur in Toronto for decades. Her extensive work through The People's Residence, a center that provides opportunities to experience the rich culture and legacy of Canadians of African and Caribbean ancestry, is well recognized within the community.

Itah Sadu stated, "I want to thank all who enabled this journey. And a special mention for my grandfather Fitz Willoughby Walcott, who had a vision, was a builder, used his hands, could design anything, make anything. He was kind and community engaged." She further adds, "The next big challenge to overcome as an industry is moving courageous conversations into action and tangible items [including] re-thinking avenues of access into the industry and affordability of homes and space."

Sadu has been formally welcomed as the new inductee to the WLI Championship Team at the annual WLI reception held virtually on June 24, 2021.

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### **About The People's Residence:**

The People's Residence (ADBCC) is warmly considered the heartbeat of the community and uses arts and culture to: teach, educate, develop skills, connect and celebrate our rich heritage while building economic power within the African and Caribbean Canadian communities. **Black Lives Matter. Black Spaces Matter. Black Infrastructure Matters.**

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