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# Report of the WSF International Council meeting

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Venue: Hotel Sagres

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## **1) Plenary meeting agenda: debated issues**

The IC plenary meeting was organised in the following way:

### October 31st

#### a) Morning

- Welcome by the local governments (from Pará and Belém) and the local organizing committee

*Chairpersons: Aldalice Moura Otterloo (Abong) and Salete Valesan Camba (IPF)*

- Mobilisation 2008

*Chairpersons: Adilson Vieira (GTA), Luiz Arnaldo (FS Pan Amazónico) and Salete Valesan Camba (IPF)*

- WSF 2009 (presentation by the 2009 Facilitation Group, from Belem)

- Presentation about Social Forum on Science and Democracy

#### b) Afternoon:

*Chairpersons: Gustavo Cotas (CUT), Jean-Michel Aupoint (UTG) and Miriam Nobre (Marcha Mundial de Mujeres)*

Information from the commissions and working groups

- Liaison group

- Resources

- Communication

- Methodology

### November 1st

a) Morning: press conference (*no plenary meeting was held*)

#### b) Afternoon:

*Chairpersons: Aldalice Moura Otterloo (Abong), Maria Cecilia Fernandez (Repem) and Michael León Guerrero (GGJ)*

- Information from the other commissions and WGs

Assessment

Strategy

- New memberships to the International Council  
(Expansion commission)

- Preparation of the next IC meeting, in Africa

The IC plenary meeting was preceded by the following meetings:

October 27 – Meeting of the Pan Amazon Council

October 28 – Meeting of the Social Movements Assembly

October 29 – Meeting about Mobilisation 2008

October 30 – Meeting of the IC commissions and working groups

## **2) Information about the solidarity fund**

This IC meeting has received the logistical and financial support from the Para state government; the Belem city hall; the federal government; Petrobras and Novib, besides as well all the local organizing committee towards WSF 2009. IC members and observers, from the North and the South, were invited to make a contribution to the solidarity fund. With this mechanism, a total amount of 3.346 euros was raised.

With these funds, it was possible to cover the costs of accommodation for 37 organisations from the South and tickets from 19 organisations (*see details on annex 2*). Besides that, Para government has assured the venue infrastructure for the meeting, translation equipments as well as the expenses of transportation and accommodation of Babels volunteer interpreters.

Another part of the funds were used to cover the expenses with the logistics of the meeting. Part of a surplus was directed to support the functioning of the Belem WSF office. From the NOVIB project, there is still an amount left to support the next IC meeting to be held in Africa.

Check on annex 2 the complete list of organisations who have contributed towards the fund and those who have received support with accommodation and/or flight ticket.

## **3) Summary of decisions/definitions**

### **a) Mobilisation and communication towards January 26, 2008: global day of mobilisation and action**

Raffaella Bollini has presented to the plenary a brief information and reasons to have in 2008 the week and global day of action, as well as decisions taken by the Communication and Mobilisation commissions on the full day meeting held on October 29. Read annexes 3a and 3b for the complete information on mobilisation and communication. The main decision concerning this was the questionnaire to map both, IC media contacts and partners that can help in the mobilization in the regions where the WSF process is still weak (*see annex 4*).

### **b) Expansion: new IC members**

Last meeting of the Expansion commission was held in Nairobi, in 2006. Due to this time and to the presence of new members on the group, the commission recognized that not all of them were informed about the debates carried out within it. Participants assessed that there is a need to recover the reports concerning previous meetings of the commission in order to remember its meaning/aims. It was agreed to collect all that information and make it available up to 30 days before the next IC meeting.

Concerning to the IC membership applications (*see annex 05*), it were presented the membership applications and the assessment of the commission, based on the following criteria:

- 1) membership application questionnaire filled;
- 2) support of at least two IC organisations;
- 3) relevance of the membership in which regards to the expansion of WSF process

The results of this discussion were the following:

- Considering that the Social Forum on Migrations is not an organization/network, it will be able to send 2 members of its bodies as observers of the IC meetings (as the World Forum of Education);
- The request presented by the Forum Sao Paulo, of being an observer at the IC meetings, was approved based on the same format of the presence of World Parliamentary Forum members and Local Authorities Forum.

The following organizations were approved as new IC members:

#### **\*General Union of Oil Employees in Southern Iraq**

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#### **\*Zanzibar International Film Festival Of Dhow**

Contact: Fatma ALLOO [faloo@zitec.org](mailto:faloo@zitec.org)

The application presented by Social Movements Indaba (SMI) was not assessed because it was not complete (questionnaire was missing as well as a support letter from more than 1 IC organisation). The one presented by People's Health Movement also was incomplete and, besides that, it was not sent with anticipation to the IC list serve (as it were the other applications).

In the case of the Iraq organisation, its membership was approved, even being an national organisation, due to the especial role that the Iraq civil society plays today on the resistance to the imperialism. The organisation has participated at the WSF in Porto Alegre 2005 and it is an interlocutor on the solidarity work. On the plenary, many IC organisations and specially those members coming from Asia have highlighted the need to support the presence of the Iraq organisation on the IC. It was stressed as well that Middle East is a priority on the expansion of WSF process. Due to the characteristics of the conflict in the region, there are not so many international networks, which is an issue that must be considered in the debate about expansion.

Finally, it was emphasized the need to increase the participation of Indigenous organisations at the IC.

### **c) Liaison Group**

It was presented a brief story of the debates around the Liaison group, which is connected to the debates carried out before about the International Secretariat. The creation of the group was approved.

Liaison Group has a mandate of responsibility and not a position of power. It does not represent the IC or speaks on its behalf. Its main function is facilitating communication and operation between Working Groups (WGs), Commissions and the IC as well as the support to the WSF Office, to make feasible the preparation and development of the IC meetings and its working plan. Liaison group composition was based in criteria of diversity, expression of the political traditions and sensibilities, regional, sectors and thematic realities as well as the time available for the development of the work.

In total, people from only 16 organisations have presented as applicants for the Liaison group. In that sense, the Facilitation working group has prepared the following proposal, which integrates all the applicants:

11 titular:

- ASC - Hector de la Cueva (Mexico)
- CSI - Claire Courteille (Belgium)
- CUT - Gustavo Cotas (Brazil)
- Encuentros Hemisféricos - José Miguel (Cuba)
- Enda - Taoufik Ben Abdallah (Senegal)
- Focus on the Global South - Meena Menon (India)
- FSE Italia - Raffaella Bolini (Italy)
- Ibase - Moema Miranda (Brazil)
- MMM - Wilhelmina Trout (South Africa)
- Oclae - Ana Maria Prestes (Brazil)
- Via Campesina

5 alternates:

- Articulación Feminista Marcosur - Virginia Vargas (Peru)
- CBJP - Francisco Whitaker (Brazil)
- COSATU - Bheki Zacharia Ntshalintshali (South Africa)
- KCTU - Lee Changuen (South Korea)
- Terre des Hommes - Salvatore Parata (Belgium)

#### 4) Information from other commissions

##### a) Methodology

The Methodology commission met on October 30<sup>th</sup> and has started the debate around 2009 having as a base the preliminary document prepared by the local working group on Methodology (see *annex 6 and the report from the meeting held in August*) and the debates carried out during the meeting of the Pan Amazon Council, on October 27<sup>th</sup> (see *annex 12 for the report of this meeting*).

In that discussion, the following issues were highlighted:

- 1) the main responsibility of the Pan Amazon Council on the planning of WSF 2009 format of the debates and not only on the logistics of the event;
- 2) the concern in assuring the visibility on the program to the struggles and Pan Amazon issues that have a link with the global struggles; it will not be only a matter of cultural celebration; the proposal is to assure those issues be visible on the activities at the first day of WSF (after opening ceremony);
- 3) the need to assure the participation of those groups who have no access to internet and have the right to express themselves in all the preparation process towards WSF 2009

See below the synthesis of the discussion of the Methodology commission.

##### Synthesis of the discussion of the Methodology commission on 30<sup>th</sup> October

At this stage, it is necessary to think the whole process towards the World Social Forum in Belem and in the event itself. It is necessary to link the proposals of previous processes and accumulated experience. It is necessary to build an interlink having in perspective a join work and exchange amongst the IC Methodology commission and Belem Methodology commission. Both must work in a coordinate manner, as one single commission with two working spaces.

It is important to consider that Amazon region will not be the Forum territory but its political space.

It is important to recover previous experiences like the consultation. Its meaning is to make evident the relation among global aims with the local perspective, creating dialogue among the world and Amazon region, creating a process of active participation through the consultation, including for those who will not come to the forum event.

The consultation in some way is already ongoing through the process of consultation already being developed by the Belem Methodology commission with the Amazon grassroots movements, the "transfrontiers" dialogues etc. It is necessary now to enlarge it to the regional and global levels.

The methodology must tend to make visible the interaction among struggles and recovering the resistances that are being nurtured, facilitating the interlink of those struggles, looking for new methodological alternatives and convergence processes. This has been already started with the WSF in Nairobi, however, it has not had a more effective and inclusive result as it was intended. In For the news strategies, it is important to take into account the critics to the processes that were brought about.

The methodology also must keep and deep the

transversal perspective significantly developed in the proposal presented by Belem Methodology commission.

The World Social Forum in Amazon is not a thematic forum, but a global one, and this is the perspective that must be considered. Amazonia is not a local space but a global reality, which puts us directly in front with the limits of the development model and with the search of alternatives. We certainly consider its local character for the effects of differentiation. It was highlighted that this characteristic of locality, of "local" is what gives to each forum its particular aspect. It is necessary to hear the opinion form "locals" and the IC must respect that opinion.

In regards to the territory distribution, it was proposed the territoriality of the axis; the idea of WSF "corridors" is being developed. However, it must be considered that the territorial space is not neutral and that it is necessary a political guideline in order to avoid that some voices remain silent (for instance, more visibility to the voices of men than those from the women). A methodology that do not take into account the conflictive dimension space-territory, can fail in its goals of inclusion.

In which regards to the Forum-city inhabitants relationship, it is important to think that the WSF is not done to sensitize the city but to interlink movements. It is not intended that the forum be "seen" by the city, but that it mobilises the city. This can be achieved, for instance, with big open conferences.

About WSF opening and closing ceremonies, it was debated the importance of those be festive events, expressing, specially in the inauguration, the voices of the excluded from Amazon. At the same time, about the proposal of dedicating the first day to the Pan Amazon reality, some people

expressed the opinion that it would not be a good idea to start the forum like that. However, other opinions have signalled that it is very important to leave a space to deep the knowledge about the Pan Amazon reality.

#### Issues highlighted but not discussed

- ✓ Future working and relation among both Methodology commissions
- ✓ Previous meetings of the Methodology commission (Belém and IC commissions)
- ✓ Think about the possibility of holding meetings previous to the forum in other Amazon states in Brazil

## **b) Resources**

Information given by this commission were around the following issues: the RC Hague meeting (*see complete report on annex 7*), an code with principles and guidelines for resource mobilisation (*read the initial version on annex 8*), the proposal of terms of reference for the Resources commission (*see annex 9*) and funds for the next IC meeting, to be held in Africa.

In which regards to Haia meeting, it was highlighted the need to link better the political decisions with the resources mobilization in order to avoid deficits like those remaining from Porto Alegre 2005, polycentric and Nairobi 2007. The Resources commission requested that members of the IC join it, strengthening the commission.

The commission has recommended that the next IC meeting, in Africa, be held in Nigeria, where resources to have the meeting are already assured by Action Aid. The decision on this issues is on the item 5 of this report.

### **b1) Principles and guidelines for resource mobilisation**

An initial proposal of "Principles and guidelines for resource mobilisation" was presented by Michael Leon Guerrero (*see annex 8*). Following issues were highlighted to be further deepen:

1. Ownership: WSF process must be assumed by participants, not by foundations or agencies. It is necessary to consider how to do it, assuring that WSF be as accessible as possible. Once again, it was highlighted the need of linking the political decisions to the available resources.
2. Funding sources: it is necessary to define what is the collective understanding about how to take decisions about where to look for resources.
3. Having better planning of resources and budget
4. Having a policy of management of resources that eventually remain from an event/project

On the plenary debate, it were identified as well the following issues and needs:

- the need to have a distinction and balance among the support that cooperation and development agencies give to take their counterparts and the support that they give directly to the organizing committees in order to carry out the WSF event
- preparing a code of principles clearly defined on the specific support from governments and private companies that can be received by WSF. Linked to this issues, an alert was made for the need to define a clear political position on non-acceptance of resources coming from companies like the Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, which wants to support WSF 2009. It is necessary to define as well a position regarding to Petrobras support since this company has a role in Brazil but it is much criticized in other countries, like Bolivia and Equator.
- Assessing if it is possible (and how) to take some advantage of all economy that is generated around the WSF event
- Defining a reasonable maximum limit for WSF budgets. All the issues concerning the organisation of the event would be worked around this reasonable budget. This issue was on the root of the debate about WSF periodicity, since that the process is competing with resources to other processes that are being carried in international and regional levels
- Reducing the rhythm of international meetings like those of the IC: since sometime, it has been suggested to carry out the plenary meeting once in the year, looking to maximizing resources, linking the meeting to some other date of the mobilisation calendar in which many actor can be present
- Having more information about from where the resources come, how they are expend, what kind of expenses should be priority and where is possible to cut
- Verifying in which situations the WSF had surplus and how this was achieved
- Highlight the issue of who decide and who has the responsibility is another important issue: the IC take decision that organizing committee must implement; this generates diverse kinds of

- problems
- Sharing and discussing the financial problems of the organizing committees with the IC in order to make a joint decision

It was also noted that many issues concerning this code of principles are already being considered on the work that the Assessment working group has been doing on WSF Guiding Principles to organise events (see item c, below and annex 10).

### **c) Assessment**

The Assessment working group has worked around two issues since Berlin:

- the survey questionnaire, concerning the assessment of previous WSF events already carried out;
- the draft document 'Guiding Principles for Holding a WSF Event' (see annex 10)

The draft was prepared and circulated amongst the members of the Assessment WG within the last week of October. Comments were received from about a dozen persons and after incorporating them. The document still is under preparation and the debate will continue on the list of that group.

It was stressed again the need that Resources commission connect the work around the ethic code for finance to this work being developed by the Assessment Group.

Concerning the survey questionnaire, discussion will continue on the WG.

In order to join the group, write to [fsmci@forumsocialmundial.org.br](mailto:fsmci@forumsocialmundial.org.br)

### **d) Strategies**

The IC Strategy commission started to organise the debate to be carried out during the next IC meeting, in 2008. The group will identify the issues related to the strategic debate and will think how to organise the discussion in order to allow the development of this debate. A first paper is already available on annex 13.

### **Summary of the discussion at the commission:**

#### **1. Aims of the meeting**

Starting to organize the debate around the future of the Forum, which will be carried out during the next IC meeting (end of March 2008).

It is understood that the collective reflection about the future of the Forum is beginning and that the next IC meeting in March 2008 has to be considered as the starting point and not the end of that reflection.

#### **2. Principles agreed:**

- The importance that this debate on the future be carried out in the IC level (and not by small groups), having as the starting point what was agreed in Berlin IC plenary meeting.
- The recognition that some IC members have already expressed positions, visions, wishes, ideas, but that other ideas must exist. All the ideas have to be discussed in a transparent way.
- The need to coordinate this work with the one that the Assessment working group is doing in order to assure the coherence among the two processes.

#### **3. Content of the debate among the participants of the meeting**

There is consensus among the participants of the Strategy commission on the fact that the WSF is facing various difficulties now. In order to understand the causes and to respond in an adequate manner, various ideas and suggestions were expressed by the participants in the meeting. Having this discussion as starting point, some issues around which the IC debate on the future of WSF could be organised were identified:

- ✓ Need to review the political position of WSF in today's context/conjuncture. For instance:
  - In today's form, does WSF respond to the evolution of neoliberalism?
  - Does WSF continue to be relevant as a counterpoint to Davos?
  - Is it necessary to review WSF Charter of Principles?
- ✓ Need to deepen the reflection and the experience about convergences. For instance:
  - How to stimulate convergences among the participants of the WSF without compromising the founding principles of plurality and integrity?

- How to include other regions and social actors around the world who are still not part of the WSF?
- How to solve the existing tensions between constructing a open and inclusive space from one side and radicalizing the WSF from other (*see document sent by Gustave Massiah*)
- ✓ Need to find solutions to some inadequate functioning in WSF organic aspect (this relates to the methodology of work, transparence, decision making, selforganisation of the activities organized during the forum, visibility of the Forum etc.)
- How to assure coherence among the political questions posed by the WSF and its methodology?
- What are the improvements we can bring to the methodology in order to achieve political results?

#### **4. Next steps:**

- The Strategy commission will prepare a "discussion paper" which aims to present the positions already known and the key points to be discussed, in neutral and orderly way.
- This discussion paper will be sent to all IC members for comments and contributions. The deadline to receive contributions will be one month before the next IC meeting
- Gustave Massiah will prepare a note on its assessment of global forces and the position of WSF in that context.
- Based on contributions received by the IC members, the Strategy group will prepare a methodology of work to organize the debate on the future of the WSF to be carried out on the next IC meeting, in the end of March 2008

<b>5) Next IC meeting</b>
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Resources commission proposal of holding the next IC meeting in Nigeria was criticized by the African members present to the meeting. As alternative, the possibility of reassess whe venue for the meeting was raised and the need of having clear criteria on its organisation: IC should not choose a venue only connected to the availability of resources. India has proposed to organise this next meeting or the following one, considering that, since Mumbai event, we have never had another IC meeting in that country.

Final decision, however, was to give four weeks to African Council to present an alternative proposal of venue and dates for the meeting (scheduled at the moment for end of March/beginning April). In case another option in Africa is not feasible, meeting will be held in Nigeria.

## **ANNEX 1 – List of members and observers attending the IC meeting**

### **IC members**

ABONG - Associação Brasileira de ONGs  
Action Aid International - AAI  
ALAI - Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion Alternativas  
Amigos da Terra / Friends of the Earth  
APRODEV - Association of World Council of Churches related Development Organizations in Europe  
Articulación Feminista Marco Sur  
ASC - Aliança Social Continental  
ATTAC- Brasil  
ATTAC France  
CADTM- Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette du Tiers Monde  
Caritas Internationalis  
CBJP - Comissão Brasileira de Justiça e Paz  
CEAAL – Cons. Educação de Adultos da Am. Latina  
CIDSE – Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité  
CLACSO  
COMPA - Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Américas  
COSATU - Congress of South African Trade Unions  
CRID - Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Développement  
CTA – Central de Trabajadores Argentinos  
CUT – Central Única dos Trabalhadores  
Encuentros Hemisféricos contra el ALCA  
Euromarches – Marches Européennes  
Federación Mundial de Juventudes Democráticas  
Fédération démocratique internationale des femmes (F.D.I.F.)  
FIDH – Fed. Internacional Direitos Humanos  
Focus on the Global South  
Forum Mondial des Alternatives  
GLBT - South-South Dialogue  
Grassroots Global Justice  
GTA – Grupo de Trabalho Amazônico  
HIC – Habitat International Coalition  
IBASE – Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas  
ICAE - Consejo Internacional de Educacion de Adultos  
IFTDH - International Federation Terre des Hommes  
IGTN – International Gender and Trade Network  
International Alliance of Habitants  
IPF - Instituto Paulo Freire  
IPS – Inter Press Service  
Italian Coordination of European Social Forum  
ITUC – International Trade Union Confederation  
Jubileu Sul América Latina  
KCTU - Korean Confederation of Trade Unions  
MST – Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra  
OCLAE - Continental Organization of Latin America and Caribbean Students  
Oneworld  
OXFAM Internacional  
PPEHRC – Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign  
Rede CONSEU (Conferencia de Naciones sin Estado de Europa)  
Rede Latino Americana e Caribenha de Mulheres Negras  
REMTE – Red Latinoamericana Mujeres Transformando la Economía  
REPEM – Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres Transform!  
Via Campesina  
World March of Women

### **IC observers**

#### Observers from the Brazilian local committee and other forums

ACAOÃ  
Acción Ecológica  
ACER  
ADECAM  
AMB  
AMNB / CEDEMPA  
APAFFIL  
ARGONAUTAS  
CEBRAPAZ  
CIRANDA  
CMP – Central de Movimentos Populares  
Comitê Afro do FSM  
Comitê Dorothy  
Comitê FSM – RN/MNDH  
CRB  
Equipo Facilitador do FSA Guatemala  
FAOR  
FBES/ FE Economia Solidária  
FBOMS – Fórum Brasileiro de ONGs e Movimentos Sociais para o Meio Ambiente e o Desenvolvimento  
Fórum de Autoridades Locais  
Fórum Nacional de Juventude Negra  
Fórum Parlamentar Mundial  
Fórum Permanente das Culturas  
Fórum São Paulo  
IMUNE  
Instituto AMAS  
Instituto Maria Nonato  
Instituto Maurício Grabois – MG  
Instituto MOCAMBO-CUFA  
MAMA  
MOARANÁ  
Radio Popular  
REDIC  
SDDH  
Secretariado del Consejo Hemisférico de las Américas

Sindicato de Saúde de Belém  
 Sindicato dos Bancários  
 SINTEPP  
 SODIREITOS  
 UGT  
 UNE – União Nacional dos Estudantes  
 UNIPOP

Observers from governments  
 Secretaria Geral da Presidência  
 Governo do Pará  
 Prefeitura de Belém  
 SAAEB – PMB  
 SEDES - Secretaria de Estado de Assistência e  
 Desenvolvimento Social /PA

**ANNEX 2 – Solidarity Fund: list of organisations that have contributed towards the fund and list of organisations who have received support**

**a) Organisations (members and observers) who have contributed towards the fund**

Amigos da Terra	100 euros
Attac	150 euros
UTG	19 euros
Aprodev/ICCO	200 euros
Articulação Feminista Marcosul	30 euros
Transform	344 euros
FAL – Prefeitura de Guarulhos	37 euros
Fórum Parlamentar Mundial	400 euros
CCFD/Cidse	400 euros
CRID	400 euros
Conseu	400 euros
CSI/Ituc	400 euros
ARCI	400 euros
Oxfam Internacional	66 euros
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.346 euros</b>

*Note: Alternatives (Canada) has committed to send its contribution through bank transfer after the meeting*

**b) Organisations that have received support with ticket:**

**b1) With funds raised on the meeting and Novib project**

FS México	738
PPHERC	692
Cosatu	867
DEF/CTA	387
CADTM	1032
Repem	555
Euromarches/FS Áustria*	1032
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.303</b>

*\*In the specific case of Leo Gabriel, its inclusion on the solidarity fund considered that he was participating in representation of the Euromarches, a network that do not have funds. This request, however, do not generate a rule for requests from movements from the North (those considered as part of the OECD countries, except by South Korea and Mexico). The limit of the reimbursement agreed was to pay up to the highest amount from a South participant, and not the original amount paid for the ticket (1,532 euros).*

**b2) Tickets issued directly by the Para government**

Mexico	Alianza Social Continental
Peru	Articulación Feminista Marcosur
Guatemala	Equipo Facilitador Guatemalteco
Guatemala	Equipo Facilitador Guatemalteco
Índia	Focus on the Global South
Brasil	Jubileu Sul
Korea, South	Korean Confederation of Trade Unions(KCTU)
Portugal	Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes (OCLAE)
Ecuador	Secretaria de Quito
Guiana	UTG

### **b3) Tickets issued by the Belem government**

Comitê Afro do FSM – São Paulo
Comitê Potiguar – Rio Grande do Norte
Central de Movimentos Populares – Rio Grande do Norte

### **c) Organisations (IC and Pan Amazon WSF bodies) that have received support with accommodation (partial or integral)**

Alianza Social Continental	Fames
Articulación Feminista Marcosur	FBOMs
Attac Brasil	Focus on the Global South
CADTM / Pakistan	FS México
Campana de los Pobres por los Derechos Humanos Economicos (PPEHRC)	GTA
CBJP	Hemispheric Social Alliance
Central de Movimentos Populares – Rio Grande do Norte	Ibase
Clacso	Icae
Comitê Afro do FSM – São Paulo	IPF
Comitê Potiguar – Rio Grande do Norte	Jubilee South América
Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)	Marcha Mundial de Mujeres
Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Américas (COMPA)	MST
CTA	OCLAE (Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estu
CUT	Pan Amazon /FBT
DEF/CTA	Pan Amazon /UTG
Encuentros Hemisféricos contra los TLCs y por la Integración de los Pueblos	Red Afrolatina e Afrocaribenha de Mujeres
ENDA	Rede Social
Equipo Facilitador Guatemalteco	REPEM – Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe
	Secretaria del FS Américas

### ANNEX 3a – Information on 2008 Mobilisation

A brief presentation of history and reason to hold the 2008 week and global day of action was made by Raffaella Bollini, highlighting:

- Objective is to give global visibility and impact to all articulations made by different groups in their localities and give strength to all of them in a global framework, interlinking initiatives and involving new social actor in the WSF process.

- IC organizations, movements, networks and observer must spread as much as possible the info about the GDA around the world and inside our communities. We ask everyone to commit to spread out as much as possible the info on the 26th, besides organizing their own actions. Also help others in your networks to organize their own actions on their specific issues.

- The day of action doesn't mean that people have to forget their work to organize an action, on the opposite; they are being encouraged to act on their own fields of work.

- We should encourage actions in the regions and countries where the WSF process is still weak (central Asia, east Europe, Middle East, former Soviet Union countries).

Identify priorities for the global day of action: the GDA call from the IC would be a general framework, but the contents, themes, priorities will be put inside the day of action by the networks, movements, groups, etc. Organizations are being encouraged to make their own appeals, to help diffusing and organizing other organizations in their localities. There is no global theme or priority, the idea is the opposite, to give visibility to the themes and priorities that we already work with.

News on the mobilization efforts must be sent to [globalaction@wsf2008.net](mailto:globalaction@wsf2008.net).

It were presented the tools being developed to support mobilisation and organisation and an information was given on how to register on the mailing list of debate around 2008: this can be done through the email: [globalaction@wsf2008.net](mailto:globalaction@wsf2008.net) or

Access WEBSITE: [www.wsfprocess.net](http://www.wsfprocess.net)

1. Register yourself or login if you are already registered.
2. Register your organization if it's not there yet.

Or

Look for the organization called "in personal capacity".

Access it and click on "participants".

3. Look for the group called "2008 global..."

Access it and click on "participants".

To take part at the WSF 2008 online CHAT through Skype, add the id "caguiton" and request your inclusion. CHATS happen every Wednesday.

In which regards the website [www.wsf2008.net](http://www.wsf2008.net), it was explained that there are more than 2,000 signatures to the call for the mobilisation. Soon, a new version of the website will be launched, with the possibility of registering and giving visibility to the actions. It will allow people to register, publish their actions and connect with other initiatives. The website is structured more by actions than by organizations, and in the Google map available, you'll be able to find and contact other initiatives.

Specific actions are also being made around communication, specially internet and radio. Media contact group at the IC is open for all at [media@wsf2008.net](mailto:media@wsf2008.net). There is a need in the communication commission to find out media and press contacts in the different countries. Local committees who have press and media contacts should meet with the communication commission to help them out in this regard. A questionnaire was prepared to collect these contacts (see annex 4).

**ANNEX 3b – Information about communication towards 2008**

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**ANNEX 4 – Questionnaire about communication and mobilisation**

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**ANNEX 5 – Table of IC membership applications**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>QUESTI ONNAIR E (OK/NO )</b>	<b>TWO SUPPORT LETTERS FROM IC MEMBERS (YES / NO)</b>
<b>Social Movement Indaba (SMI)*</b>	Mondli Hlatshwayo Email: <a href="mailto:mondlih@gmail.com">mondlih@gmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:Mondli.Hlatshwayo@khanyacollege.org.za">Mondli.Hlatshwayo@khanyacollege.org.za</a>		No	Focus
<b>General Union of Oil Employees in Southern Iraq.</b>	Farouk M. Sadiq Ismaa'l <a href="mailto:101small@yahoo.com">101small@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="http://www.basraoilunion.org">www.basraoilunion.org</a>	Yes	CADTM Focus on the Global South
<b>Zanzibar International Film Festival Of Dhow</b>	Fatma ALLOO <a href="mailto:faloo@zitec.org">faloo@zitec.org</a>	<a href="http://www.ziff.or.tz">www.ziff.or.tz</a>	Yes	ENDA, Ibase, CBJP
<b>Fórum Social das Migrações</b>	Luiz Bassegio <a href="mailto:gritoexcluidos@uol.com.br">gritoexcluidos@uol.com.br</a>		Yes	Jubileu Sul Associação Grito dos Excluídos Continental
<b>People's Health Movement</b>	Hani Serag <a href="mailto:secretariat@phmovement.org">secretariat@phmovement.org</a>	<a href="http://www.phmovement.org">www.phmovement.org</a>	Yes	
<b>Foro de São Paulo*</b>	*Asks to be permanent observer at the IC (letter of request presented at Nairobi IC meeting). Supported by CUT, ORIT / CSI and Alianza Social Continental (Hemispheric Social Alliance)			

**ANNEX 6 – Document on Methodology presented by the Para Working Group on methodology – towards WSF 2009**

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**ANNEX 7 – Report from Resources Commission meeting, held in Hague, Netherlands**

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## **ANNEX 8 – Draft Guideline for Mobilisation of Resources**

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## **ANNEX 9 – Draft of Terms of Reference for the Resources Commission**

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## **ANNEX 10 – Draft of Guiding Principles for Holding WSF Events**

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## **ANNEX 11 – Draft of paper for the debate on strategy and WSF future**

### **Document prepared by the IC Strategy Commission, which has the mandate of stimulating and organising the debate on strategies to be carried out during the WSF IC meeting in April 2008**

In the WSF IC meeting in Berlin (Germany), held at the end of last May, it was decided that the first meeting of the IC to be held in 2008 would be in a African country and will be mainly dedicated to debating "strategies". This text is a support tool for a first facilitation of this debate, which tries to organise a summary mapping of the issues raised in the discussions carried out within the IC and the Strategies commission. We are starting the debate and not yet in a moment of synthesis. It is not intended to replace any of the texts and articles that have already been circulating on this topic and others still to be written. On the contrary, we believe that more IC members and members of organisations that participate in the WSF should take-up this issue and contribute to this debate.

The list of themes that we are proposing here, therefore, also has the objective of promoting debate and we hope to receive comments and contributions to enrich the discussion.

The WSF story was initiated with the launching of its proposal in 2000. Its antecedents are linked to events carried out during the 1990s. After all this time, it is obvious that much discussion has already been carried out around many of the issues to be proposed here and it is also true that the number of issues has increased recently. It is these factors that have led the IC to organise this debate. From the discussions which have already been circulated, we can recuperate, for instance, the following questions and issues:

- Are we in another world context, different from the context of 2000/2001, or in the same one? What elements of rupture and continuity exist?
- What is our perception of United States supremacy in the international scenario? Is this a unipolar world dominated by US unilateralism or is this scenario also being occupied by other poles (China, India, Russia)
- The different crisis that are now more evident on the agenda – like global warming, financial crisis, crisis of democracies – have a new dimension: now it is much more clear that there is a crisis of civilization because its functioning based on productivity (very stimulated by capitalism but also followed by socialism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century) and liberal ideology is already affecting the life of the planet in a global and irreversible way. What are the repercussions of all of this in our debates and our actions?
- In the first WSF, in 2001, there was a strong focus on the criticisms of the hegemonic /mainstream ideology constituted during the 1980s. After 7 years, what is our assessment of this "battle of ideas"? Some of the issues raised from the anti-globalisation movement were appropriated by capitalist discourse and re-raised under new forms of market at the service of that same capital (the classic example is the proposal carbon credits to deal with the environmental issue). Is a second generation of criticisms of the dominant thought / discourse (which is not the same as it was 7 years ago) necessary?

- What happened to the anti-globalisation movement? Are there general tendencies? To some people, it seems that this movement is in a downward spiral. What are the links of these people with other actors from political life (political parties, multilateral institutions, governments etc.)? Has the anti-globalisation movement been able to constitute itself as a relevant political actor in the different scenarios or has it not been able to develop its intervention capacity in the political struggle?

It is widely recognised among us today the idea that the WSF must be a process **and** an event, even if there is very little systematisation about these concepts and their connections.

- The WSF has also emerged as a counterpoint to the Davos World Economic Forum. This has been translated into the idea of holding the WSF event during the same dates in such a way that this counterpoint would be much more evident. Is it essential to continue with this focus, of maintaining unified world events on those dates? This contraposition has also been used as an argument to defend the maintaining of the yearly periodicity of the centralized events: is it necessary to maintain a centralized event each year or is it possible to hold it every 2 or 3 years) as some actors suggest? Some comrades affirm that there is an unbalance between the effort required to carry out the events and the energy left over to organise other struggles. How much was spent (in financial resources, hours of work etc.) to mobilise towards WSF 2005 in Porto Alegre and how much for the mobilisation against WTO in Hong Kong? Has the WSF - which should be a tool for social movements - become an end in itself?

## Questions

### IMPORTANT

Under the nomination of "strategies" we propose to discuss the following questions. If there are new questions to propose, please send them to the list. The idea is that each question be answered in two pages or jointly in up to six pages:

\*Geopolitics: situation / world, regional and national context "conjuncture": today's situation and what has been changed since the beginning of WSF in 2000-1? Have we actually entered into a new phase of neoliberalism? Have there been changes in the correlation of forces at the international level? What are the main reasons for these changes?

\*Organisations: that which is part of the scenario anterior to the WSF, what is the situation of social movements, NGOs at world / regional / national levels, what are the current different expressions of "civil society" at world / regional / national levels and what has changed since 2000-1?

\*WSF: that which is part of the scenario anterior to the WSF, WSF evolution as an event and process, its fruits and dilemmas?

\*Future: crossing the above issues, try to formulate political and organisational proposals for the continuity of the WSF.

## ANNEX 12 – Information on the Pan Amazon Council meetings

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