



**GLOBAL CONVERGENCE**

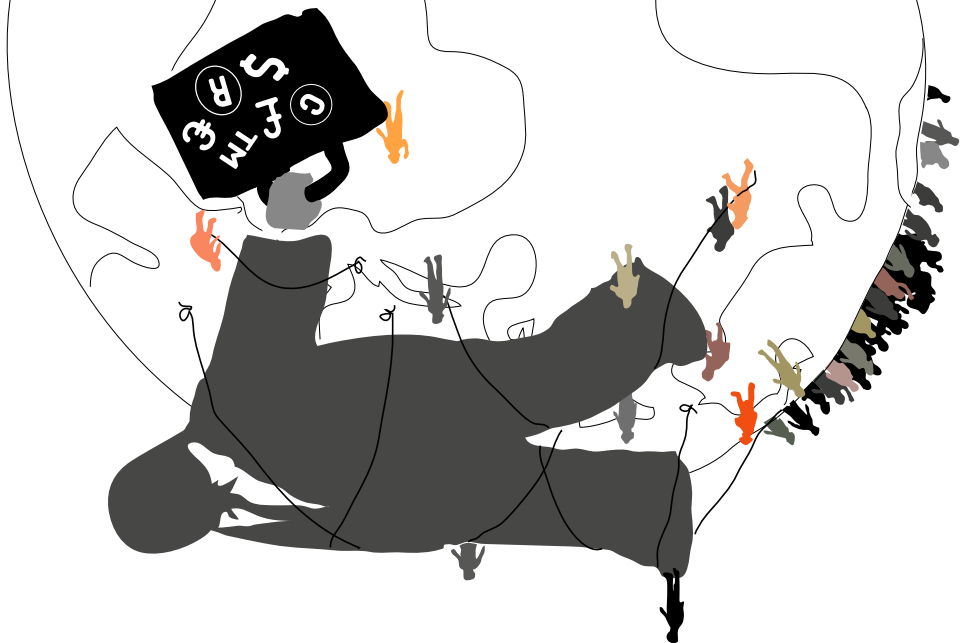
**OF RESISTANCES TO CORPORATE POWER**

**RECLAIMING PEOPLES SOVEREIGNTY**

World Social Forum 24–28 March 2015 / Tunisia

**Open call to**

***Collectively Build a Global  
Movement to Dismantle the Power  
of Transnational Corporations  
and Stop Impunity!***



**In March 2015**, social movements from around the world will meet in the **World Social Forum** in Tunisia to exchange on existing resistances, debate alternatives, and strategize mobilizations to confront different aspects of corporate-led globalization.

Transnational Corporations (TNCs) are a key driving force of this unjust and unsustainable system, operating to appropriate our destinies, natural and cultural heritage, dismantle public services, destroy the commons and endanger food sovereignty in every corner of the planet. In many cases, TNCs are also involved in assassinations, persecutions and threats against communities resisting their actions and operations. TNCs have captured democratic decision-making and are rendering sovereignty meaningless while marginalizing governments (often complicit) in their responsibility to place peoples rights before corporate profits.

Social movements, peasants, trade unionists, women, indigenous peoples, environmentalists, migrants, experts, activists and affected communities are the paramount **political subjects of the counterpower that is sowing alternative paradigms**. Our resistances to TNCs articulate diverse alternative world projects in many varied spheres. Our struggles and practices are reaffirming and legitimating the existence of diverse and potent ways of living. We are reclaiming and building a world which the Zapatistas call "a world where there are many worlds".

These diverse world projects, practices and alternatives are being linked at regional and global levels and cross fertilisation is also being made across various movements and networks. And there is a continuous need to intensify these alliances for transformative action and to **achieve significant convergence of counterpower to the corporate-led paradigm**.

Drawing from intense confrontations with corporate power, in the areas of Water, Food, Land, Territories and the Commons, Work, Investments and Trade, Economy and Finance, Democracy and Corporate capture, the **Global Convergence of Resistances to Corporate Power** is an open invitation to contribute to and participate in the struggles that aim to dismantle corporate power, end impunity, and create the conditions to reclaim peoples sovereignty and ensure the commons of humanity.

## Related Initiatives

The *Global Convergence of Resistances to Corporate Power* is a collective effort built in close collaboration with the *Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles*, the *Trade Space* and the *Space Health and Social Protection*.

## Co-convenors

Campaign Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity, La Via Campesina International, Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), World March of Women, FIAN International, Transnational Institute, Polaris Institute Canada, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) – Global Economy Project, Observatorio de la Deuda en la Globalización (ODG) Catalunya, War on Want, AITEC-IPAM, Just Net Coalition, Comité pour l'Annulation de la dette du Tiers Monde (CADTM), CADTM Ayna, ATTAC Argentina, Union of People Affected by Texaco –Ecuador (UDAPT), Stop the Wall Campaign, Palestinian National Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Committee (BNC), Ecologistas en Acción, Plateforme haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif (PAPDA – Haïti), Alternatives Canada, REBRIP (Brazilian Network for Peoples Integration), Ingeniería Sense Fronteras (ESF), ATTAC Morocco, African Women Unite Against Destructive Resource Extraction (WoMin), Rural Women's Assembly (RWA) Southern Africa, Groupe de Recherche pour une Stratégie Economique Alternative (GRESEA) Belgium, CDHAL (Comité por los Derechos Humanos en América Latina) Canada, Justiça nos Trilhos Brazil, Justiça Global Brazil, Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), Attac France, Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho – El Salvador (FESPAD), Mesa Nacional frente a la Minería – El Salvador (MNFMM), Assemblée Européenne des Citoyens (AEC – HCA), CTA Autónoma Argentina, Frente Amplio Opositor a la Megaminería (FAO) Mexico.

**March 25th** 8h30 - 11h

(also the 26th and 27th) – **AMPHI B**

**Global Convergence of Lands and Waters struggles** La Via Campesina, COSPE onlus, FIAN International, Comitato Italiano Contratto Mondiale sull'acqua- (CICMA), Transnational Institute, GRAIN, ActionAid

**I211-I210**

**Investments protection in Free Trade agreements and Investment Treaties: a Corporate Coup on Peoples' Rights, the Commons and Democracy** Réseau québécois sur l'Intégration continentale (RQIC), Institute for Policy Studies -IPS- Global Economy Project (USA), Trade Justice Network (Canada), REDES Amigos de la Tierra (Uruguay), Comisión nacional de enlace (Costa Rica), Aitec-IPAM (France), Attac-France (France), Transnational Institute (Pays-Bas), Observatori del Deute en la Globalització -ODG- (Catalunya)

## Mini AMPHI G

**EU, UN, US, and Corporate complicity in Israel's apartheid policy** Russell  
Tribunal on Palestine, European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine - ECCP

## AMPHI AP1

**Synthetic Biology, nanotechnology and biotechnologies – implications of emerging technologies for food, peasants, environmental governance and democracy.** ETC Group - Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration

**March 25th** 11h30 - 14h

I209

**The exploitation of natural resources and armed conflicts in Africa: how to make multinationals responsible?** Assemblée Européenne des Citoyens (AEC - HCA)

SP12

**The European Energy Grabbing of Mediterranean People**

XODG, Enginyeria Sense Fronteres

## Strategy Sessions of the Global Convergence of Resistances to Corporate Power

**I105-I104 March 25th** 11h30 - 14h

**Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity: Reclaiming Peoples Sovereignty – Part 1** Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power

**I105-I104 March 25th** 15h - 17h30

**Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity: Reclaiming Peoples Sovereignty – Part 2** Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power

Co-Organizers : Polaris Institute, Transnational Institute, Observatorio de la Deuda en la Globalización (ODG), War on Want, Aitec-IPAM, UDAPT, Unión de Afectados/as por las Operaciones Petroleras de Texaco, La Vía Campesina International, Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), World March of Women, FIAN International, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) – Global Economy Project, Just Net Coalition, Comité pour l'Annulation de la dette du Tiers Monde (CADTM), CADTM Ayna, ATTAC Argentina, Alternatives Canada, REBRIP (Brazilian Network for Peoples Integration), Enginyeria Sense Fronteres (ESF), Attac France.

**March 25th** 15h -17h30

**SALLE R107**

**Joining the global movement for a Treaty on human rights and corporate activity: an information and strategy session by the Treaty Alliance**

FIDH- Fédération Internationale des ligues des Droits de l'Homme, CIDSE, Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power, Friends of the Earth Europe, Polaris Institute, Transnational Institute

**AMPHI B**

**Debt, extractivism and climate crisis** Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette du Tiers Monde – CADTM, CADTM AYNA (Abya Yala Nuestra America) - Comité Para la anulacion de la Deuda Del Tercer Mundo, Les Amis de la Terre France, Attac, ELA, E-CHANGER/COMUNDO

**March 26th** 8h30 -11h

**I208-I207**

**Debt and free trade** Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette du Tiers Monde – CADTM, CADTM Afrique, Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights, Fédération Générale du Travail de Belgique Liège-Huy-Waremme (FGTB Liège-Huy-Waremme)

**SALLE I209**

**Corporate Power and capture of public policies: lessons from Brazil** Rede Brasileira Pela Integração dos Povos (REBRIP)

**March 26th** 11h30 -14h

**AMPHI A11**

**Fighting for social and ecological justice to face corporate power and impunity in the MENA region**

Aitec-IPAM, Arab NGO Network for Development شبكة المنظمات العربية غير الحكومية للتنمية, Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights, CCFD-Terre Solidaire

**SP 19**

**Overthrowing the Corporate Capture of the UN Climate Talks**

Corporate Europe Observatory, Les Amis de la Terre France

**March 26th** 15h - 17h30

**FACULTÉ DE DROITS, SALLE DE SOUTENANCE/ DE CONFÉRENCE**

**Stopping human and labor rights abuses by corporations:  
New developments in international and national regulation**

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, CIDSE, Friends of the Earth Europe, FIDH- Fédération Internationale des ligues des Droits de l'Homme, Transnational Institute, Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power

**SALLE R107**

**Trading the Climate: The Threats of Free Trade Agreements and the WTO**

Climate Space, Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice, Polaris Institute, Global Forest Coalition, Focus on the Global South, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Corporate Europe Observatory, Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power, ATTAC France, Transnational Institute

**I107-I108**

**Defending peasant seeds from commodification and corporate capture**

La Via Campesina

**SALLE SP16**

**Extractivism resistance in the world against oil, gas and mines  
multinationals**

ATTAC France, Les Amis de la Terre France, Réseau Alternatif des Jeunes  
- Tunisie RAJ-T, Alternatives

**SALLE SE3B**

**The 4th International Action of the World March of Women (WMW),  
as an opportunity to strengthen the feminist movement against  
patriarchal capitalism.**

World March of Women - Marche Mondiale des femmes -  
Marcha Mundial de las Mujeres

**AMPHI 4**

**Organising an Internet Social Forum – A call to occupy the Internet**

Just Net Coalition, Alternative Informatics Association, Society for Knowledge Commons, SFLC.IN, Free Software Movement of India, Centre for Community Informatics Research, Development and Training, Computer Professionals Union Free Press, AGHAM-Advocates of Science and Technology for the People, Association for Proper Internet Governance,

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información – ALAI, Arab NGO Network for Development  
شبكة المنظمات العربية غير الحكومية للتنمية, Third World Institute - Instituto del  
Tercer Mundo (ITeM), IT for Change, ActionAid India -South Solidarity Initiative, P2P  
Foundation, EUROLINC, All India Peoples Science Network

**I208-I207**

## **Economic Partnership Agreements EU-Africa: a threat to people**

Aitec-IPAM, Enda CACID, CADTM Afrique, Brot für die Welt - Evangelischer  
Entwicklungsdienst, ATTAC France, CGT

**March 27th** 8h30 - 11h

**I211-I210**

## **Alternatives and Responses to the Free Trade and Investment Regime: CSOs and Movements' Strategic Discussions for System Change**

Aitec-IPAM, Réseau québécois sur l'Intégration continentale (RQIC), Confédération des  
syndicats nationaux (CSN), CGSP, ATTAC France, CADTM - Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette  
du Tiers Monde, RESEAU EUROMED MAROC DES ONG, War on Want, CFDT Confédération  
française démocratique du travail, UGTT: Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail الاتحاد العام  
التونسي للشغل, Xarxa de l'Observatori del Deute en la Globalització (ODG), Southern Africa  
Cross Border Traders Association (SACBTA-ZAMBIA), Transnational Institute

**SALLE DE LECTURE SLB**

## **Cheating Mother Earth: Carbon Markets, Geoengineering, Destructive Bioenergy and other False Solutions to Climate Change**

Climate Space,  
Global Forest Coalition and ETC Group

**March 27th** 11h30 - 14h

**I211-I210**

**A Critical Look at Systemic Alternatives: Drawing Lessons & Strengthening  
Proposals** Focus on the Global South, Fundación Solón, ATTAC France, Global Forest Coalition

**March 27th** 15h - 17h30

(check WSF program Erratum for the details) - **Room to be confirmed**

**Convergence Assembly**

**Resisting and Building Alternatives to Free Trade and Corporate Power: People and the Planet Before Profits**

**1211-1210**

**The Impacts of Unsustainable Livestock Production: Case Studies, the Struggles and Strengthening International Campaigns** Global Forest Coalition

**March 28th** 8h30 - 11h

**AMPHI A**

**Change the System not the Climate: Not Just Any Action Will Do**

Climate Space, ATTAC France, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Focus on the Global South, Global Forest Coalition, ETC Group, La Via Campesina, Oilwatch, Polaris Institute, Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power

(check WSF program Erratum for the details) - **Room, date and time to be confirmed**

**Extractive operations and its economical, social and cultural impacts: the Case Chevron in Ecuador** UDAPT - Unión de Afectados/as por las Operaciones

Petroleras de Texaco

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