

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE AND WE CAN BUILD IT!

URGENCY CALL

To the regional and international, counter-hegemonic movements, organizations and networks of civil society.

(We mean movements that are clearly against neoliberal capitalism, patriarchy, racism and all other forms of domination and that are against a civilisational model that oppresses nature)

Another world emerges from the coronavirus pandemic. But what kind of world is this? We know that the situation may worsen and we are in a global emergency, facing a destructive and unequal world.

We want change for the better. And we know that we can change this world if we work together on global ideas and actions.

There are various initiatives that are trying to tackle the problems with internationalist and transversal movements, able to overcome neoliberal capitalism.

Unfortunately, today we face more dramatic scenarios than before; various surviving social movements all over the world are more fragmented than ever before. Finding an opportunity to re-articulate our new resistance and alternatives is the biggest and most important challenge to-day.

The World Social Forum will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in 2021. We are starting to organize a new WSF process, which could culminate in a planetary event in the City of Mexico, in order to strengthen the voice and the articulations of the different movements that work on the construction of alternatives for the world we live in.

We want a fairer, more democratic, more supportive and more sustainable world, a world with democratic participation, where humankind and nature are central. Where technology, economics and politics are at the service of the common good and not of the market. We want a world that can promote the ecological recovery of degraded soils, fight hunger with food sovereignty, agro-ecological, combat violence against women, we want to strengthen human, economic, social and cultural rights. We want a world sustained by a strengthened citizenship.

Societies have changed a lot since 2001, and almost never for the better. Today, we face serious, deep, and overlapping crises, which exterminate millions of lives, cause the re-emergence of neo-fascist regimes, threaten survival on Earth and lead to the biggest economic recession in the history of capitalism.

A new planetary edition of the World Social Forum in Mexico City will only fulfill its role with the necessary political relevance if we take into account the current reality and manage to strengthen our cooperation to shape common transformative agendas, it is for this reason that the organizations and social movements that are part of the International Council of the WSF decided to invite you to reflect together on the world that will emerge from the current crises and on our potential to build convergences and strategies to transform it.

Movements, organizations, networks, national and international civil society platforms are invited to participate in this first online Meeting, which will be held on June 27, 2020, at 2 pm UTC (coordinated universal time) (to be confirmed), through the platform (a to define)

The objective of this meeting is to reflect on our agendas and strategies, to listen to more people and movements to know how they approach the world situation. We would like to examine a possible new cooperation that can contribute to articulate the struggles and initiatives and build a global political subject.

From the experience of 20 years of global and transversal work in the WSF, we believe that it remains a space with an enormous potential to promote cooperation, convergences and actions.

Never before has the need for greater cooperation and convergence been more evident than today, considering that we are facing an emerging right-wing authoritarianism, climate change and growing inequalities.

We would like to strengthen the union of ideas and actions to change the world.

The reality that we face requires this commitment from all of us.

We hope we can count on your participation.

Members of the WSF International Council meeting in Porto Alegre in 2020, and practically the 30th of May and the 6th of June of the same year.

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AGENDA / METHODOLOGY MEETING OF JUNE 27

Approximate duration of the meeting: 3 hours

1. Presentation of participants (only name and organization)
2. Welcome, introduction, and explanation of the dynamics of the meeting.
3. Presentation by the IC of the WSF of the topic of the meeting.

Guiding questions:

- * What is the strategy of your organisation, taking into account the current pandemia?
 - * What is the international dimension of this strategy and how can it contribute to a topic of global interaction?
 - * Can the World Social Forum be useful for the global strategy of your organisation?
4. Discussion
 5. Possible conclusions and follow-up, possible second meeting?
 6. End of meeting.