

WSF 2015 TUNIS
Some reminders about WSF2013 to prepare WSF 2015

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1. Following the Migration SF of Monastir, a working meeting gathered in Tunis on April 21 and 22, 2014, participants who had been involved in the organization of the WSF in Tunis 2013. This meeting aimed to facilitate preparation for the meeting of the organizing committee of the WSF 2015.

Throughout the WSF process, WSF 2015 can also be considered as a process covering a period starting six months before the event and continue four months after it to integrate all stages of its preparation and its follow-up.

Strategic guidance notes mentioned in this paper are intended to prepare the organizing committee meetings. These are notes that will be prepared by people who participated in the organization of the WSF 2013 and will take into account the discussions of IC in Casablanca. http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en These notes, three or four pages long, will focus on the lessons of WSF 2013, broad orientations for 2015, next steps.

It is the organizing committee which will appoint commissions and decide on responsibilities in the organization of WSF 2015. The organizing committee implements the principles of openness, diversity and responsibility.

The meeting of the organizing committee

2. A first meeting of the Organizing Committee will be scheduled for late May. One possible date is between Thursday, May 29th and Saturday, May 31, 2014.

The Committee will consist of Tunisian associations and Maghreb members delegated by the Monitoring Committee of the Maghreb-Mashreq Social Forum. The first core will be expanded following a procedure agreed by consensus, ensuring the effective participation of those who will be included. Representatives of the African Social Forum will be involved in the organizing committee in order to highlight the African dimension of the WSF 2015 in Tunisia.

Tasks

1. *Meeting of the organizing committee late May 2014*
2. *First core of Tunisian organizing committee*
3. *Designation of Maghreb representatives by the Maghreb Committee*
4. *Designation of African representatives by the African Social Forum*

3. Association of International Council and the participation of international members in the preparation of the WSF 2015 will be encouraged and closely monitored by the Organizing Committee. It will be the focus of the next meeting of the International Council and will be facilitated by the installation of WSF Secretariat in Tunis.

It would be interesting to extend by video on the internet commission meetings in order to facilitate the participation of international correspondents.

Tasks

- 5 *Launch of the association procedure of the International Council and individual international correspondents.*

The guiding line of WSF 2015

4. The WSF 2013 was characterized by the importance of insurrections in the region. The social movement and Tunisian citizen movements invited the world to come to discuss where had started the new wave of mobilizations of people in the Maghreb-Mashreq region and the world. This is no longer this dynamics that is prevailing. However difficulties and setbacks do not rub out interest towards the development which is discussed.

5 WSF 2015 could be characterized by the discussion of the new stage of mobilization of the peoples in the region and the world. From this point of view Tunisian developments will be in the forefront. Tunisian and Maghreb social movement invites the movements of the world to come and discuss the next step of people's responses who spread around the world from 2011. This will be the largest gathering of movements from the Maghreb and Mashreq Region and from other regions of the world.

Tasks

*6. Press release for the launching of the WSF in 2015 by organizing committee
Text of organizing committee on the issues in Tunisia in the Region, Africa and in the world.*

6. Characterization WSF 2015 should also take into account the changing international context and issues. Persistence of neoliberal domination and financialization; world social situation and explosion of inequalities urgency of the ecological crisis on the eve of the COP21 on climate; geopolitical changes in the world and wars; challenging questions about democracy and politics; promises and limitations of new social movements since 2011.

Tasks

8. Preparation of a discussion on the IC list for a text of analysis on the recent period that would help position WSF 2015

9. Adoption at the next IC of this text

10. next IC meeting in Tunis in the fourth quarter of 2014, according to a possible meeting in August 2014 in Ottawa

7. Discussion must immediately be opened on the changes that should be considered for the WSF. As several people have pointed out, "the world is changing, the forum must change too." The discussion on the orientations of the WSF 2015 should be extended to the methodology of the WSF, to deepen and broaden it, referring to the charter of principles confirmed by the discussions of the last IC. For example, the evolution of the convergence Assemblies was mentioned. The proposal is to open a discussion list on issues of orientations, stakes, changes in the social forum process, WSF methodology, and to call for contributions.

Tasks

11. Call for inputs about developments, forums, and WSF methodology.

12. Mailing list to receive contributions about developments and forums

Mobilization

8. Mobilizations towards WSF 2015 target Forum participants (tens of thousands of people and more than 5,000 associations and networks); activities (several thousands); media impact.

Regarding participants, about 70% will come from Tunisia and diasporas; 15 to 20% from the region and 10 to 15% from the rest of the world.

Mobilization will be enhanced by extending the WSF 2015 through local activities, teleconferencing and other forms of extended preparation, in order to associate, during the forum itself and its preparation, thousands of people and organizations that could not come to Tunis, but are part of the process

Regarding associations and activities, mobilization is linked to WSF process and more particularly events in the process.

Regarding media impact, without neglecting the press and mainstream media, it is the internet and social networks that are the priority;

9. Mobilization in Tunisia will be decisive. Regional forums and caravans had been a great success. Also the fact that the forum was inclusive and had attracted the different facets of Tunisian society.

Several people have stressed the stakes linked to the forum for the Tunisian society and the need to consider it as a process and not just an event. It is necessary to support local dynamics and identify local needs, integrate new dynamics in Tunis and in the regions, mobilizing existing actors and new movements, consider the gap between civil society organizations and the society as a whole. Three approaches have been proposed: take stock of mobilizations in Tunisia WSF in 2013, open a debate on the objectives and stakes linked to WSF2015 for Tunisia, immediately begin informing on the fact, known to very few, that there will be a WSF in March 2015 in Tunis.

Tasks

13/ A statement from the organizing committee, widely circulated, on the holding of WSF in Tunis in March 2015

14/ Opening a debate in Tunisia on the objectives and challenges of the use of the WSF 2015 by Tunisian society, with call for inputs and creation of a mailing list

15/ Preparing an assessment on the modalities and mobilization activities of the WSF 2013 in Tunisia

10. In the region, mobilizations in the Maghreb are already started; they must be amplified. The meetings of the Maghreb Mashreq Social Forum follow-up committee in and IC in Casablanca were dynamic and energizing.

In contrast, mobilization in Mashreq is much more difficult. However, it can rely on the of various experiences of the process (Iraq social Forum, Mesopotamian social forum, Education forum in Palestine, Egypt - youth etc..). This will be a priority and a major challenge of the WSF 2015; a meeting of the Maghreb-Mashreq youth is scheduled in May in Bouznika (Morocco) alongside the International Seminar on Civil Status of the Youth Action FMAS. A meeting is planned in June in Jordan. SF Maghreb Mashreq follow up committee has planned several tours in the Mashreq.

Mobilization will be based on the program of events decided by the Maghreb-Mashreq Social Forum follow-up committee.

Tasks

16. Update, monitor and publish mobilization and events program in the Maghreb region

17. Define a mobilization program in Mashreq with meetings

11. The mobilization of diasporas from countries in the region is crucial. Migrations SF in Monastir showed the importance of the issue and related mobilization. It also showed that the movements of migrants were already focused on WSF 2015 Two relay events are planned. SABIR festival In Lampedusa in October 2014, Global Forum on Migration in Johannesburg in December 2014.

Tasks

18. Ask Faldi to define a diaspora mobilization program

12. Mobilization in Sub-Saharan Africa is one of the major issues. WSF 2015 will be a forum of Tunisia, North Africa and also Africa. Representatives of the African Social Forum will be involved in the organizing committee. They will be selected by the secretariat of the African Social Forum and the organizing committee of the African Social Forum to be held in Dakar from 15 to 19 October 2014. African participation will require special attention. It will require a valuation of the solidarity fund to be prepared as of now.

Tasks

19/. Ask the African Social Forum to establish a program to mobilize African movements

13. International mobilization in other regions requires differentiation by major region: Europe, Latin America, North America, South Asia and South East Asia China. For each region, relays are to found, from delegations to WSF 2013, and an active presence in the events related to forums process is to be sustained.

These relays can rely on, and animate, existing web spaces in different parts of the world and make "Tunis extended" groups emerge.

Mobilization in Latin America can be strengthened from the Energy Forum in Brasilia (August 2014).

Mobilization in North America will rely on the Peoples Social Forum in August 2014, on mobilizations around the preparation of the World Social Forum in Montreal and on the events linked to United States Social Forum.

Regarding Europe, the Maghreb diaspora will be mobilized. For Southern Europe, it can rely on Lampedusa (October 2014) and the University of CRID (July 2014). For Northern Europe, it can rely on the European University of ATTAC (August 2014). In the Balkans, it can rely on the World Forum for Peace and Disarmament in Sarajevo (June 2014).

Mobilization in South Asia will be based on the events in India and Nepal.

A special effort will be conducted in the Chinese world with the support of Lau Kin Chi, Shenjing Lin and Hao Ran Foundation.

Mobilization of the International Council will also take place through the IC list. An international event will be prepared in the last quarter in Tunis. It could include a meeting of the International Council

Tasks

20. Definition of an outreach program in Latin America, from the energy SF in Brasilia in August 2014

21. Definition of an outreach program in North America from the Peoples Social Forum (August 2014), the United States Social Forum and the preparation of the World Social Forum in Montreal

22. Definition of an outreach program in Europe (Southern Europe, Northern Europe, Eastern Europe)

23. Definition of a outreach program in South Asia and South East Asia

24. Definition of an outreach program in Chinese Asia

25. Preparation of an international event in the last quarter of 2014

. 14 A special programming will allow a presence in all the events linked to the process scheduled in 2014. This involves updating the list of events in the process; presentation material about WSF 2015 in several languages; the presence of delegates from the organizing committee during the events.

Parallels Forums planned for the WSF will enable a specific mobilization. Recalling: FAL (local authorities) and FALP (Suburban Local Authorities), parliamentarians, judges, free media, the World Assembly of Inhabitants, union forum, Science and Democracy.

Tasks

26. Continuous updating of the list of events related to the social forum process and participation In the WSF calendar group

- 27. *Production of presentation materials for WSF 2015 and invitation to participate in it, in several languages*
- 28. *Presence of delegates from the organizing committee in the events related to the process*
- 29. *Preparation of parallel Forums during WSF 2015 (local authorities, parliamentarians, judges, people, free media, trade unions, science workers)*

Organization

15. The President of the University of El Mannar confirmed that the University was ready to host the WSF 2015. Government agreed. He said that the university elections in October would not challenge the agreement. He wished that the University, both teachers and students, be more linked to the Forum in the content, in facilities and in the mobilizations. He is ready to help the organizing committee to mobilize Tunisian universities.

Tasks

- 30. *Associate University of the organizing committee*
- 31. *Creating a working group between the University and the organizing committee with several subgroups*

16. The Government has confirmed its intention to renew the agreements that had prevailed for the WSF 2013. Chief of government received a delegation of the FTDES" and the UGTT, Maghreb SF and IC. A joint ministerial committee will be in charge of the topic. The organizing committee will select contacts with public authorities. Uncertainty remains regarding the date of upcoming Tunisian elections. In principle, they should take place before the end of the year; otherwise, it is unlikely that they would be held in March.

Task

- 32. *Definition by the organizing committee of procedures and contacts with government*

17. The methodology commission will begin work on the architecture of the program. It may lead the debate on the discussion list on the developments and forums (see Part 7, tasks 10 and 11). It may involve members of the International Council who wish to be part of it, and inform about progress on the IC list. The architecture of the program will be submitted and discussed at the next IC (around October or November 2014). A strategic orientation note about methodology commission will be prepared for the organizing committee (three or four pages on the lessons of the 2013 WSF, the broad guidelines in 2015, the next steps).

Tasks

- 33. *Facilitate the debate on the world developments, the objectives of WSF 2015 and the evolution of forums*
- 34. *Prepare the program in conjunction with IC members who would want to be involved*
- 35. *Finalize the program for the IC held last quarter of 2014*
- 36. *Strategic orientation note on the methodology commission for the organizing committee*

18. The finance commission should be set up. Fundraising should start immediately. To search for resources, there must be a project that conveys the meaning of the forum and present a budget. This concept note must be quickly available. A first version of this concept note and budget should be ready before the end of May. A second version for mid-June. Agreements and conventions with the Government should

be signed in late June. Agreements and conventions with the University should be ready end of June.

It is also needed to specify the rules of management and differentiate resources commission and managing commission (this proposal remains controversial). It is also needed to launch a more participatory preparation by asking movements to budget their contribution to the WSF.

In the search of resources, priority is to build a significant solidarity fund so that the WSF be accessible.

Tasks

- 37. First version of concept notes and Budget 20 May 2014*
- 38. Second version of concept notes and budget for 15 June 2014*
- 39. Signing agreements with the government in late June 2014*
- 40. Signing agreements with the University end June 2014*
- 41. Strategic orientation note on funding*
- 42. Defining a more participatory approach involving movements*
- 43. Defining the solidarity fund (fundraising and allocation rules)*

19. The computer unit is already operational. The opening of the website is scheduled for June 15. New features related to the methodology can be incorporated during the summer. Work on the graphic design of the site is underway. Information on existing lists will take place in late May. The recovery of international mailing list is scheduled for July. The launch of registration and payment online will be ready for late October or early November. The "agglutination" (of activities proposals) should be strengthened. The finalized program will be available ten days before the opening.

The site could stay operational after the forum and articulated with the WSF international site.

Tasks

- 44 Opening of the site on June 15.; work on the graphic identity in progress*
- 45. First information mailing lists end of May*
- 46. Recovery of International mailing list in July*
- 47. Launching registration and online payment late October*
- 48. Strengthen the process of agglutination*
- 49. Program finalized late February*
- 50. Strategic orientation note of website and internet Commission*

20. The International Secretariat of the WSF will be transferred to Tunis. It will be located in FTDES. It will be necessary to define the tasks to be performed. Documentation work and memory work will be part ("Memodoc" space decided in Casablanca, Brazilian project about WSF memory; local social forums project, Quebec project)

Tasks

- 51. Locating the international secretariat of the WSF in FTDES*
- 52. Allocation and management of volunteers*
- 53. Recovery and update of website and lists*
- 54. memory and documentation work*

21. The planning and logistics commission began working with the architect of the site and the logistics manager. It should work with the University's and ministries services.

Agreements with governments and universities must be signed in late June. The new layout plan should be available in September. Agreements with the companies signed in November. Logistics Commission will discuss security issues of the venue and within the venue, in conjunction with the security services of the university and corporate services. Internet access in the used rooms is part of the infrastructure needed.

Tasks

- 55. *Strategic orientation note /Position Paper layout, logistics, security*
- 56. *New layout plan (September)*
- 57. *Agreements with companies (November)*
- 58. *Security workin group Group*

22. The issue of interpretation is vital. The interpretation commission should start now to reflect on the interpretation from the experience of Nomad for equipment, the experience of Babels for management of interpreters and from interpretation budget. Regarding Nomad, the equipment is in place and will be improved by adopting other magnetic loops and other relays. A meeting Nomad-Babel should be organized.

Tasks

- 59. *Strategic orientation note/Position Paper of the Interpretation Commission*
- 60. *Nomad-Babel Meeting*
- 61. *Translation Budget*

23. Mobilization, communications, extension and culture Commissions should be implemented quickly.

The extension crosses with the mobilization and communication. It requires its own logistics and conceptual framework to enable the alterglobalization movement to develop a network of struggles and make better use of communication technologies.

The overall communication strategy including alternative media and social networks can be launched at the beginning of the preparation of the WSF 2015.

Tasks

- 62. *Strategic orientation note about the mobilization Commission*
- 63. *Strategic orientation note about the communication Commission*
- 64. *Strategic orientation note about the culture Commission*
- 65. *Strategic orientation note about the extension Commission*

24. The organizing of Volunteers can rely on the success of this component in the WSF 2013. A training program for volunteers will be set up. They will be involved in the mobilization. The database of one thousand WSF 2013 volunteers serves as a basis. It is about involving them in the mobilization. Training could take two forms: a broad training very open pre-WSF type and a more specific one proposed to a hundred people who will be volunteer core group.

Tasks

- 66. *Volunteers Database WSF 2013*
- 67. *Broad training pre-WSF Type*
- 68. *Deeper training for a core of hundred volunteers*
- 69. *Strategic orientation note /Position Paper on the volunteer program*

25. The technical secretariat of the WSF 2015 will be located at FTDES.

Tasks

- 70. *Tool for Generation of calendars and tasks, forum and wiki contributions*
- WSF 2015

Task Table

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	Tâches	Date au plus tard	suivi	observations
01	meeting of the organizing committee late May 2014			
02	First core Tunisian organizing committee			
03	designation of delegates by the North African Maghreb Committee			
04	designation of delegates by the African Social Forum			
05	launch of the association procedure of the International Council and individual relays/correspondents			
06	press release about launch of the WSF in 2015 by organizing committee			
07	Text from the organizing committee on the issues in Tunisia, in the region, Africa and the world			
08	preparation of a discussion on the list of IC, for a period analysis text that would help position the WSF 2015			
09	Adoption at the next IC of a period analysis text that would help position the WSF 2015			
10	next IC meeting in Tunis in the fourth quarter of 2014 depending on a possible meeting in Ottawa in August 2014			
11	11 Call for inputs on the developments, forums and WSF methodology.			
12	mailing list to receive inputs on developments and forums			
13	a statement of the organizing committee, widely circulated on the holdind of WSF in Tunis in March 2015			
14	Opening a debate in Tunisia on the objectives and challenges of the use of the WSF 2015 byTunisian society, call for inputs and creation of a mailing list			
15	Preparation of an assessment report on the terms and mobilization activities of the WSF 2013 in Tunisia			

16	Update, monitor and publish mobilization program and the events in the Maghreb region			
17	Define a program of mobilization meetings with Mashreq			
18	ask Faldi to define a program to mobilize diasporas			
19	ask the African Social Forum to establish a program to mobilize African movements			
20	definition of an outreach program in Latin America, from the energy SF in Brasilia in August 2014			
21	definition of an outreach program in North America from the Peoples Social Forum (August 2014) the United States Social Forum , the, preparation of the World Social Forum in Montreal			
22	definition of an outreach program in Europe (Southern Europe, Northern Europe, Eastern Europe)			
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24	definition of an outreach program in Chinese Asia			
25	preparation of an international event in the last quarter of 2014			
26	continuous updating of the list of events related to the social forum process and participation in the WSF calendar group			
27	production of presentation WSF 2015 and invitation to participate material in several languages			
28	presence of delegates of the organizing committee in the events related to the process			
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31	Create a working group between the University and the organizing committee with several subgroups			
32	Definition by the organizing committee of procedures and contacts with government			

33	Animating the debate on the world developments, the objectives of the WSF 2015 and the evolution of forums			
34	Prepare the program in conjunction with IC members who want to be involved			
35	Finalize the program on occasion of the IC in last quarter of 2014			
36	Strategic orientation note /.Position Paper about the Commission methodology for the organizing committee			
37	First draft concept note and budget for May 20, 2014			
38	Second Draft concept note and budget for 15 June 2014			
39	Signature agreements and conventions with the Government end June 2014			
40	agreements and conventions signed with the University end June 2014			
41	Strategic orientation note /Position Paper on funding			
42	Definition of a more participatory alternative funding approach involving movements			
43	Definition of the solidarity fund (fundraising and allocation rule)			
44	Opening of the website on June 15; work on the graphic identity			
45	First Information lists end of May			
46	Recovery International mailing list in July			
47	Launch of online registration and payment late October			
48	Strengthening the process of agglutination			
49	49 finalized in late February Program			
50	Strategic orientation note /Position Paper about website and internet Commission			
51	Location of the International Secretariat of the WSF in Tunisia (on FTDES)			
52	Assignment and supervision of volunteers			
53	Recovery and updating of web site and lists			

54	memory and documentation work			
55	Strategic orientation note Position Paper layout, logistics, security			
56	New layout plan (September)			
57	Agreements with companies (November)			
58	Security work Group			
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66	Database volunteers WSF 2013			
67	Broad Training pre-WSF Type			
68	further training of a core group of volunteers			
69	Strategic orientation note /Position Paper on the volunteer program			
70	Tool Generating calendars and tasks, forum and wiki contributions			