



ENGLISH WSF Casablanca IC report 16 17 18 dec 2013

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The first parte 16 &17 covers discussion on context, movements, forum process, and tasks of IC held 16 y17 January . It comes and a synthesis of 2 pages and an report of 10 (titles 1617S and 1617D)

The second is about the 18th of december 2014 on IC and 2014 calendar, and with the decisions of creating working groups (titles 18-1 through 18-7) It was already sent to the list last January 20

Also the **“semi – verbatim” of the discussion** is available here and allows to follow the presentation of proposals for WSF2015 (interventions 76 to 83 most part in EN FR) <http://openfsm.net/projects/ic-extended/casablanca-201312-extension>

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<http://openfsm.net/projects/cifutur/cifuturg2-consultation> (particularly presentation of Gina Giusepe lower part of page) **And the 8 contributions on wsf strategies** : <http://openfsm.net/projects/cifutur/cifutur-strategies>

Also you know that you can copy paste from the web page into a text processor parts you want to work on

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WSF Casablanca IC - discussion Dec 16th 17th 2013

16 dec: 6 people made expositions/statements and 42 people spoke

17 dec another 25 interventions in the morning Then exposition on wsf 2015 and Q/A

Discussions on 17 afternoon - have not been recorded and are summarized on 18 dec report already sent january

The full report 16 17 18 is visible here on line http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en

16 & 17 dec discussion - 2 pages synthesis EN

Combining main points expressed in interventions quoted in the report, without seeking full coherence

General

Neoliberal globalisation as the core / uniting subject for the WSF – Need for another type of democracy – are we facing a new stage of re-dividing the world?

Movements

Debate on situation of wsf process is vivid and reflect debate on situation of movements. Charter of Porto Alegre and local rooting are guarantees of social movements autonomy

Why should a social actor become interested in joining this wsf process?

Idea of thematic forum is an answer for those who are not interested in wsf event anymore- it is a tool for some struggles too - Many movement feel they need a priority affirmation of “their” theme in a forum and do not find it - Economic difficulties of old movements

Explain to new actors / movements what can the space and methodology of the Forum offer them and get inspired by their forms of organization - remind again and again that the international level is important

Many existing actors are engaged in “new mobilisations”, which are not “movements” - Alternatiba villages of alternatives to promote ecological and social transition - Religious fundamentalism has spread in all continents and criteria for non acceptance is attitude towards rights- Montreal occupy 2011 people have participated in Quebec social forum 2007 - Youth multiply public space

How does WSF process help struggles? There are obviously local struggles which will not get through if they do not become world scale and it is normal – they can use social forum as a tool

The reverse question is also relevant: how movements give energy and contribute to facilitate world social forum process ?

Social forum process

Topics, thematics, events

Stressing importance of several topics– Palestine – Iraq – activist repression - we know we cannot select priorities in events. Organize a world net to analyze globalization

Affirming relevancy on thematic processes on women, youth, nonviolence, popular neighborhoods.

Thematic forums are occasions to bring together and capture the energy and dynamics on the selected theme

Improving social forum event – activities with concrete discussions stemming from practice – innovative integration of solidarity economy – wide accessibility - more space for meetings and create alliances – exploring new forms world social lunch”, “world cafes” ?

Deepening reflexion on convergence processes and movements - Avoiding projecting on the WSF all the problems

focus on regions

The impact of globalisation is different in each regional context : Better organize the WSF process by major regions, highlighting their peculiar thematics,

Regionalization of the issues and struggles is not diminishing the regional usefulness of social forum events. Focus a lot on the intersections between the regions. Developing links between processes in a horizontal decentralized way

Enlarge WSF process through the work done at the regional and national level. The Maghreb dynamics did the job at regional level of collecting movements and issues and they prosper; Exchange on how each WSF regional dynamic tackles all these issues

The global forum event should take and raise the issues and struggles that emerge in regional forums Give more visibility and show solidarity

Facilitation in wsf : be politically at the service of movements

identity common to WSF participants is built through ownership of process, convergence dialogue, and sharing facilitation experience

Give more functionality to forum process, innovations are possible. Exchange opinions on WSF process and agree on shared tasks of IC to support it

Formulating tasks of iC

We are ready, after an experience of 10 years, to define the tasks of IC, which are not described in the WSF charter. We need a strategy that departs from proposals for the process in the next four or five years

In IC, Our interest is to be useful to make more effective and committed the global civil society. "We" can be "functionally at the service" of movements in a political way. Also we can evolve ideas!.

"We", in the council, need to help multiply occasions of events, to facilitate the emergence of events, and avoid the "competition" between forums. We can help craft an horizontal "meshing" between these regional processes, so that cooperations emerge from intercommunication activities

Draft an IC workplan by taking a "functional perspective" on the development of wsf process format and practices (ownership, facilitation, rooting, remote intercommunication)

IC can stimulate the creation of multiple working groups identifying which topics are necessarily local and global-and map/outreach to they actors, it is a participation dynamics, completely different than saying "just come all !" : Articulate themes that are the concern of a territory and a particular community

Among tasks : Explain the forum in new areas, train about forum, as it remains perceived as elitist In Africa and Arab countries. Give better visibility of themes and methodology on wsf websites. Develop useful services between one event and the other; create a permanent living social space useful to social actors. Work on the systematisation and capitalisation of discussion and experience Discontinuity in the process capitalization does not help to aggregate - Thanks to those who are documenting this meeting

Views on ic operation

Questionnaire on IC has helped rebuild trust in IC – The re-composition of IC requires a more precise definition of its form and role. It could provide all members a choice between active and associate members. The IC must decide to form a working group on the reorganization and expansion of the IC : newci group (see discussion 18-1) Enlarge IC through work done at the regional and national level. Introduce some member fee in IC ?

IC must be relying on open working groups focused on themes that it identifies : Since the end of 2011, a contributory group " WSF calendar, now in Casablanca a "memodoc" group, also a group promoting the

tool announced from local forums to “make more useful activities in social forums” and events associated with the WSF process

16 & 17 D - DISCUSSION REPORT 10 pages 16 & 17 december

Indications for the report

This document is a way to capture the discussion held in IC during 16 and 17 december in casablanca

EN The plan of synthesis and report is “logical” (not chronological), going from “context” to “movements” to “forum process” to “ role of ic”.

Every paragraph is an excerpt of discussion

The number refers to the semi-verbatim interventions chronological order visible in the <http://openfsm.net/projects/ic-extended/casablanca-201312-extension> document in with some video coverage.

Block letter sentences are collected from report for the synthesis part

Phrases are part of the digest summary. [Indications between brackets give link to concrete illustration of what is said]

@CG means general context, @CM = context of movements, @MF = movements and forum process, @TF = topics in the forum, @EO= event organisation, @OF = organisation of forum process, @CI= tasks and organization of IC

GENERAL CONTEXT EN

Neoliberal globalisation as the core / uniting subject for the WSF

@CG@2 At the beginning of the WSF events, the international strategy had targeted international institutions (IMF, WB and WTO) and proposed to rely on international law. The situation has changed and financial capitalism has downgraded international institutions. Movements must define a new global strategy. WSF can help.

@CG@6 **neo liberalism** is said to be in crisis but it is in good shape

@CG@24 Liberal capitalism is in crisis since it cannot find solutions for its appetite and moves war to people (e.g. Iraq and now Africa).

@CG@11 problem is how to rebuild **real democracy**. That’s a common point and we have to focus on it.

@CG@14 the question, in my opinion, in the essence of the Social Forum’s work in creating long-term strategies, **are we facing a new stage of re-dividing the world?** Or is there a new stage that holds within it new social justice values?

MOVEMENTS EN

1 -NEW MOVEMENTS AND WSF

Explain to new actors / movements what can the space and methodology of the Forum offer them and get inspired by their forms of organisation

@CM@6 - puerta del sol - are among the regions - **the majority of actors that we know are involved in**

these movements - regional assemblies that collect initiatives from local forums

@CM@6 - most of the times - these are the same actors that we know from year who are engaged – under which aspect? is a consistent structure with very strong participation features

@CM@10 - Alternatiba.. ie construction of [Event "village of alternatives"] global-local [**To promote the ecological and social transition**]. It happened in Bayonne in the Basque country with extraordinary success - and there was a European and international call to multiply Alternatibas in Europe and in the world www.alternatiba.eu

@CM@23 - **mobilizations are not "movements"** We have more popular mobilization but not necessarily social movements. Such mobilization are ephemeral organisation with steep up and downs, and more effective on form than substance “they are in love with themselves” but do not have enough strength to impact the system, and its not easy to involve them in the long term if they are not sustainable.

@CM@23 - **Religious fundamentalism has spread in all continents**, it is not a problem only in Maghreb-Mashreq, and such groups cannot be integrated in our space for their attitude on rights.

@CM@41 In Quebec the Occupy movement was strong and effective, and the new political culture of occupying public space and bringing together individuals is complementary and not in competition with the WSF. Many of the people who made the **Montreal occupy movement**, - with more people in Montreal occupy than in zuccotti park in new York, - **had participated in the Social forum 2007** in Montreal.

@MF@46 - The occupy movement shows that the old way of representation, like here in the IC, is not so valid to deal with reality. Hence we cannot simply invite some new movements and claim to represent others.

-@CM@59- I think in May 2014 we will have a series of political actions. The problem is to bring together the new movements, the organizational structure is delivered by the old ones.

@CM@67 – **There are obviously local struggles which will not get through if they do not become world scale and it is normal** – it was spoke about foreign interventions - the struggle against mining in Brazil between us and canada - tax havens to fight against financial capitalism it, myself engaged in the fight against it - Nuclear energy impossible if it is not a global struggle.

2 -MOVEMENTS AND WSF

@CM@2 **Debate on situation of wsf process is vivid and reflect debate on situation of movements.**

@CM@13 -What about the old movements? What about the trade unions? From Europe, I can judge they have practically disappeared. They are not present now. During the three years I am a member of this IC, they disappeared step-by-step. Nobody is asking the question ‘Why?’

@CM@26 -Feminist movements need to rethink itself within global struggles and local struggles (e.g. of Palestinian women) need to relate to feminist issues. We should not feel far away from indignant occupy movements only because the struggle against neoliberalism is not their priority

@CM@29- The new movements do not find the WSF as their space, but also some of the “old” movements, which are in **economic difficulty**. Some are not here today.

@CM@31- How does WSF process help struggles ... **It is also in the reverse: how movements give energy and contribute to world social forum process.** It is two sided : How can the WSF contribute to struggles on specific issues, and how can specific movements contribute to the WSF process?

@MF@32- Why should we be sad that people do not come in "our" space? They do not come because they have no more interest - They used the forum and then the space was not useful anymore and participation is costly- **Idea of thematic forum is an answer for them**- They do not need a general space- Those who think that to unite is useful will come to the forum.

@MF@34 -This space remains essential to address the issues linked to the many faces of globalization. We cannot afford to get out...

@MF@35-Solidarity economy and ethical finances is a growing movement with little representation. Few networks evolved in time but **solidarity economy is very based on local models, so it is difficult to develop international alliances**. But this alternative model is fundamental to change the economic system starting by our personal choices on management of money and trade.

@MF@35 - We experienced lack of breath in the WSF after the events, while problems posed by globalization and violence are pervasive. This is still an important venue for discussion for the women movement.

@CM@39 - If social movements are not strong we cannot expect political movements to be strong either.

@MF@40 - We need an analysis of why so many movements do not participate anymore in the WSF.

@MF@41 - Since 2004 i hear about fatigue de-connection, absence of youth. But youth made camp in porto Alegre, then they go to public space. **Youth multiply public space**. We are actors of social movements and we are opening spaces. It works at all levels.

@MF@42 - **Why should a social actor become interested in joining this process?** To receive solidarity, to meet and make alliances with other movements, to use thematic knowledge of the others, to become stronger and more connected.. Today at lunch, I found partners on a project, but i am here and others not and they cannot do what i did

@MF@44- For the culture of many movements, "how useful is it " is understood as " is this priority for the forum " ?- **Many movement fell they need a priority affirmation in a forum and do not find it-**

@MF@44 Few years ago in France we have had a struggle against building of an airport and land-expropriation. There was convergence between environmental and social dimensions but there was no need to build a network. **Instead, a social forum was the needed space**. Suddenly they invented the "thematical forum against imposed useless projects"- This movement grasped the idea of the forum: "What we do is a forum!". It gave an international aspect to their struggle. It strengthened the struggle a lot

@MF@44- In Rio, the forum allowed a new intelligence to be shaped in order to oppose the way the city was managed. Three step against urbanism for world cup : How can we build a visibility?- How we can find proposals and reflexions that enrich our struggle and allow to give it a new a dimension. **It is a political communication**. All the work done in activities in the forum will be useful. **Even very local struggles can gain an international dimension and visibility by organizing social forums**, gaining arguments and political strength, converging to a more organized type of work

@MF@48 – In an organisation like ATTAC, which is born as an anti-neoliberal movement attac has been at the birth of WSF,, because it is involved in many different instances at the local level, **needs to be reminded again and again that the international level is important** and that attac needs to remain alterglobal

While there is a temptation to instrumentalize social movements by political movements/parties/governements, **charter of Porto Alegre and WSF and local rooting are guarantees of social movement autonomy**. with local rooting but not recess on nationalism, and this is an essential asset.

There is a multiplicity of actors working for change, and for autonomy of social movements : **no single group will save the world.**

SOCIAL FORUM PROCESS EN

Common WSF identity through convergences and sharing:

1 - tasks or topics to be discussed in wsf process

@TF@12- priorities need to be ordered along the following: where does the priority lie in the World Social Forum struggles, with the **miserable situation in Palestine?**

@TF@11- problem is how to rebuild real democracy. That's a common point and we have to focus on it.

@TF@24 **be more precise about democracy which form do "we" want**

@TF@16 - The Social Forum whether Mashreq/Maghreb or Maghreb/Mashreq has to make decisions or at least **activities that shed the light on the damage that affected Iraq** by colonialism and address the support of terrorism outside Iraq to Syria that is highly funded and has many supporters and transborder implementers

@TF@17 - out-migration and that **Iraq is losing some of its Iraqi components in terms of minorities**. Iraq is being deprived of the Armenians and the Assyrians as they are migrating whether internal immigration or out-migration

@TF@19- **Foreign intervention in Maghreb and Africa** needs to be a central topic to be discussed in the future, in particular Mali and Central Africa

@TF@24 – "Our" goal is not only liberation but emancipation of people, the forum needs to work on this. We also need more discussion on issues like coloniality -.

@TF@29 - In Morocco there are many local struggles dispersed : as an example in Ouarzazate 4000 women victims of microcredit.**How to express solidarity to these many struggles?.**

@TF@53 **which lobbying can we make**, as international alterglobalists to create a pressure other than what is exerted by European officials in Tunisia?

@TF@69 - Therefore I believe that there should be some coordination with the International Federation of Trade Unions to organize a meeting to find out the causes of this decline which affects the social status of workers globally.

@TF@70. - We suffer a lot from freedom suppression, **where freedom of expression has been lost** and this is an issue which I think must be strongly addressed in the forum. It should be discussed with issues related to the media; "the role and enhancement of the media with respect to activist human rights". I speak about Iraq where we have lost prominent activists in demonstrations and protest...

@TF@71- **The repression of activists is a huge problem in many parts of the world**, particularly in Maghreb. I particularly wanted to mention this because no-one is listed to speak about it. There is an attempt in Maghreb. I think there have been discussions, yesterday in particular Yuseff, working on it to organize Maghreb Social Forum, in which the issue of repression of activists will be a key issue

2 - Tunis wsf assessment & concrete organisation of world events

@EO@14 - bulk of the issues that were discussed in Tunis **came from the realities on the ground and not from theory**, the state and civil society, political Islam and development, all discussed in the reality on the

ground, not as top-down theoretical.

@EO@35 - **Solidarity economy cannot be involved in the WSF only through a small market** besides the activities in events, we need to find other ideas.

@EO@43 More human diversity should be included in the forums. We need to be careful towards special needs, like **people with disabilities**, and make it possible for them to attend World Social Forum. There are 15% of handicapped in the world

@EO@46 We need to **develop more space for meetings and create alliances**. space to strategize, not a real social forum. We should think about more creative ways to involve people from other circles: we need other methodology. How to renew the way we organize the event? : we could transform WSF in "**world social lunch**", or set up "**world cafes**" where people have a pause and are creative.

@EO@21 assembly of social movements was created precisely because the IC did not take the responsibility to create an agenda for social movements

@EO@42 - if we go to an event where social movement is lively, the event is good

3 - ORGANISATION FACILITATION OF WSF PROCESS in general

Developing the "service" / functional perspective. Enhance and work on the facilitation.

@OF@20 The political view is not sufficient here. **Let's take a "functional perspective" on the development of wsf process format and practices to create a "workplan" for ic**. There is a need to inventory, outreach to, and bring in contacts the groups initiating social forum processes

see OE space <http://openfsm.net/projects/espacios-oe>

@OF@20 4 issues on functional perspective :

1 – developing ownership of wsf process and cooperation on line

Effective on line cooperation practices, using face to face moments for most delicate tasks – how to develop ownership of wsf in organizations and in individualized/non structured movements ?

(The way in which the WSF is organised appears elitist to some)

2 - **organizing and sharing facilitation effort to sustain the general process** - We need appropriate facilitation of the process and of discussions, a mapping of working groups "giving service to the process", this requires self sustainment of trans-event initiatives based on broad contributing collectives [initiative about documentation from local forum participant group mentioned by Gus see part 18-2

http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en

3 - **rooting the process through local events and focusing on concrete alternatives** - how can event committees involve a variety of organizations and movements combining various expectations viewpoints about forums?

4 - **extending and meshing events through remote intercommunication** How to stimulate self organized horizontal inter-communication among participants in various processes

[sfex initiative : <http://openfsm.net/projects/sfexintercom>]

@OF@34-Now the current phase is not about reinventing the forum **but give it more functionality**. I remember when we were out of momentum, and we gather momentum when social movements happened

@OF@41 - We need to articulate with new movements : they are innovative on the way to act, they organize in an original way- **enormous methodological innovation in terms of the way of organising** and practicing horizontal decision making.. We need to find what “technology” to use to put into practice the complementarity WSF – new movements and innovate in our forms of organization

@OF@44 We need to invent new proposals, re-engineer the forum, but **we know we cannot select priorities**.

@OF@45 We lack structuring of **thinking of convergence movements** - Each has its own efficiency. **We tend to project on the WSF all the problems**, and do not know how to implement this and find solutions because they are too many issues to address

@OF@46 We should have a “service role” and become more skilled in political facilitation. **We can be “functionally at the service” of movements in a political way**. We need to radically reorganize ourselves.

4 - THEMATIC FORUMS

@OF@22 Biggest challenge today is difference between types of crisis that caused poverty, environmental disasters... **but those who suffer most are the youth**, we need to discuss how to involve them more strongly in the WSF. We need to decide which are responsibilities of all of us in the process.-importance to strengthen youth participation and **need for assessment mechanisms**

@OF@25 - **Women's freedom is always the first to be attacked by Islamists** so we need a regional forum to focus on this, not forgetting the global level

@OF32 @Why should we be sad that people do not come in "our" space? They do not come because they have no more interest - They used the forum and then the space was not useful anymore and participation is costly- **Idea of thematic forum is an answer for them**- They do not need a general space- Those who think that to unite is useful will come to the forum.

@OF@33 - in my organisation (education trade union) we started soon to notice that WSF was disconnected from local people. One of the main axes of our work should be **the development of alternative media**.

@OF@36. **This is maybe the beginning of a new process on peace** that may continue. We have a oscillation between general forums and thematic forums and we need both

@OF@38 we say: let us intensify thematic forum.. let s do it- we speak about regional forum.. in the recent years some have disappeared- let us capitalize- essential if we want to go on- we agree on fundamentals forum space.. **discontinuity in the process**- we do not communicate enough- we cannot get back to classical recipes. The idea of thematic forum is not just to discuss about an issue, but to **bring together and capture the energy and dynamics on that matter** in specific territories

5 - REGIONALISATION du processus forum - INTERCONNEXION entre forum

Developing links between processes in a horizontal decentralized way

@OF@2 This situation causes fragmentation of the movements and poses a challenge to the anti-globalization movement. One possible answer is to **better organize the WSF process by major regions** in giving visibility and a greater role to social forums of the major regions.

One proposal is to organize at least one forum by major region every three years and consider it as a new form of polycentric World Social Forum.

@OF@6 – am much in favor of regionalisation of wsf, then region must have their own life, it has to be linked to **thematics of each region**, we in europe have a new experience of a forum against extreme right and populism – we need regionalization with adapted themes

@ OF @ 8 - localizing struggles too much is detrimental to the dimension of brotherhood, linking social and environmental justice - think the com - initiative - **interconnect regional forums and allow them to speak - in 2006 did not speak to each other – how to interconnect**-not lose view this dimension

@ OF@11- **we have to focus a lot on the intersections between the regions**. The intersections are where dialogue and cooperation or conflict can develop. They can be bridged, or they can be borders. Mediterranean is an example, but also Mexico/US. All the regional intersections are very important to focus on.

@ OF@11 - we should also say that the building of the actors in the WSF process and IC should be **based on enlargement work done at the regional and national level**.

@OF@18- how to articulate regional and global process ?,

@OF@20 - Regionalisation of the topics may cause **regionalisation of the issues and struggles, which is not diminishing the usefulness of social forum events** –we just need more exchange between those event processes

@OF@42-**The Maghreb dynamics did the job at regional level of collecting movements and issues and they prosper**, but are we able to do the same at global level?

@OF@56 some **people who go and explain about wsf** in Balkans and it stays regional scale – meeting in Zagreb next year, we need to take this forum into account

@MF@62 the question of **popular neighborhoods who wish to develop their own process** not only at a city level like Casablanca, but also with our friends in tunis, and develop in the suburbs - it's not from today that Paris had its major problems at the periphery-certainly the issue of favelas in Brazil would be an important “connection” -not only this but also women, emigration, corruption, free exchange, terrorism, unemployed graduates, I can provide these in writing - **how to articulate themes that are the concern of a territory and a particular community....**

6 -WORLD EVENT

What role does the “global” level have?

Give more visibility and show solidarity towards emerging struggles

@OF@23 - a **polycentric forum might divide global struggles**. maybe have a succession of local national global forums to build proximity between local and global struggles, fitting a democratic model.

@OF@40 -**The global forum should take and raise the issues that emerge in regional forums**, where Problems are different. Otherwise some issues will be completely neglected in some areas. For example problems related to extractivism and land-grabbing that are strong in Africa need to be discussed and linked

to global discussions, otherwise they go unnoticed

@OF@41 We need to **avoid the word "competition" between forums.**

@OF@45 What we need to avoid is that the **World Social Forum becomes another regional forum plus some international movements.** The WSF can be a space of convergence of convergences, the network of networks.

ABOUT IN & AROUND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL EN

Opinion on WSF process / shared task list for IC

1 - TASKS AROUND IC BETWEEN EVENTS WORKING GROUPS AROUND OR BY IC (follow up possible in newCI working group)

@CI@2 **IC must be relying on open working groups based focused on themes that it identifies**, and assigns to movements that propose them initiatives in different areas, as is the case for the WSF calendar. [<http://openfsm.net/projects/wsf2012-support/wsf2014-calendar>]

@CI@42 We need to discuss more about **what "we" do between one event and the other**, we need to become more useful for movements when they struggle every day.

@CI@42 Last year we produced few solidarity calls, spread no info on local struggles, **so we have been useless on this.** if social actors have to use google and avaaaz we are useless-

@CI@42 We the organizations committed to the WSF process need to **create a permanent living social space useful to social actors** to develop their horizon and connections, with better tools and channels for political communication. Social actors are more in number than earlier but more spread in the territories.

@CI@47 **Importance to put the WSF in visibility**, including between the events, two proposals have been made in this direction : publish on the WSF website activities in thematic forums; make WSF communications on actions, mobilization, campaigns of movements involved in the WSF. On the one hand it would make it more visible and reinforce these actions, mobilizations and campaigns.. On the other hand it would make more visible and attractive WSF process.

(cooperation around wsf websites (wsf2015, wsf institutional, openfsm - not mentionned)

@CI@63 **Since the end of 2011, a contributory group " WSF calendar "** collects known info on forums process, updates the calendar of events which is giving geography of forum process, and allows to prepare ahead of time interactions, either by direct delegations or by remote contacts that will allow the convergences and cooperations we talked about <http://openfsm.net/projects/wsf2012-support>

@CI@67 **IC can stimulate the creation of multiple working groups identifying which topics are necessarily local and global**, and these groups can stimulate the links between all those that need to unite around these themes, so they prepare to be together in the next WSFevent - **it is a participation dynamics completely different than saying " just come all "** but rather groups that will identify those who need to come to work together on a theme that is necessarily global and come to work. It is a dream since the beginning of the forum : **to create the famous global citizenship** that is whereby we will get to results.

@CI@72 we need in the forum and therefore also in the IC a form, a mechanism to help us **link national regional and thematic processes, with international processes of the forum.** It is a knot that somehow we

have to loosen in a creative way: a working group could be formed to try to reflect upon practical ways of how regional and thematic experiences or are or not converging towards international

@CI@72 **A working group which has to do with the expansion of the forum**, and the need to expand the forum and perhaps the two dimensions that are somehow mixing. We 've talked about inclusion and youth who are leading new movements, before we had the commission of expansion, today could be another working group that thinks on which formula this can be realized

2 working groups issues on SYSTEMATIZACION DOCUMENTATION TRAINING (see 18 - 3 - follow up possible in memodoc working group)

Work on the systematisation and capitalisation of results

@OF@2 participants from Several local social forums France, Belgium and Quebec have proposed Inter - national Council of the WSF to **create a tool to make them more useful activities in social forums and events associated with the WSF process**. This tool should allow to identify the activities that take place in the context of a forum, to give directions to contact their organizers, to connect nearby events that unfold in several forum processes. Participants, who are facilitators of local social forums will support the definition and implementation of this initiative

@OF@7 groupe de travail sur la capitalisation pour eviter de recycler et ressasser - groupe de capitalisation (memodoc : <http://openfsm.net/projects/memodoc>)

@OF@38 We have promoted many thematic forums but **done very little to systematize the results**. Same for the regional forums. What is fundamental is a “capitalisation” of what has been done in the name of the WSF in the last 13 years. **Discontinuity in the process does not help to aggregate**. we have plenty of analyses- we say many things and do not systematize-

@EO@43 **Thanks to those who are documenting this meeting** making it accessible through notes and video live streaming (**ic extended initiative**: <http://openfsm.net/projects/ic-extended>)

@OF@47 **Training about forum** is essential : knowledge about social **forum remains elitist In Africa and Arab countries**, and the WSF remains elitist: people do not understand what it is and cannot contribute significantly to workshops during forums. **Better visibility of the themes and of the forum methodology** should be guaranteed in the website of the event, especially among youth, and also on the WSF site

[<http://openfsm.net/projects/fsm-wsf>]

3 - General ROLE OF IC

@CI@32 **“We”, in the council, need to help multiply occasions of events**. People come in events not because we are nice, but because they think it is useful, **and IC is just a body to facilitate the emergence of events**. There is no council saying: “ come and join us”, Who are we to say this? The methodology of the forum is offering in itself something to movements to create alliances and linkages.

@CI@37 Not about becoming leaders of social movements in the world. “We” should go back to that original mission: **organize a world net to analyze globalization**. We need to avoid becoming a “market” of thematic and territorial struggles. But rather see in which way each and every movement can be part of a common fight against financial globalisation. Discussion about finance is the core- “we” cannot solve the problems of the social movements

@CI@42 which is our interest as IC ? **Our interest in IC is to be useful to make more effective and committed the global civil society**. Organizations committed to the WSF process want to be useful in order to make global civil society stronger in changing the world.

@CI@84 charter of principles does not say **what is the role of IC, we have to define it** (see task definition in 18-1-1 http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en)

@CI@24 IC is not about just deciding things about forum but also a place to **evolve ideas**.

@CI@63 The role of the international council is to inform, to ensure that there is an exchange of experience between these regional dynamics. It is about connecting these dynamics and not by a vertical process bottom up and then top down. It is about **Getting to craft a mesh between these regional processes so that cooperations emerge from activities** and concerns of actors. (SFEX intercom initiative <http://openfsm.net/projects/sfexintercom>)

4 – Short term for IC - (see 18-1)

@CI@2 CI reconstruction depends on the evolution of the process. **We need a strategy that departs proposals for the process in the next four or five years** and defines a contingency plan which covers a few points: decision on the next WSF redial CI, maintaining a minimum secretariat set up working groups open.

@CI@7 notorious incapacity or willful refusal from IC to get involved, how these spaces will integrate the board?

@CI@13 I think defined personal responsibility is necessary to have a real, working structure. About the secretariat, very practically, I think it's not to be avoided to **introduce some member fee**, depending on the financial possibilities

@CI@23 **questionnaire that help rebuild trust in IC (tunis group G2**
<http://openfsm.net/projects/cifutur/cifutur-consultations>)

5 – IC composition - Composition du CI (see 18-1)

@CI@2 **The recomposition of IC requires a more precise definition.** This is an open assembly of social movements and citizens who are willing to actively participate in the organization and development of the WSF process. The expansion of the IC would be sought from movements that participated in the organizing committee of the WSF events and all forums and events in the process. **The proposal is to provide all members a choice between three categories of members. “Active members”** are committed to actively participate in the operation and activities of the IC. They undertake to provide a contribution allowing autonomy of the secretariat, either or as financial contribution proportional to their means, or as a provision of human resources to support tasks.

“Associate members” wishing to join the process without being an active member. It needs to be decided whether consensus [for decisions o in IC] is achieved between the active members only or also associate members. **“observers”** allow movements interested in the process without being willing or able to engage strongly to participate in IC.

@CI@2 The IC must be balanced among regions with a geopolitical opening to the movement of new powers and to new movements. **The IC must decide to form a working group on the reorganization and expansion of the IC.** [<http://openfsm.net/projects/newci>]

@OF@11 - we should also say that the building of the actors in the WSF process and IC should be **based on enlargement work done at the regional and national level.**

@CI@18 how would regionalisation feed IC composition and role?

6 - REQUESTS TO IC (through interventions)

@CI@15 I am asking the International Council to include as a part of its agenda a statement or a word or action to limit this phenomenon or there would be an adoption in the name of the progressives in the world **against terrorism that kills dozens in Iraq everyday**. And Thank You.

@CI@24 We need to send a **solidarity message to Ameer Makhoul** from Haifa who participated in our council and is in jail

@CI@62 from yesterday I try to check through the reports **up to where did the council assimilated new paradigms in the Maghreb mashrek region** and I am not satisfied

@CI@74 Once your committee approves the adoption of our proposal, an **international committee for youth forum** will be formed. You can participate in this committee by filling in the application handed out and which we will also send via E-mail. Thank you

Second part of Day 17th regions and wsf 2015

17-1 Regions REGIONAL UPDATE SUMMARY EN

Information from regions are in the semi verbatim [> 17-1 Updates from various regions: Draft transcript 10h30 – 12h00](#)

Tunisia @50 -Tunisian revolution – from the protest on the economic situation to change of government.

Europe altersummit @51 3-4 meetings a year, unions and dialogue with left parties

USSF @52 - USA: policentric North America SF in June/July 2015. Philadelphia and New Orleans. Updates to come from USSF national planning committee.

Maghreb-Mashreq: civil society and social movements main actors. Huge pressure from the US and EU to influence the political and economical process and take over the changes; what role of the international alterglobalist movement.

Latin America: the struggle of the African diaspora is peculiar of the region, while other exlusions (such as the indigenous people) are transversal and present in other regions.

Forum balkanique @56 - Balkan region: there is an active dynamic which has included the ex-Yugoslavian countries with Greece, Bulgaria. Difficulty to be present beyond the region in other forums and need to be more part of the continental and international dynamics.

Forum social tematico porto alegre@57 -Porto Alegre: problem because POA either does a world forum or it is not considered. So we started the Thematic Forum to contribute to the international agenda that unites us and the methodological discussion. January 2014.

News from south asia @58 -South Asia: almost 10 meeting where held in India in different cities. We met in Katmandu in nov. and decided to hold the next South-eastastast Asia Social Forum in May 2014. Both politically and because of the role in climate and other global issues – next IC in Nepal

May2014 in Europe @59 -Europe: new Blockupy movement mobilising in the streets. Next ones in May 2014

Palestine forum and dynamics of solidarity with other national / people struggles

@61 Implication of the complexity of the regional issues on the ground: sectarianism, terrorism, popular neighborhoods and many other which link can be similar in other countries on which we need to link - Magreb-Mashreq: help support the many activities and forums in region.

Eastern Europe @65 -East-Europe: convergence meetings taking place in Austria, including Russia and other ex-USSR countries. The Eastern European Forum asks to be integrated into the IC as a member (request is 3 years old)

cooperacion syndical Europe –maghreb @66

Also the Free Media Forum will have a session participating to the Porto Alegre thematic forum

People social forum @68 - Climate justice movements repression in Canada

Africa:

Mediterranean / Lampedusa

Repression of activists all over the world

Youth forum @74 After the Tunisian WSF a small committee has been created to make a Youth Social Forum.

Mexico: dynamics still going on...

17-2 Proposals WSF 2015

There were three interventions

- Exposition from Quebec - with a documentation sent a few days ahead-
<http://openfsm.net/projects/cifutur/cifuturg1-2015-quebec-casablanca-document>
- Declaration from tunis, without details because context and logistics are well known since Tunis 2013
- Declaration from asia which was not a proposal but a request for postponement of decision

Then came questions and answers which can be seen in http://openfsm.net/projects/ic-extended/casablanca-201312-extension/#_Toc382549437

17-3 Discussion on IC

See report presented on 18th morning le 18-1 which summarize discussions (circulated on ic list on January 20th



IC CASABLANCA - ABREGED REPORT 18 DECEMBER 2013

To access complete report in English on line with photos

http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en

I – DISCUSSION SOBRE NUEVO CI (started December 17th)

Three groups of topics have been distinguished through preliminary discussion :

Organization of IC –

Tasks of IC

Expansion of IC

Then discussion proceeded to exchange on the tasks prior to discussing organization then expansion

I - Topic 1 Tasks of IC –

the following list of tasks was defined though a 30mn discussion.

It was agreed to have a small group drafting a one page reference document based on this list and circulating it on IC list for comments and confirmation of consensus (Gina – Mauri - Pierre)

- Discuss political geopolitical context in order to contextualize WSF process
- Sustain Methodological discussion on how to organize events, sustain processes and initiatives
- Facilitate dialogue between local and global struggles and alternatives
- Facilitate linkage between regional forums processes–
- Identify tasks/issues about concretely facilitating WSF process and launch/review work of open contributive groups addressing those tasks/issues
- Spread knowledge on WSF charter and process
- Develop and promote use of appropriate Communication tools
- Define date and place and format of WSF events
- Monitor and contribute to Practical organization of WSF events
- Finance IC activities/meetings
- Monitor financing of WSF events

II - Topic 2 Organization of IC –

internal facilitation - Transparency – democratization -

Mid-term visions shared

A first vision twofold:

1/ A horizontal structure, with groups having specific scopes and responsibilities, needed to have operation of IC during and in between meetings (e.g. agenda and facilitate plenaries - review of activity – report decision follow up - membership and distribution in groups - extension of meetings) - Each group reports or facilitates part s of IC meeting –All members of IC participate in at least one of such group and change groups regularly. Operability is ensured by distributing the most active members in the groups.

2/ commissions revive as “review groups” to a/ identify needs /issues related to facilitation of WSF process and launch corresponding working groups, open to active WSF participants, beyond IC membership, to concretely contribute to address those needs /issues. b/ Make regularly recommendations about the work of those groups

Second vision: have a minimal list of tasks assigned to small list of named person until next IC meeting and reevaluate such assignments and tasks at each meeting

Third vision with three main axes- Develop and operate a “tool /group/mediation” for continuous dialogue between WSF participants Have a secretariat for organizing WSF event – Document agreements and vision of IC tasks

Importance of Logistical role of groups hosting an IC meeting was recorded

Short term IC operation proposals,

Make this meeting report (assigned in the 18th meeting to **Gina –Mauri – Pierre**)

A -Create a Group defining and assigning until next IC a minimum list of tasks as soon as possible with name of a few responsible persons (small groups).

It is agreed in plenary that these other tasks will be listed and assigned in the frame of the working group newCI created in topic 3 below

Group about the new CI(expansion organization) - <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/newci-general-page>

Subscribe <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists/newci-discussion>

B – Future of secretariat: Create a group with at least one Brazilian and one person from Maghreb to monitor change of secretariat Tunis agreement to move secretariat to country organizing next WSF 2015 was recorded – It was confirmed that Brazilian minimum secretariat supported by Grap, who has dissolved, is scheduled to stop operation end of 2013 –(The project of memory of WSF in Porto Alegre see below part 2 cannot fund IC secretariat operation) –

>> this group will be a mailing list “newCI-secretariat” in the newCI : space : Chico + those from the group below in topic 3, who are interested

Group Transfer of Secretarial -<http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/newci-secretariat-page> **Subscribe**

<http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists/newci-secretariat>

Chico informs IC that Brazilian IC members will meet in 14 January with the perspective to create a larger collective to support WSF process and IC secretariat

C -Create a group to systematize /document the “accumulate” and perspectives of IC vision organization and operation (this tasks is assigned in the 18th meeting to Mauri + those interested

>> There will be a mailing list “NewCI-sistemize” in the newCI space, also in relation with the memodoc space and working group (see part 2 below) <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists>

Group Systematize (see report 18-1) - : <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/newci-systematize-page>

Subscribe <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists/newci-sistemize>

III - Topic 3 Expansion IC :

it was agreed that expansion implies reorganizing IC : Membership, Dialogue with movements, Reactivate old members, presence of Regional and Thematic social forums processes

Two visions of future IC membership were shared

Three third IC with a third of historical persons- a third for presence of local and regional committees – a third with new actors

IC as” 3 circle assembly of social actors willing to contribute to WSF process facilitation and growth” (with formal membership and consensus decision protocol In first or second circle) with a circle of “active members” paying a little fee – and being active with human or monetary resources, a circle of “associated members” agreeing with charter of principle and not willing to be ”active”, a circle of “observers”- Keep membership for organizations, not persons, nor “forums”

Were mentioned

The importance of role of the dynamics of regional forums in the expansion of the process for good(Maghreb) or for bad (Europe) - The importance of geopolitical analysis to orient the expansion task - The need to have a clear and operating process on solidarity fund - The importance to have territorial and big sectors presence /representation

Proposals

scope A: Start six month process of consultation and decision - where IC members are invited to make proposal on any of the topics related to IC (tasks organization expansion) collect and systematize them – based on this issue various online surveys on internet and publicly collect answers

scope B: think about political and practical problems of expansion (including solidarity fund) –based on the experience of expansion commission with Maghreb and meet before next IC to discuss criteria - also concretely start to contact old inactive members and newer one

Scope C : Define and staff a minimum list of tasks asap with name of a few responsible persons (small groups) until next IC. Tasks mentioned were : Describe and Follow up on IC meeting decisions- Operate IC member mailing list - Circulate IC internal info on it- Accompany committees that develop WSF event - Sustain calendar of WSF process (done on- openfsm by a group created In Dhaka end of 2011)- Keep expansion commission operating

Plenary decision>> start a " newCI discussion " group to cover scopes ABC - the mailing list is here <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists> with direction newci-discussion in lists.openfsm.net

IC members who did not attend 17th evening discussion and would like to be included and express view points on the IC organization and methodology are welcome in the group which will consult broadly

People who declared interest for this newCI -discussion group in Casablanca are : Ouattara Taofiq Leonardo Sergio Mireille Raphael Hassania Uddhab Chico Raffaella Norma Alaa Pierre Rita Leo Cheima Hamouda

Group about the new CI(expansion organization) (18 -1) - <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/newci-general-page>

Subscribe <http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/lists/newci-discussion>

18-2 - INFORMATIONS ABOUT MEMORY ANDDOCUMENTATION

Mauri- informs that the Brazilian/ RS government has approved a project for digitizing of WSF office- organizing of documents- is fundamental to have wide circulation of information- the Project was approved in the name of NGO Açcao ducativa/Abong – it is a process and it would be good to have a group of IC members that accompany it – one year 250 000 Euros

Gina mentions there is interest expressed from institute of social history in Amsterdam

Gus informs that there is requirement from people from 20 local social forum who ask that a simple system be put in place in which for each activity and convergence assembly appear with the theme and the name and email of people who prepared them- suggests to start with WSF 2013 Tunis. Leo adds to proposal of Gus to have also people from regional forums. Pierre- suggests that people interested in group Memory and documentation, and groups NewCI organization meet just after the end of the meeting. Paco mentions there is video material available in www.wsftv.net

The wide group Memodoc is started on line : <http://openfsm.net/projects/memodoc> **Inside it are the support group to the Porto Alegre Memoria project, and other initiatives**

<http://openfsm.net/projects/memodoc/> **Initial Participants declared in Casablanca are :** Carminda Mauri Raphael Gus Pierre Norma Erika Rita Leonardo Liege Ala Romdhane

Memodoc Group (see report 18-2) - <http://openfsm.net/projects/memodoc/project-home>
inscription <http://openfsm.net/projects/memodoc/lists/memodoc-discussion>

18-3 – ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN WSF PROCESS FOR 2014

This list is made with announcements of present – a permanent calendar is updated by a working group created in Dhaka IC end of 2011 – <http://openfsm.net/projects/wsf2012-support/wsf2014-calendar>

if you have new events to add to the calendar write to fsmwsf.calendar@gmail.com A suggestion is made to change gmail email to free software mail. category 1 means a social forum is implicit, Category 2 means an activity in WSF
Pierre will Send an email to all the IC with the calendar –

18-4. DECLARACION ABOUT OPENFSM

Agreement in plenary to add the following statement of support to openfsm.net in the meeting report r

“WSF IC members in Casablanca consider www.openfsm.net, where many of IC working groups are hosted, as one of their web tools, and support efforts made to sustain its operation since 2008, and for the next three years”.

www.openfsm.net hosts independent spaces, with mini-website and mailing lists, and contributes to intercommunication between WSF participants. It is used by several regional or national forum processes, and many other initiatives. It hosts since its inception 500 different autonomous spaces. 3000 active WSF participants have an account with editing capacity in it, and several more thousands are subscribed on some of its many mailing lists.

18-5- DISCUSSION ON NEXT WSF EVENT

5-1. JOINT DECLARATION MAGHREB QUEBEC

INITIATIVE TOWARDS WSF IN QUEBEC & Maghreb SOCIAL FORUM

JOINT PROPOSAL TOWARDS A WSF PROCESS FOR 2015-2016

1. We wish to express the solidarity of the peoples of South and North in their struggle against neo-liberalism and building a more just, democratic, united and sustainable world.
2. We support the holding of the World Social Forum in 2015 in Tunisia.
3. We support the holding of a WSF event in Quebec in 2016.
4. We strongly encourage the revival of Asia social forum process.
5. We pledge to send a Quebec delegation in Tunis in 2015 and a Maghreb - Mashreq delegation to Montreal in 2016 to make effective articulation of struggles and movements of the regional to the global level.
6. We want to work together to facilitate the organization, the extension of WSF events (extended) and knowledge transfer in the WSF process.
7. We ask IC to endorse the proposals so that we can officially launch two collaborative processes of organization: FSM- Tunis in March 2015 and WSF - Quebec in August 2016.

5- 2 BRIEF REPORT OF DISCUSSION ON WSF 2015-16

(more detailed report is here http://openfsm.net/projects/wsfic_fsmci/casa13-report-en)

After the joint announcement Maghreb Quebec proposing a two-step process with a WSF 2015 event and one or more event WSF 2016, the discussion focused on several points, with the expression of divergent views and end with an accepted consensus formulation.

The groups of Tunisia and Quebec presented their arguments to organize the Forum in their respective countries in 2015 and 2016. It was also pointed out the desire to host the WSF 2015 in some of the countries of Southeast Asia. No

proposal was submitted and it was asked to postpone the decision 3 months, time in which they **commit to send a proposal**.

The main arguments were:

- The importance of Asia in the WSF process – starting from this recognition some members called for the postponement of the decision on the WSF 2015 or 2016 till March 2014 : It was proposed to send a delegation of CI in Lucknow in March to assess if they can / want to organize WSF in 2015 or 2016. Reacting to this proposal, Some IC members from India, who were not present, contacted IC questioning the current process in South Asia and stating that there are no conditions for a forum in this region in 2015
- It was stated that the movements of South Asia can continue to work to see when they can provide this service to organize a WSF event. The possible inclusion of Asia in the 2015-2016 process proposed by Maghreb- Quebec was also pointed out, through the possibility of a bi -focused event (FSM*2) South -North : Asia - Quebec in 2016
- In relation to Quebec and Maghreb joint proposal, some members questioned making a decision now about Quebec. Also there were proposals to conduct a pluri-centric event - Quebec, Asia in 2016.
- The importance of having a part of the WSF events for the first time in the north was mentioned. There was resistance to this location of WSF in the north, when the South has to face tremendous emergencies.
- The importance of starting to be a new form of the WSF process through cooperation between consecutive events is pointed. The reviews claimed that this was a new step in adopting a new way of relating two consecutive events.

It was commented whether the announcement of 2 consecutive years 15 and 16 with WSF events meant new WSF periodicity rules. It was argued that the WSF process is constantly being invented, because it is not an organization with rules, and the process may have ups and downs. We are in a period of transition and revitalization of the WSF process.

5-3 CONSENSUS FORMULATION

Taking stock of the discussion, The WORDING accepted as consensus was

We begin a new process of cooperation and solidarity between the South and the North and, between the old and new generations of social actors.

This process will be built through a common and integrated work between the preparatory processes of different WSF events.

In 2015 we decide to hold the next WSF in Tunisia in March.

In 2016 we receive positively and accepted the commitment of the Collective from Quebec to work for the organization of a WSF event in August in Montreal.

We will continue discussions with Asian movements around the possibility, in accordance with their situation and their will, to join this process- in the next IC meeting we will present the whole picture for 2016 after this discussions

5-4 SINTESIS FROM REPORT GROUP

After a general discussion on the situation in the world viewed from the many movements and organizations present at this international council, after presentations made by the various reported initiatives about WSF event in 2015 (in India Quebec Tunisia), after exchanges held between their representatives, and after a consensus reached through a plenary discussion held December 18th (reported above 5-2&3), the following synthesis is proposed in this report :

1- The council welcomes the announcement of cooperation between Quebec and Maghreb organizing committees. This program includes cross- delegation and mutual support in the facilitation of the preparation, extension, and follow up processes of 2015 and 2016 events / (see point 18-5-1). The following paragraphs are to be considered taking into account this new type of integrated cooperation between organizing committees consecutive events, supported by contributions of any kind awaited from international council members (point 18-6)

2 -WSF 2015 and WSF 2016 events will get inserted in the WSF process among a significant number of regional local or thematic events, as seen with 33 events announced in the case of 2014, and which reflect the vitality of the WSF

process. In 2014, the holding of Maghreb social forum and People social forum in Ottawa will be two important regional steps in the preparation process of WSF 2015 and WSF 2016 (see 18-3 calendar FSM 2014).

3 - WSF 2015 will take place in March 2015 in Tunis, Tunisia and will be an opportunity for a strong regional mobilization, based on the experience gained during the WSF 2013. "Investment" in the co preparation and participation in this event will mark the solidarity from participants in the WSF process worldwide with civil society in the region, at a decisive moment for its future.

4 - The International Council confirms the principle of having a WSF event in 2016 " with an anchor in the global North", which reflects the consideration of changes that have occurred since WSF started in 2001, and it accepts the commitment of the Quebec committee to work towards such a WSF event in August 2016 in Montreal, securing broadest inclusion of Canadian movements and organizations in the preparation process. IC is aware that with those decisions, it overcomes an orientation that might have become bureaucratic, to hold WSF events every two years, and opens a ground for new forms of WSF events and WSF process facilitation

5 - Members of the International Council consider that discussions must go on with the Quebec and Maghreb committees and the movements in Asia, on the possibility of organizational solidarity between people from Maghreb Quebec and Asia, developing continuity of WSF process from 2015 to 2016, and on the merits and the possibility of another WSF 2016 anchorage in Asia, thus making WSF 2016 bi centered South-North,

6 - The full format of WSF 2016 process will be confirmed at the next international committee to be held mid-2014

5-5 BRIEF REPORT FROM THE REPORT GROUP ABOUT THE FINAL AGREEMENT OF IC RELATED TO WSF 2015 WSF 2016

Sent on IC list Dear all

The WSF International Council held its meeting in Casablanca on 16, 17 and 18 December, with 122 participants, 47 members of the IC and 75 observers from 23 countries.

We are the group responsible for the minutes of this meeting and send you a formulation of decisions taken at the final meeting of 18 in the morning, about the location of the next WSF events.

We have written this brief text, after having consulted the members of IC who facilitated the work at this meeting, as well as delegations of countries involved in these decisions:

1 - We begin a new process of cooperation and solidarity between the South and the North and, between the old and new generations of social actors.

This process will be built through a common and integrated work between the preparatory processes of different WSF events.

In 2015 we decided to hold the next WSF in Tunisia in March.

In 2016 we received positively and accepted the commitment of the Collective from Quebec to work for the organization of a WSF event in August in Montreal.

We will continue discussions with Asian movements around the possibility, in accordance with their situation and their will, to join this process, (including the possibility of a WSF 2016 formula with a bi-centered location one in Quebec and one in Asia)

2- CI notes with satisfaction the holding of 33 regional, national and thematic events on all continents in 2014. It particularly stresses the importance of the social forum process in Maghreb in 2014 and the Social Forum of Peoples (Ottawa, August 2014) as important steps towards the World Social Forum in Tunis in March 2015 and the world social forum in Montreal in August 2016. " _____

Our Group will send you as soon as possible a comprehensive report of the meeting, including the section on the review of the structure and mode of operation of the IC .

We suggest that you circulate into your mailing lists this first element of the report, adding your own observations, as such, if necessary

Gina Mauri Pierre

18-6 NEXT IC

A short discussion took place. It was agreed that there will be an IC in Tunis around December 2014/ January 2015 to support final preparation of WSF 2015 event in Tunis, and another one will be mid 2014 in a place to be defined.

4 possibilities were mentioned: Nepal or India date and place to be confirmed -Sarajevo June 2014 on occasion of thematic forum on peace and militarization - Brazil in august 2014 on occasion of thematic forum on energy – needs to be confirmed by Brazilian IC next January 14th - Canada in august 2014 on occasion of people social forum

A working group for preparing decision on where/when will mid 2014 IC be held facilitated by one or more Maghreb Mashrek person (Hamouda) will be created IN espacio **newCI** space by end of february with at least one person from each place having proposed by that date to host the mid 2014 IC meeting. It was asked to take in consideration the average cost of transportation to the place when choosing the location

Group prepare next IC mid 2014 -<http://openfsm.net/projects/newci/newci-mid2014ic-page>

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18-7 SUPPORT FROM IC MEMBERS TO TUNIS 15 OC

This declaration was quickly approved without opening discussion

International council took the decision that WSF 2015 will be again in Tunisia. This decision relies on numerous mobilization initiatives presented in the Maghreb Mashrek region and the proposals of articulation with other dynamics in the world

IC members present commit to support by all means organization process for 2015 forum, and to get fully involved in all the preparation phases

Casa Blanca, Morroco 18 December 2013

18-8 LOGISTICAL DATA

Kamal gave the following information - 122 participants registered among which 47 members of IC and 75 observers from 23 countries (including Iraq Yemen Palestine) could participate in the discussion.

The total budget of the meeting is 64000 Euros among which 41% for airplane tickets (including those of observers from Iraq and Palestine) 30% food, 15% interpretation