



## Call for international mobilisation

Initiative for an Alternative Civil Assembly to the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF

October 9th to 15th, 2023 in Marrakech

### Alternative Civil Assembly

1- The Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) constitute a major event within the international economic and financial community. They bring together representatives from member states, economic and financial actors, civil society organizations, and experts to discuss the most pressing global economic and financial issues. The upcoming Annual Meetings, to be held in Morocco in 2023, will focus on several key themes, including post-Covid-19 economic recovery, environmental sustainability, and global economic governance. All these issues fall under the ambiguous new paradigm of "resilience."

2- In a disrupted context on multiple levels, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are holding their annual meetings in Marrakech in October 2023. Their convening holds particular significance and cannot be an ordinary event due to accelerating geopolitical changes that increasingly challenge the fundamentals and paradigms that have governed the world and international relations since the fall of the Berlin Wall. These changes are manifested by the emergence of multipolarity, rightfully questioning the hegemony and legitimacy of the Bretton Woods world order. As Gramsci emphasized: "The old world is dying away, and the new world struggles to come forth: now is the time of monsters."

3- On this occasion, we, the Initiative for an Alternative Civil Assembly, which brings together over 130 associations and networks covering various fields of activity, from human rights to women's rights, disability rights, the environment, climate justice, the right to development, and social protection, as well as major trade unions, invite all civil society organizations, collectives, unions, and national and international dynamics to join our initiative and strengthen our convergence and forces for the respect of human rights, environmental protection, and the right to development. As civil society dynamics, we are aware that human rights issues are closely linked to global economic and financial challenges. It is crucial that we mobilize to exert pressure on international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF to respect human rights and adhere to United Nations decisions in this regard.

4- We firmly believe that the World Bank and the IMF bear responsibility for the social disasters we are experiencing, the deterioration of living standards, and support for dictatorial and corrupt regimes that incur debts without consulting the populations. It is our role and duty to exert pressure on these two institutions to respect and protect human rights, including the right to development, in the countries where they intervene. This means that they must ensure

that the projects and policies they finance do not violate human rights while promoting transparency, social inclusion, and gender equality.

5- We are also aware that unsustainable growth leads to the waste of resources, exacerbates economic, social, and gender inequalities, harms the environment, accelerates climate change, and endangers the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable populations, especially women, children, and migrants.

6- Odious debts constitute a major obstacle to the development of developing countries, limiting their decision-making capacity and impeding access to natural resources and public services. Debt repayment, of which cancellation is the only solution, is a blatant violation of the right to development.

7- We call on all organizations, collectives, and national and international dynamics to join our alternative civil assembly, which will run parallel to the 2023 Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF. Together, we can engage in a serious debate on the responsibility of creditors and debtors and work towards a fairer world that respects human rights, the environment, and the right to development. This is an ideal moment to make our voices heard and exert pressure for concrete changes.

If your organisation would like to support, join or get involved in the preparation of the Alternative Civil Assembly to the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings in Marrakech from 9 to 15 October 2023, please register using this form: <https://forms.gle/kfXwukUoD1ptji6G9>

For more information on the Alternative Civil Assembly to the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and IMF -2023 and to join us email: [icp.assembleesbmfmfmi@gmail.com](mailto:icp.assembleesbmfmfmi@gmail.com) or [hsoubhi@alternatives.ca](mailto:hsoubhi@alternatives.ca), Together, we can build a better world for all.

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