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**Report on WSF International Council Meeting**  
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## 1) AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	6 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May
9h30 - 12h30	IC Opening session (1 hour) - Presentation of participants - Presentation of agenda - Evaluation of Belém WSF 2009 Outcomes	Response to Global Crisis	Strategic challenges and introduction to 2010 - 2011	Commissions report
13h30 - 16h30	13h30 – 15h30	Commissions	2010 - 2011	- Liaison Group - Next IC meeting
	Dynamic of Social Movement in Maghreb and Machrek			
17h – 20h	16h – 18h	Commissions	Commissions	
	Response to Global Crisis			

## 2) SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

### **Evaluation of Belém WSF 2009 Outcomes (Item 3)**

- The IC needs to make a political evaluation of every Forum, that goes beyond logistics and numbers;
- Financial data and disaggregated data regarding participation needs to be made available, in order to make a proper evaluation;
- The forum needs to concentrate more on facilitating exchange to promote alternatives;
- The organization of the logistics of future forums needs to take into account practices that do not harm the environment;
- The format and planning for the assembly of assemblies needs to be improved, so as to better impact on possible actions by different groups;
- It was felt that a political analysis of the impact and usefulness of the debate with the presidents needs to be made;
- Communication has to be a clearer support to the political WSF challenges. (see item 3);

### **Report and Discussion on Seminar “Dynamic of Social Movement in Maghreb and Machrek” (Item 4)**

- The call issued by the Maghreb-Machrek meeting regarding peace in the Western Sahara region can be signed by individual members if they agree with it;
- Other forms of solidarity can be expressed by individual members for the Saharawi people’s struggle, if members so wish;
- IC Liaison Group shall communicate the spirit of the discussions to COSATU;

### **WSF Process: Strategy of the WSF and Response to Global Crisis (Item 5)**

- The Forum must be in rhythm with what movements are planning. The Forum must expand to new areas and also develop new forms to reduce the cost of accessibility, which is too high at present;
- On conclusion of the discussions the strategy commission took upon itself the task of preparing a summary of the debate;
- It was also decided that the Commissions, while formulating plans for 2010 and 2011, shall keep in mind the discussions on the crisis and the strategy of the WSF;
- Look at the different proposals of the assemblies of WSF 2009 last day, give them visibility and check their follow up;
- In order to articulate actions and promote more articulations the IC commissions should work to expand the process, disseminate the analysis, improve the visibility, improve interactions, stimulate the discussions and analysis, stimulate the creation of new modes of action, raise funds to support the process;
- The Strategy Commission shall synthesize the discussions on strategy on 7<sup>th</sup> May and would circulate the same in two weeks. A separate list would be created to continue the debate electronically;
- Facilitators of the different Assemblies in Belem would be asked to draft a one-page note on strategy related to their own Assembly. These would be consolidated and circulated;

### **WSF Process: Proposal for Activities in 2010 (Item 6)**

- Proposal to have a major focus on organizing activities and debate on the global financial crisis on the occasion of the US Social Forum in June, 2010;
- Proposal to designate 2010 as a Year of Global Action/ Mobilization, which could be conceived as a continuous year long forum with activities around the global crisis being planned in all the forums planned for 2010, and with all these activities linking together;
- Activities in 2010 need to be coordinated and need to have a special focus on the global crisis (see item 6.1);
- There is a need to connect and link the very large number of events proposed (see item 6.1);
- Every Commission should examine how they can help in the process (see item 6.1);
- A common reference point is needed to link the activities. There should be a facilitating group and a structure, and each activity proposed in 2010 should designate a person to communicate with the global facilitating process (see item 6.1); A working group was created in order to concretize the proposals for 2010 (see item 6.2 and item 8);
- In order to strengthen co-ordination and for its symbolic significance, a common logo and a common slogan need to be identified for all activities in 2010 (see item 6.1);
- Activities in 2010 need also to reflect the declarations by the different assemblies in Belem (see item 6.1);
- The co-ordination of such a large number of activities needs decentralized nodes that take up different responsibilities (see item 6.1);
- As the global forum will take place in Africa in 2011, those responsible for the global forum should be linked with the co-ordination of the activities in 2010 (see item 6.1);
- Plan to connect those who will not be present at the different Forums, through tools like Belem expanded (see item 6.1);

- The websites and newsletters of the Forum need to be adapted to reflect the plan for coordinated action and mobilization (see item 6.1);
- The event in Porto Alegre, commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WSF, should also be used as an opportunity to consolidate the memory of the Forum (see item 6.1);
- Given the need to focus on the different crisis that afflicts the globe it is necessary to revive the Content Commission (see item 6.1);
- It is necessary to incorporate activities planned in 2009, in the overall plan for co-ordination (see item 6.1);
- The WG would also have the responsibility to finalize a common logo, a symbol and a common slogan for the activities in 2010 (see item 6.2);
- The WG shall receive proposals regarding the logo and slogan from all IC members and place the concrete proposals before the next IC meeting (see item 6.2);
- The WSF office in São Paulo shall make an email list of the people in the WG, so that the discussions can be followed up (see item 6.2);

### **Discussion and decisions on Proposal for WSF 2011 (Item 7)**

- IC members welcomed and endorsed the decision to organize a **centralized WSF event in Dakar, Senegal, in 2011**;
- The idea should be to build on the advances made in Belem, including the focus on environmental issues and on the mobilization and participation of indigenous people;
- Need to strengthen the work of all the commissions, and their active engagement in building the forum in 2011;
- A seminar would be organized in Dakar to launch the process for WSF 2011, in July, 2009. The social forum process in Senegal would have the responsibility to organize the seminar;

### **Evaluation and Reconstitution of IC Liaison Group (Item 9)**

- The Liaison Group (LG) is required to place an evaluation of its functioning, which would then be discussed further by the IC;
- The LG would conduct its own evaluation for the next one month;
- This evaluation report would be circulated to IC members, for them to add to the evaluation;
- The report of the evaluations would be presented to the IC at the next meeting in Montreal, where a separate session would discuss and decide the future course and composition of the LG. The discussion on the LG should be the first session on the next IC meeting;

### **Next IC meetings (Item 10)**

- The next IC meeting would be in **Montreal, Canada, on 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009**, before the Quebec Social Forum;
- The next two IC meetings after the one in Montreal were also decided: in April/May 2010 in Mexico City; and in the second half of 2010 in Dakar, Senegal.

### **3) EVALUATION OF BELÉM WSF 2009 OUTCOMES**

*Chair: Francine Mestrum and Taoufik Ben Abdallah*

#### **Report on WSF 2009**

- The Report on WSF 2009 in Belem was presented by members of the local organizing committee (WSF 2009 Facilitation Group). It was clarified that the intent of the discussions would be to draw lessons from different aspects of the Forum.
- The report discussed the mobilization processes to ensure diverse presence from different sections in the region. The significance of the Forum lay in the fact that it was being held in the backdrop of the global financial crisis as well as other crisis such as the climate crisis and the food crisis. The report points out WSF 2009 as a process and as an event; the re-signification of a dialogue and struggle space; and the construction of a common political agenda.
- The organization of the Forum in the Amazonian region allowed broad participation of indigenous people who are otherwise sparsely represented in the Forum. The Pan Amazon Day at the Forum kept aside to discuss issues of the region, especially those affecting the indigenous people, was an opportunity to link local and global concerns and issues. It was also a space open to youth.
- Mobilization of financial resources was carried out to promote sustainability of the process and not as an end in itself. The Forum was also an advance in creating communication tools to facilitate the process of the Forum. There were major attempts made to involve the local neighborhoods, through organization of neighborhood forums, involvement of women in solidarity economy related to the Forum and in the involvement of local youth in development and use of communication tools.
- The major challenges that needed to be faced locally, included:
  - a) strategies for involvement of local people living in the area;
  - b) mobilization of people in region;
  - c) promote dialogue between different sectors/ movements, etc. in order to promote a new political culture of working together;
  - d) building relation with different levels of government (the Forum saw significant contribution from the local Government in Belem);
  - e) building popular communication tools;
  - f) linking culture and politics, resulting in cultural activities being seen as part of the activities of the Forum.

#### **Participants' opinions and comments**

- IC members made the following points during the discussion. These are not points on which there was any consensus arrived at, but indicate some of the major issues that members pointed out.

#### **Need for more concrete documentation and evaluation**

-Many members appreciated the political impact of the Forum, both in the region and globally. It was however felt that the IC needs to make a political evaluation of every Forum, that goes beyond logistics and numbers. Such evaluation is not only a matter of the local committee; it should involve many actors even beyond IC members, it needs to consider different areas of impact, such as the role of and impact on the media, the impact on political processes, the impact on important issues, etc.

-It was also felt that financial data and disaggregated data regarding participation needs to be made available, in order to make a proper evaluation. There is also need to document experience of the Forum with a view to replicating the work with indigenous communities

#### Diverse Participation

-The large presence of youth, indigenous people, and other marginalized sections such as the landless and the colored populations was appreciated, though some felt that the experience of working with the youth forum was not very good, and the youth were not integrated well in the planning, conduct and activities of the Forum.

#### Focus on key issues appreciated

-The forum was successful in bringing into focus the climate crisis, and it helped large movements that traditionally do not work on the issues to understand and engage with the problems related to climate change. The focus on the issue of Palestine was also appreciated.

#### Methodology and Logistics

-It was felt that the forum needs to concentrate more on facilitating exchange to promote alternatives. Concern was expressed that work regarding methodology was not given proper attention, as could be seen from the large number of cancelled events. It was felt that the work on methodology to promote agglutination and thematic coherence in this Forum was a step back from the advances made in 2004, 2005 and 2007. Some felt that genuine debates were too few, and there were too many events where groups discussed among those who they were familiar with. It was also felt that the territory of the Forum needs to be more compact, as a large scattered venue impacts negatively on ability of people to participate. It was also expressed that the forum territory needs to be constructed politically, and not just by keeping in mind technical and logistical issues.

-The organization of the logistics of future forums needs to take into account practices that do not harm the environment.

-The last day of the forum, where different assemblies presented their programs for action was seen as a welcome advance, though many felt that the format and planning for the assembly of assemblies needs to be improved, so as to better impact on possible actions by different groups.

#### Debate with Presidents

-The debate with the presidents was seen as useful by some in impacting on politics of the region, though some felt that attention to this aspect of the forum should not be at the cost of other activities in the forum. It was felt that a political analysis of the impact and usefulness of such a debate needs to be made.

#### Resource Mobilization

-The ability of the Forum process to mobilize adequate resources was widely appreciated. It was also expressed that a significant contribution of the process of resource mobilization for the Forum was the ability to pay off all the debts that have been pending with Brazilian organizations (especially ABONG) since the WSF in 2005.

-It was mentioned that such an event in a city cannot be used by the police to “clean up” neighborhoods.

#### Communications

-The forum process is yet to work out strategies to involve those who have little or no access to electronic communications. In spite of many communicational advances, it was also felt that the communication infrastructure available for the media needs improvement and that communication has to be a clearer support to the political WSF challenges.

#### **4) REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON THE SEMINAR “DYNAMIC OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT IN MAGHREB AND MACHREK”**

*Chair: Francine Mestrum and Taoufik Ben Abdallah*

##### **Report on the Seminar “Dynamic of Social Movement in Maghreb and Machrek”**

- As a backdrop to the discussion in this seminar, which was held on 4-5 May, a profile of the region was presented. It was explained that the Forum process in the region is not named as an “Arab or Islam Forum” as there is the necessity to take into account diverse identities and political experiences.
- A brief analysis was provided of the political, social and religious diversity in the region. The concern regarding absence of human rights and especially women’s rights in the region was discussed. Also discussed were the high levels of inequity in the region, and the dominance of foreign capital and the negative impact of global trade regimes.
- The evolution of the WSF process in the region was also presented. While groups from the region have been participating in the WSF since 2002, the idea of organizing a Forum in 2006 in Morocco initiated larger processes in the region. While this could not take place, successful Maghreb SF was organized in 2008. The region also saw a large mobilization on the occasion of the Global day of action in 2008. The attempt has been to build a process in the region that is not elitist, and is rooted in grassroots movements and struggles. Several local forums have since been organized in the region.
- For the first time, it was possible to bring together initiatives of the Machrek (Eastern countries) and the Maghreb (Western countries). The Maghreb-Machrek meeting discussed key issues for the forum process in the region, which include: 1) Democracy and human rights; 2) Issues of labor and Trade Unions; 3) Environment and access to geological resources such as water; 4) Women’s equality and other gender related issues; 5) Issues of the youth; 6) Issues related to war and imperialist offensive in the region; 7) The specific issues of Palestine and Iraq; and 8) Migration. It was also expressed that unity of movements in the region needs to be located in a resolution of the issues in the Western Sahara region. An important area of discussion was related to the engagement with religious movements in the region and tendencies which are described as “Political Islam”. There was a belief that the process initiated by the two day seminar is extremely important, and would greatly facilitate the forum process in the region.
- Also presented were the challenges faced by the forum process in the region and the expectations. A clear understanding of the Forum process is now starting to develop in the region. There is an awareness that local groups need to organize as key actors in the process and not remain mere participants. In order for the process to gain strength greater international solidarity and action are needed for issues related to the region – such as on the situation in Palestine. The region has to overcome the challenges posed by the presence of relatively weak social movements and the threat of imperialism – which is perhaps the stronger than anywhere else in the world.
- Finally a presentation was made regarding the Western Sahara issue by a representative from an organization in the occupied land. The suffering and the 35 year long struggle of the Saharawi people has resulted in people living in scattered locations under extremely harsh conditions. The occupation of Western Sahara by Morocco, the displacement and the resistance of the Saharawis have been a major barrier to peace, unity, economic progress. The cause of the Saharawi people has been championed by many social movements in the region and around the world, many of whom have upheld the right of the Saharawi people for self determination. This includes movements in Morocco, who have also faced persecution and jail sentences for taking up the cause of the Saharawi people. The Maghreb Forum has been an opportunity to initiate a process that can bring peace to the region. A call for peace, signed by several social movements of the

region, has been developed. The document appeals for peace in the region and calls for finding a peaceful solution on the basis of negotiations and international legitimacy through UN supervision. It calls for observance of Human Rights in Western Sahara and promotion of democracy, preservation of the culture of the region, and economic development of the region. The ability to issue such a call within Morocco is seen as an advance from the earlier situation where this would not have been possible. While social movements are responding to the call there still remain many in the region who continue to be driven by chauvinistic positions.

### **Discussion on the Maghreb-Machrek Region**

- In the discussions members were united in welcoming the initiative to promote a WSF process in the Maghreb-Machrek region, while noting that the process would need to be sustained. It was also noted that the process in the region needs to face special challenges and global solidarity and support is needed to sustain the process.
- It was also felt that the holding of the meeting along with the IC meeting has also been an opportunity to strengthen links between the social forum processes in the region and the Africa Social forum process.
- Some of the major positive outcomes of the meeting that members commended included: 1) Depth of discussions at the meeting to squarely face contentious issues in the region; 2) Ability to debate while keeping spirit of solidarity; 3) Involvement of social movements; 4) Reinforcement of the process of integration of the Machrek region; 5) Reinforcement of links between Maghreb and Machrek regions.
- Continuing from the issues raised in the initial presentations, some major points made by IC members and observers included the following: 1) Human rights, war, migration and the role of imperialism are key issues for the region; 2) It is necessary to uphold the principle that nations have the right to self determination; 3) Engaging with “political Islam” needs to be debated in depth, especially in relation to the terms for such engagement, viz. as regards the issue of women’s rights; 4) The issues of the region have global dimensions, and require international solidarity and actions; 5) Special attention is needed towards the struggles in Palestine and Iraq, and of the Saharawi and Kurdish people.

### **Discussion on the issues related to the Western Sahara**

- The meeting then discussed the specific issues related to the Western Sahara region, while keeping in mind the objection raised by COSATU (an IC member) to the holding of the IC meeting in Morocco because of the position of the Government of Morocco regarding the struggle of the Saharawi people.
- Members recognized the need for international solidarity with the struggle of the Saharawi people. Many members expressed their support of the principle of the right to determination as regards the Saharawi people. Members also expressed that peace and justice need to go hand in hand and there can be no peace without justice. Regarding the appeal circulated, that called for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Western Sahara region, members expressed respect and support for the process in the region to issue such a call and felt that individual organizations were free to be signatories to such a call based on their own organizational positions. It was also felt that members can, if they wish, sign on a different statement that they feel would better express their solidarity with the Saharawi people. It was also clarified that, given the WSF’s Charter, the IC as such cannot be a signatory to any call or appeal.
- Regarding the COSATU’s position questioning the decision to organize the meeting in Morocco, the IC while respecting COSATU’s right to hold a different position, was not in support of COSATU’s position. Members felt that the situation in Morocco could not be

compared with pre-apartheid South Africa. The fact that it was possible to hold a debate on the Saharawi issue in Morocco during the IC meeting showed that holding the IC meeting in Morocco did not in any way restrict open discussions and debate, and did not compromise the ability of IC members to express themselves freely on any topic.

- Members also felt that there would be very few occasions when IC meetings are held, where IC members would not have genuine problems with the role of the Government of that country on specific issues. Thus, if such a benchmark were to be used, it would be virtually impossible to organize an IC meeting in any country of the world. It was also expressed, that, a distinction needs to be made between the positions of country governments and those of movements who have the responsibility to organize an IC meeting in that country.
- Based on the above the IC decided on the following:
  - a. The call issued by the Maghreb-Machrek meeting regarding peace in the Western Sahara region can be signed by individual members if they agree with it;
  - b. Other forms of solidarity can be expressed by individual members for the Saharawi people's struggle, if members so wish
  - c. IC Liaison Group shall communicate the spirit of the discussions to COSATU

## **5) WSF PROCESS: STRATEGY OF THE WSF AND RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CRISIS**

*Chair: Ana Maria and Gustave Massiah*

- There is the growing need felt to develop models for an alternate financial architecture of the globe. Movements are disappointed that the UN system is being marginalized as global Capital tries to find a way out of the crisis.
- Movements are also in the process of mounting a response not just to the financial crisis but to the food crisis, the climate crisis and the crisis of democracy, and that brought on by war and militarism.
- It was pointed to the need for the WSF to respond by not just placing an analysis of the crisis but by developing strategies to facilitate actions. It was traced a journey of the WSF process, from a focus in 2001 against neoliberalism, to a focus against the war in 2003, to the need to face the global crisis in 2009.

### **Discussion**

- Members and observers debated the strategy of the WSF in facing the challenge of the global crisis. Some of the salient issues raised included:
  - Crisis is integral to the Capitalist system and Capitalism will strive to find a way out of the crisis as before. One of the greatest dangers is to transfer the crisis on to labor. This is an opportunity to attack Capitalism when it is weakened by the crisis. At the same time Capitalism will try to find solutions that may end up in strengthening the most conservative positions.
  - It is necessary to address not just the financial crisis but the larger "crisis of civilization" that encompasses the climate crisis, colonialism, racism, etc.
  - Global capital will try to transfer the impact of the crisis onto the people, and movements need to act together to resist such moves.
  - The legitimacy of the UN system as the multilateral institution that should make changes in the global architecture needs to be promoted. Instead global Capital wishes to use the forums pro-

vided by the G-8 and the G-20 to make cosmetic changes in the global financial and political architecture.

- Need to develop alternatives to the present global architecture, at local, regional and global levels.
- Need to make a distinction between movements and WSF, and also need to be clear in our discussions that the IC is not the WSF. We need to promote a decentralized way of working for the forum to reach out to movements.
- A clear alternative to the Capitalist system is yet to emerge, and movements are still grappling with what form “21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism” will take. What we have is an analysis of the crisis, but we do not yet have a strategy to replace the system with a different one. This is what movements working together must develop, and this is what the WSF must facilitate.
- State interventions should not be confused with the building of socialism – they often are (as in the US) to rescue and rebuild Capitalism. Neo-Keynesian models are another face of Capitalism to bail it out of the present crisis. What the anti-globalization movement is looking for is not a reform of the present system, but an entirely different alternative.
- Unlike 1929, Capitalism is better positioned to look for global solutions, and this must be answered by global movements linking together. The WSF is today at the crossroads – if it is able to provide the space for movements to link together and develop actions, struggles and alternatives.
- In the US the impact of the crisis is already being felt by the poor and the helpless and the ability of the Obama administration to address their needs is doubtful.
- The analysis of the crisis needs to be rooted in experience and deepened, and needs to include an analysis of how the crisis would impact on people’s lives.
- Movements see the WSF as an opportunity to challenge the Capitalist system in the present context. If the WSF is not able to do so in its response to the crisis, then movements would look for other opportunities outside the WSF.
- The Forum is a place to articulate and debate, not to harmonize and unify. It is the movements who come to the forum, who will develop their own strategies and actions to challenge Capitalism. The WSF or the IC cannot have a joint strategy on the crisis, but it can have a strategy to facilitate the articulation about the crisis and the development of common struggles by social movements.
- The Forum should facilitate the building of capacities of movements to resist the attempt by Capitalism to transfer the impact of the crisis on common people.
- As the crisis deepens divisions will be created between the people who will have to struggle to survive on less resources. Movements need to be vigilant about this and need to unify their struggles.
- Analysis of the crisis has to include other issues such as issues of culture, of the industrial use of technology, etc.
- Another aspect of the crisis would be the acceleration of war and conflicts across the war. It is not possible to conclude that the US will reduce its efforts to promote conflict; in fact the Obama administration has proposed an increase in the defense budget in the US. Three major trends can be seen: 1) Transforming of wars of occupation into civil wars, viz. in Iraq; 2) Wars of extermination of a whole people where all international and UN conventions are flouted, viz. in Gaza and Sri Lanka; 3) Multilateralisation of war, where new actors outside the developed Capitalist countries are promoting conflicts, viz. India in Nepal. At the same time, because of the conflict between the Obama administration and the neo-conservatives in the US, it is opportune to mount struggles against the use of war by Capitalism to maintain their hegemony.

- In the present situation a Forum every two years is not enough to give voice to movements.
  - The Forum must be in rhythm with what movements are planning. The Forum must expand to new areas and also develop new forms to reduce the cost of accessibility, which is too high at present.
  - Explore the possibility of converting the Copenhagen meeting on the climate crisis in 2009 as the “new Seattle”
  - The G-8 meeting in Italy is an opportunity to mobilize, but the venue chosen makes such a mobilization very difficult
- On conclusion of the discussions the strategy commission took upon itself the task of preparing a summary of the debate (partial summary given later in the report).
  - It was also decided that the Commissions, while formulating plans for 2010 and 2011, shall keep in mind the discussions on the crisis and the strategy of the WSF.

### **5.1 Synthesis of Debate on Strategy**

*Chair: Hector de la Cueva and Alessandra Mecozzi*

Partial synthesis of the debate, presented by Strategy Commission:

1. Very rich debate, with many divergent perspectives on the crises and on the possible strategies to deal with it which were all very valuable, and we are preparing a complete report on the debate to be distributed in the days after the IC.
2. For now we are going to concentrate on the practical proposals that have been made. In order to make an instrumental contribution to the IC.
3. Even if we have different visions about the global crises and even if we share the same concern of giving a response to the crises as IC we have no mandate to make analysis or propose political strategies on behalf of the social movements. We can however accept the challenge of facing these crises and reflect on how to promote and facilitate reaction, in other words reflect on how to enlarge and innovate the space of the WSF. At any rate we need analysis, as well as strategy and as actions.
4. We have to take care of not to confuse the alter-globalist movement with the WSF and also the WSF with the IC. The strategy will be different according to whether you see the WSF as an open space, as a place for agenda setting, as a process or as an actor.
5. Taking into account that Belem WSF is part of a process, was an open space and a place for agenda setting one of the tasks for the present period is to look at the different proposals of the assemblies, give them visibility and check their follow up.
6. In order to articulate actions and promote more articulations the IC commissions should work to expand the process, disseminate the analysis, improve the visibility, improve interactions, stimulate the discussions and analysis, stimulate the creation of new modes of action, raise funds to support the process.
7. All these actions should provide to the WSF the capacity of stimulate and help the articulation and visibility of the actions and events that in different ways are and will promote a response to the global crises.

The IC also decided on the following:

- The Strategy Commission shall synthesize the discussions on strategy on 7<sup>th</sup> May and would

circulate the same in two weeks. A separate list would be created to continue the debate electronically.

- Facilitators of the different Assemblies in Belem would be asked to draft a one-page note on strategy related to their own Assembly. These would be consolidated and circulated

## **6) WSF PROCESS: PROPOSAL FOR ACTIVITIES IN 2010**

*Chair: Hector de la Cueva and Alessandra Mecozzi*

Proposals, some definite and some in the process of being organized, of different activities proposed **in 2010** was presented by members. The following is a list of those reported at the meeting, though many others are also being discussed:

1. Brazil, Porto Alegre, 10 years of the World Social Forum – coinciding with Davos, January 24 to 28
2. Catalan Social Forum on Alternatives to Crisis, January
3. Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, the Right to the City at the World Urban Forum, March 22 to 26
4. Andean Region, Thematic forum on “Civilization Crisis” – in the first quarter
5. US Social Forum, on migration, housing and wars – June 22-26, in Detroit, Michigan
6. Turkey, Istanbul, European Social Forum, end of June
7. Palestine, Forum on Education (Sept./Oct.)
8. Thematic Forums in the Maghreb-Machrek region
  - Labor issues in Algeria,
  - Gender issues in Jordan
  - On Agricultural workers, Peasants and Health in Egypt
  - Forum on Social Movements in Morocco
  - A possible forum in Iraq
9. Niger, Niamey, Thematic Forum on Environment, Migration, and Food Security
10. Mexico City, Thematic Forum on Alternatives to Financial Crisis
11. Nepal – South Asia Forum
12. Bangladesh – Thematic Forum on democracy (being explored)
13. Catalonia: Collective Rights of People

In addition there are activities being planned **in 2009** as well such as:

1. Mobilization around the Copenhagen conference on climate change, in December
2. Quebec Social Forum in October.

Two major suggestions were made to link the activities proposed with the discussions in the strategy debate:

- Proposal to have a major focus on organizing activities and debate on the global financial crisis on the occasion of the US Social Forum in June, 2010.
- Proposal to designate 2010 as a Year of Global Action/ Mobilization, which could be conceived as a continuous year long forum with activities around the global crisis being planned in all the

forums planned for 2010, and with all these activities linking together. The idea would be to build a global response to the global crisis, which would not be in the form of one response but be a coordinated response with a unity of purpose.

### **6.1 Discussion on Proposals for 2010**

In the discussions there was substantial consensus that activities in 2010 need to be coordinated and need to have a special focus on the global crisis. Specific suggestions by members included the following:

- There is a need to connect and link the very large number of events proposed.
- Every Commission should examine how they can help in the process.
- A common reference point is needed to link the activities. There should be a facilitating group and a structure, and each activity proposed in 2010 should designate a person to communicate with the global facilitating process.
- In order to strengthen co-ordination and for its symbolic significance, a common logo and a common slogan need to be identified for all activities in 2010.
- Activities in 2010 need also to reflect the declarations by the different assemblies in Belem.
- The co-ordination of such a large number of activities needs decentralized nodes that take up different responsibilities.
- As the global forum will take place in Africa in 2011, those responsible for the global forum should be linked with the co-ordination of the activities in 2010
- Plan to connect those who will not be present at the different Forums, through tools like Belem expanded.
- The websites and newsletters of the Forum need to be adapted to reflect the plan for coordinated action and mobilization
- The event in Porto Alegre, commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WSF, should also be used as an opportunity to consolidate the memory of the Forum
- Given the need to focus on the different crisis that afflicts the globe it is necessary to revive the Content Commission.
- It is necessary to incorporate activities planned in 2009, in the overall plan for co-ordination

### **6.2 Proposal to Constitute a Working Group to Concretize the Proposals for 2010**

- The IC proposed the setting up of a working group (WG) that would concretize the proposal for 2010, based on the discussions in the meeting and the reports of the different commissions (see more below). The WG would also have the responsibility to finalize a common logo, a symbol and a common slogan for the activities in 2010.
- The WG shall receive proposals regarding the logo and slogan from all IC members and place the concrete proposals before the next IC meeting.
- The Working group shall consist of the following people (open for more people): Alessandra Mecozzi, Maria Pia, Rita Freire, Vinod Raina, Pierre George, Moema Miranda, Raffaella Bolini, Amit Sengupta, Ana Maria Prestes, Luis Arnaldo, Taoufik Ben Abdallah, Hamouda Soubhi, Hector de la Cueva, Jennifer Cox, Lebohan, Francine Mestrum and Chico Whitaker.
- The WSF office in São Paulo shall make an email list of the people in the WG, so that the discussions can be followed up.

## 7) DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON PROPOSAL FOR WSF 2011

*Chair: Hector de la Cueva and Alessandra Mecozzi*

- On behalf of the African Social Forum Council, Taoufik presented the proposal for 2011. In deciding for the venue of the forum in 2011 the criteria adopted at the Abuja IC meeting in 2008 was kept in mind. Four places were discussed as possible venues: Senegal, Niger, South Africa, and Tanzania. Two concrete proposals were received by the Africa Council: from Senegal and Niger.
- A committee of comprising of the five African sub-regions went through the applications. The committee has finally decided to support the proposal of Senegal to organize the 2011 Forum in Dakar. The decision has the unanimous support of the African Social Forum Council.
- It is also proposed that there would be a thematic forum in Niger in 2010, on the issues of migration, environment, and food security; this event also as part of the preparatory process towards Dakar 2011 (see more on point 5).
- A brief overview of the vision of the forum in 2011 was presented. It was proposed that the work on mobilization and methodology would be developed collectively, with co-operation from different groups from across the globe.
- At the same time there would be efforts to strengthen the work of the forum in Africa and in the region, so as to be able to contribute to the organization of the forum. It was also presented that the proposal for the Forum in Dakar has the support of different movements, including trade unions, women's organizations and NGOs. The local authorities have assured co-operation, and it was also reported that the mayor of Dakar is from the Left.
- **IC members welcomed and endorsed the decision to organize a centralized WSF event in Dakar, Senegal, in 2011.**
- Members felt that it is appropriate to organize the Forum in Africa in 2011, given that the major brunt of the crisis will be felt by people in Africa. It was expressed that the Forum in Senegal should have its own special characteristics.
- The idea should be to build on the advances made in Belem, including the focus on environmental issues and on the mobilization and participation of indigenous people.
- The need to pay special attention in raising resources for the forum was expressed, as local financial resources would be limited. Members also expressed the need to strengthen the work of all the commissions, and their active engagement in building the forum in 2011.
- A proposal was advanced to organize a seminar in Senegal in July 2009, before the next IC meeting to discuss all the issues related to the organization of the Forum in 2011. **The IC also endorsed the proposal from Senegal that a seminar would be organized in Dakar to launch the process for WSF 2011, in July, 2009.** The social forum process in Senegal would have the responsibility to organize the seminar
- The seminar would initiate discussions on various issues including the format of the forum, funding, etc. Participants should be drawn from all the commissions, from different parts of Africa, representatives from different regions including those who are not part of the IC, and key organizers from previous forums. One key output of the seminar should be a concrete project proposal for WSF2011.

## 8) REPORTS OF IC COMMISSIONS

### 8.1 Report of Communication Commission

Proposals for the action plan of the communication commission

Rabat - May 10, 2009

It is ten years that in the WSF new counter-hegemonic communication shared practices are developing.

WSF process is taking the form of a variety of events and dates, spread over the next two years.

The challenge is now to help stimulate inter-communication processes between committees and participants, make the linkage of these dates and events felt in a common process, and make visible this common process to large media and public opinion in general.

The form adopted for 2009-2011 process leads us to explore novel ways in the communication capable of enabling massive inclusion of new actors in the process.

The challenge is developing WSF identity, appropriation of participants in a context of diversity, and creating conditions for self organisation within consensual frameworks.

The involvement of IC member organizations in the communicational process is the main condition for the success of these proposals.

To face the challenges posed, we propose to:

1. Promote the call to participate in the 2009-2010 process, including those who cannot come to big events
2. Make visible proposals from Belem assemblies
3. Create a visual identity (logo, slogan ..) for the 2009-2010 process
4. Open an process of communication enlargement that allows, in addition to the events planned in the progress of WSF, to contemplate the participation of many actors of civil society organizations and individuals
5. Identify in the organizing committees of the forums from now till the end of 2010 a person responsible for communication acting in a coordinated way with communication commission of IC
6. Organize in a functional and multilingual way the Web sites that will be used in 2009-2010 process for information and participation
7. Promote shared practice of communication, based on the accumulated experience of the forum
8. Strengthen operational capacity of the commission with operational contributors employed by organizations of IC
9. Update the list of participants, journalists and media in preceding global and regional forums
10. Process jointly WSF 2011 communication aspects between Organizing Committee and IC communication commission
11. Develop a global campaign for self-sustainability of WSF (in term of time dedicated to process and economic resources)

We will work as commission within [guidelines that are being formulated in a document](#) that will be sent to Council.

The moment is crucial for a qualitative and quantitative leap very significant in WSF process, with new energies and creative contributions

## **8.2 Report of Methodology Commission**

Summary of the deliberations of the Contents and Methodology Commission  
Rabat 6-9 de may 2009

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### **Previous**

There is a new methodological moment at WSF that requires a new articulation and accumulation process (on what we have done and what we will do).

The conceptual axes for the WSF work should be the civilization crisis as a way to identify crises that have raised and keep going (food crisis, energy crisis, ..)

WSF needs a global and unified view of a single forum, a unified process that brings together all expressions that take place all over the world.

### **Methodology Commission Plan of Action**

Systematization of the WSF methodologies (a working group will look for the information and develop a summary for the next IC)

The Commission will have a meeting the day before the next IC

The Commission will have a meeting with African Committee I the next IC

Evaluation I the IC of the methodological process in the Belém WSF

Agglutination

Panamazonian Day

Thematic Assemblies

Assembly of assemblies and calendar of global actions

Belém expanded

Elaboration of a methodological proposal for committees that organize a forum. This proposal will content

The Guide of Principles to organize a forum

The summary of methodologies (# 1)

Form to collect contents and methodology (# 6)

Elaboration of a form to collect the contents and methodology of any local, national or thematic forum (to be elaborated with other commissions)

Elaboration of commission budget

### **Tasks for WSF IC Methodology Commission**

**Rabat, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

<b>Task</b>	<b>People responsible</b>	<b>Date</b>
Commission coordination	Taciana, Pedro, Jannet	
Recovery of methodological proposals and preparation of a summary document	Taciana, Pedro, Jannet	Next IC
Preparation of the Methodology Commission's meeting before the next	Taciana, Ana	Next IC

IC		
Organizing the meeting with African Committee in the next IC	Taoufik	Next IC
Guide to the methodological evaluation of Belem process in the IC and synthesis summary	Cecilia, Adalice	1 month for the form and the summary for the following IC
Elaboration of a form to collect the contents and methodology of the forums in the process 2009-2010	Natalie, Martí, Ana	1 month for the form
Collect and systematization of the responses to the form M and C	São Paulo Office, Graza, Jannet, Ana	
Elaboration of commission's budget	Taciana, Gina, Sergi	June

### **8.3 Report of Strategy Commission**

Report of the Strategy Commission at the IC of May 2009 in Morocco

The Commission had a first series of discussions on the different ways to prepare the follow up of the strategy debate on the global crisis and on the ways to prepare the future work of the commission.

follow up of the strategy debate on the global crisis

We will make a summary – not a synthesis – on the debate in the IC in Morocco and will send it around to all members with the request to all participants to send us their contribution on max one page. This could possibly be done by July 2009.

We will then complete our summary and send it – together with some basic questions – to a broader list of people in order to ask for further contributions. This can possibly be done by September 2009.

A new and completed report can then be prepared and be used as a first input for the USSF 2010 and the other initiatives of 2010.

Preparing 2010

Two proposals were made at the IC:

- a global day of debate and action on the global crisis at the USSF 2010
- a global day on the global crisis at the different major initiatives of 2010

The strategy commission proposes the following:

- the USSF is a specific activity and the IC and the strategy commission could be involved to help and prepare the global day of debate and action on the global crisis. They can also help to give more visibility to the initiative.
- For the other initiatives in 2010 we propose that they do try to organize something on the global crisis, though it is obvious that we cannot decide on their agendas. It is also obvious that we cannot be involved in their organization.
- For the USSF as well as for the other initiatives in 2010 we recommend that specific attention is given to the diversified nature of the crisis (the plurality of the crisis) and to the need to reflect on alternative exits out of the crisis
- Apart from the input of the strategy commission and of the IC, we also ask all organizers of initiatives in 2010 to send us their results and evaluations, more particularly the strategic elements in them. In this way we can build a cumulative process of constantly improving the debates and contributions.
- In order to promote the interconnectedness between the issues, the movements and the struggles, we propose that someone from the strategy commission joins the working group that has been decided on in the IC (interconnectedness) and that someone from the different initiatives joins the strategy commission in order to enlarge it.

preparing 2011

We had a first brief discussion on 2011. Two proposals were made:

- we can prepare a strategy debate on a new issue that could be the global climate crisis in its different dimensions, more particularly its links with other problems: social issues, energy, food crisis, etc. The strategy commission can contact different organizations and prepare a first input for 2011
- we can contact the different networks that prepared documents in the different assemblies of Belem 2009 and ask them to give us their results and evaluations. This work can start in the IC of October 2009.
- For both proposals we ask inputs on both the IC and the organizing committee of Dakar 2011.

Preparing our future work

The strategy commission had very positive though chaotic meetings in Morocco and feels the need to try and improve its working methods. We will prepare a first outline document with guidelines that can help to better respect our mandate and to improve our functioning so that it becomes more efficient, democratic and transparent. This document will obviously be open for debate.

#### **8.4 Report of Resources Commission**

The Resources commission presented its report in two points: the process and event Amazon 2009.

Process: the project of the process, supported by OXFAM/NOVIB, had its implementation within the scheduled time and resulted in a balance that ensures the full operation of the Office until October 2009. Therefore, it was requested an additive term so that the resources could be used in the period.

2009 WSF Amazon: the 2009 WSF project, in part responsibility of the Facilitation Group, supported by several sources, collected 1.760 euros having utilized the whole sum, leaving no debts behind.

After the external audit of the accountability, it will be sent to the IC a form of income and expenditures.

Main points discussed in the commission:

- The 2009 WSF has no debts. We recognize that this result, which at a first sight looks positive, actually is the result of a careful management of resources and also of the fact that the resources have not come at the right time to be applied at important items required to several logistical aspects of the event.
- The resources of some international agencies and Brazilian state-owned companies have come with delay, that has made difficult the implementation of a part of the Forum's executive plan.
- It is essential that the resources come in the right time, before the proper event, so it doesn't compromise its quality.
- The importance of support: in the Brazilian case, the Federal government and the Pará state government were essential to the 2009 WSF infrastructure, services and logistics. The international agencies and the Brazilian state-owned companies have allowed the WSF Office, the regional solidarity fund, the translation service and a significant part of the event's logistics to work properly.
- Banca Ética received 65 thousand euro of the participant's registrations and used the amount in the international solidarity fund, in order to finance flight tickets.
- Professional translation gave quality to the debates and presentations. This service was to be charged of those entities which have asked for it, but since there wasn't enough time to mobilize the collection of funds, the result was not good.
- The 2009 WSF balance made possible the payment of the 116.600 euro debt to Abong.

Referrals:

Solidarity Fund: it is one the main items of the WSF budget. To ensure it, it is necessary that the resources come before the event.

It is important that the movements and the entities make their registration and participation with local resources, creating a fund for their delegations.

The payment of the registration tax is essential to the sustainability of the WSF and works as an "educational act" to many participants, movements and entities.

Part of the 2009 WSF balance will be destined to strengthen the Panamazonic Forum, part will be destined to the fund that ensures the existence of the WSF Office and part will be used to ensure the meetings to pass on experiences for the 2011 WSF in Africa.

All the commissions must deliver their working plans until the end of June. This commission will refer the project for fund raising from July until October 2009.

## **8.5 Report of Expansion Commission**

Report on Expansion Commission meeting of 7-8 May 2009, Rabat

### **1 Regional and Thematic Working Groups**

#### **Maghreb/Machrek Region**

- Importance that participation in transnational social movement activities has for the region. The importance of communication and the difficulties people outside the region have for finding reliable information were also emphasized.
- The cultural dimension in the WSF process is in many ways very "Latino" and might therefore make it more difficult for movements from regions like Maghreb/Machrek to get involved.

- Importance of language: many of the resistant movements in the region do not speak English and Arabic language should have more presence in the World Social Forum. In many ways, the Arabs should be able to feel more as part and parcel in the WSF process.
- After the meeting, Expansion Commission received a report from the Maghreb/Machrek Regional meeting (see below)
- Mesopotamian Social Forum, to be held in October 2009, was also presented in the meeting.
- There are plans for an Iraq Social Forum in 2010.

### Russian Region

- As regards expansion to Russia and its surroundings, it was noted that there have been new activities, creating links in particular with trade union activists. Presentation of report on the Social Forum held in Izhevski.
- Need to take into account the past as Soviet Union and the fact that many movements do not take the outside world into account in ways similar to movements elsewhere. At the same time, that is one reason why social forum type processes can be very useful.
- It was pointed a more general problem in the expansion process. It often happens that the first contacts that have opened the door toward the region then tend to claim such ownership of the process that it may become problematic for other groups to join the process.
- Three people signed up for the working group on Russia and ex Soviet areas: Teivo, Sergio and Katu.

### Asia

- It was mentioned that there is no such thing as an "Asian identity" comparable to Latin American or Arab identities. Therefore in the Asian process it was from early on decided to work through various subregional processes. In principle, these have been defined as: West Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia.
- Of the various subregions, two have had less focus than the other two: West Asia was seen as something connected to the Arab region in organizational terms. There were, and still are, very few contacts to Central Asia, mostly ex Soviet areas. Therefore the focus has been on two Asian regions: South Asia and South-East Asia.
- In some parts of Asia, some of the recent political turmoils, for example in Nepal, have made the social forum situation slightly unclear. This has postponed the organization and even fixing the date for a South Asian Social Forum in Nepal.
- In South-East Asia, there are various organizations that have been very active in the global movements and participated in the WSF process. At the same time, local social forum processes have not really come together. Some organizations might have had leading roles in the Asian processes, though this often more because of availability of resources. There are plans for a forum in South-East Asia.
- Brief report of the Chinese participants: they commented that the name WSF itself is not new to them because some friends and colleagues have been to previous forums, but of course for the great majority there has never been any contact with or awareness of the WSF. The NGO network representatives were in the latest forum in Belem, and had also brought together with them some other activists from other Chinese organizations. They also emphasized the importance of the language question, as most Chinese do not speak foreign languages.

### Indigenous movements and peoples

- Various events in the agenda of the indigenous movements were presented, as the Fourth summit of the Peoples of Abya Yala, organized by the indigenous movements, at the end of May 2009 in Puno; and major event for Mother Earth organized during October 12-16, in which other groups such as nations without state from Europe and elsewhere would participate.

- During the first part of 2010, there will be a thematic forum organized in one of the Andean countries. The forum will focus on issues such as coloniality, decommodification, conceptions of good ways of living, climate justice and Eurocentrism. It can be very useful for enriching the process that leads to Dakar 2011.
- Beyond the Latin American context, it was also pointed out that there are many different kinds of indigenous groups. The experience of the Masai people in Kenya was mentioned in this context, as well as the more general importance of connecting indigenous peoples from different parts of the world.

## **2 General Proposals and Concerns**

It would be difficult to include the totality of the rich debate and multiple proposals in this brief report. Here a synthesis of some issues considered crucial challenges for the future work of the commission:

### **Connect better the different regional and thematic processes**

- As one example, we discussed the positive implications of organizing the European Social Forum assembly during the Mesopotamian Social Forum, and perhaps both simultaneously with the indigenous event on Mother Earth
- We found it important to dedicate some resources for participation in some of the less known forums, such as the ones in Russia

### **Disseminate information**

- Connect with the Communication Commission
- Perhaps publish a newsletter of the Expansion Commission

### **WSF Web site(s) should be given more priority in the expansion process**

- Use as new main working languages at least in Arabic and Russian, also perhaps Chinese, Hindi, Swahili

### **Focus on 2010 as an expansion process**

#### **The Youth should be given more importance**

- Even if we were not able to discuss the concrete mechanisms enough in the meeting.

#### **Include Mother Earth (expressed through different concepts) as a Priority also in the expansion process**

- Also connect better with groups working on climate justice and other ecological themes that have been often left with too little attention in the process

## **3 Main themes of the Maghreb/Machrek Regional meeting connected to the Expansion Commission and shared for the presentation of the commission on 9 May 2010:**

The group discussed:

- Integration for Arab organizations in IC and its commissions
- Expansion of the Maghreb/Machrek Social Forum to previously excluded or marginalized groups in the region
- Participation in various WSF events and processes, in particular in: WSF 2011 in Dakar; Thematic Forum to be held Niger in 2010; Social Forum of the Americas in 2010; Thematic Forum on Coloniality and Indigenous Movements to be held in 2010.
- Preparation of thematic forums in the Maghreb/Machrek region in 2009 and 2010, of which particular attention was paid to: Algeria: Unions Forum; Tunisia and Jordan: Women's Forum; Egypt: Health Forum; Palestine: Education Social Forum.
- Preparation of three meetings focusing on the Sahara Conflict, one of them organized in Europe

Youth dynamic in the Maghreb/Machrek Social Forum Process.

### 8.5.1 Report on IC membership applications

- There were six applications from organizations or networks wanting to become IC members.
- The applications of **CAOI** (Andean Coordination of Indigenous Organizations), **Kurdish Network**, **Ciranda** (International Ciranda of Shared Communication) and **TIE** (Transnationals Information Exchange) were recommended by the Expansion Commission after brief presentation and endorsed by the IC plenary.
- Regarding the application of **AEDH** (European Human Rights Organization), it was decided to ask for more information, especially on its relationship with FIDH, as one of the principles defined previously by the Expansion Commission is that if an international organization is an IC member, then it is not convenient for regional or national organizations that are its constituent parts to join the IC.
- Regarding the application of **CACIM** (Indian Institute for Critical Action-Centre in Movement), it was recognized the very important contribution CACIM has been giving to the WSF process through many books and various kinds of events where critical aspects of the process have been assessed and debated. Nonetheless, it was not accepted as an IC member. The commission encourages CACIM to continue with its highly useful work and engage energetically with the WSF process in various ways.

#### 8.5.1.2 New IC members:

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## 9) EVALUATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF IC LIAISON GROUP

*Chair: Hector de la Cueva and Alessandra Mecozzi*

- The two year long mandate of the present LG ends in October 2009. As per the previous mandate and decisions a portion of the LG is to retire in October, to be replaced by new members.
- To facilitate this process the LG is also required to place an evaluation of its functioning, which would then be discussed further by the IC. The LG has not been able to finalize a review of its working for presentation at this IC meeting.
- The LG would conduct its own evaluation for the next one month.
- This evaluation report would be circulated to IC members, for them to add to the evaluation.
- The report of the evaluations would be presented to the IC at the next meeting in Montreal, where a separate session would discuss and decide the future course and composition of the LG. The discussion on the LG should be the first session on the next IC meeting.

## 10) NEXT IC MEETINGS

- The next IC meeting would be in **Montreal, Canada, on 6 to 8 October 2009**, before the Quebec Social Forum.

- The next two IC meetings after the one in Montreal were also decided:
  - In **April/May 2010 in Mexico City**
  - In the **second half of 2010 in Dakar, Senegal**

The proposal for the next IC meetings was presented by Expansion Commission and endorsed by the IC.

## **ANNEX 1: REPORT ON SOLIDARITY FUND FOR IC MEETING RABAT.**

The IC meeting held in Rabat counted with the support of Alternatives International and local organizing committee (accommodation and meals for all South participants + Logistics and translation service), the African WSF Council (flight ticket for participants from Africa) and Novib's project (flight ticket for LG members). The money remaining from International Solidarity Fund for WSF 2009 Belem was also used to cover flight tickets from South participants (total amount of €17,000.00).

An amount of € 3,819.00 and 4,400.00 Dirhans was donated to the solidarity fund from 15 organizations: Caritas, ARCI, COBAS, FIOM, Foundation Frantz Fanon, Red CONSEU (Fundación Galiza Sempre), CCFD-Terre solidaire / CIDSE, CRID, UBUNTU, FIDH, ATTAC France, NIGD, Transform!, ITUC and FDIM.

12 organizations were covered by solidarity fund for IC meeting in Rabat: ABONG, ALOP, ICAE, ROAD / ATTAC Togo, Instituto de Estudios de CTA, Peoples Health Movement, PPEHRC, REPEM, AMARC, FDIM, Red Afrolatinoamericana y Caribena de Mujeres, World March of Women, IBASE, CBJP, OCLAE, Alianza Social Continental, CUT, Asociación Feminista Marcosur and Via Campesina.

An amount of € 1,500.00 was donated from Solidarity Fund as a contribution to Maghreb/Machrek WSF process and dynamics.

## **ANNEX 2: LIST OF PRESENCE – IC MEMBERS, OBSERVERS AND AFRICAN SOCIAL FORUM COUNCIL.**

- **List of presence – IC members:**

ABONG - Associação Brasileira de Organizações Não Governamentais	Instituto de Estudios de CTA
Alianza por un mundo, responsable, plural i solidario	Institut Panos Afrique de l'Ouest - IPAO
Alianza Social continental (ASC)	Instituto Paulo Freire
Alternatives International	International Alliance of Inhabitants
AMARC - Asociación Mundial de Radios Comunitarias, América Latina y Caribe	IPS
APRODEV/EED	Ittijah-Union of Arab Community Based Associations
ARCI	ITUC/CSI
Articulación Feminista Marcosur	Jubilee South Asia/Pacific
Asociación Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promoción al Desarrollo (ALOP)	Kenya Debt Relief Network
ATTAC France	Legambiente Onlus

CADTM	NIGD
Caritas	OCLAE
CBJP	Organisation de la Jeunesse Africaine
CCFD-Terre solidaire / CIDSE	Oxfam International
COBAS	Peoples Health Movement
Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía	PPEHRC – Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign
CRID - Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Développement	Red Afrolatinoamericana y Caribena de Mujeres
CUT	Red CONSEU (Fundación Galiza Sempre)
ENDA	REPEM
FAMES	ROAD / ATTAC Togo
FDIM - Federação Democrática Internacional de Mulheres	Social Development Network
FIDH	Social Watch
FIOM	SOLIDAR
Focus Puller	Transform!
Foundation Frantz Fanon	UBUNTU - Foro Mundial de Redes de la Sociedad Civil
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance	Via Campesina
Herriak Aske	World March of Women
HIC – Habitat International Coalition	Zanzibar International Festival (ZIFF)
IBASE	World Forum for Alternatives
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