

What can be done?

- public demonstrations (rallies, mass meetings, parades, occupations, bicycle demonstrations)
- pamphleting (editing posters, brochures and public declarations and distribute them in communities and public venues like open markets, trains and bus stations, schools and churches)
- cultural and artistic activities: performances, interventions, movie and debate sessions, shows, theatre,
- graffiti, workshops to create banners, tools and musical instruments (to be used in mass demonstrations, for instance)
- torchlight and candle demonstrations
- conferences, seminars, debates in universities, factories, community centres and churches
- assemblies
- boycotts
- thematic and regional forums

... among other activities

Where to get further information?

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GLOBAL DAY OF MOBILISATION AND ACTION

JANUARY 26TH 2008



WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

Call for a Day of Mobilisation and Action

January 26th 2008

We are millions of women and men, organisations, networks, movements, trade unions from all parts of the world, we come from villages, regions, rural zones, urban centres, we are of all ages, peoples, cultures, beliefs, but we are united by the strong conviction that

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

With all the richness of our plurality and diversity and our alternatives and proposals, we struggle against neo-liberalism, war, colonialism, racism and patriarchy which produce violence, exploitation, exclusion, poverty, hunger and ecological disaster and deprive people of human rights.

For many years we have been resisting and constructing innovative processes, new cultures of organisation and action from the local to the global, in particular within the processes and Charter of Principle of the World Social Forum from which this call emerges.

Aware of the need to set our own agenda and to increase the impact of these thousands of expressions and manifestations, we are committed to strengthening the solidarity and convergence amongst our struggles, campaigns, and constructions of alternatives and alliances.

We commit ourselves to a week of action which will culminate in a Global Day of Mobilisation and Action on January 26

With our diversity which is our strength, we invite all men and women to undertake throughout this week creative actions, activities, events and convergences focusing on the issues and expressed in the ways they choose.

ACT TOGETHER FOR ANOTHER WORLD!

Visit the website <http://www.wsf2008.net/> to sign the call and see who has already signed it.

A week of mobilisation

culminating in a Global Day of Mobilisation and Action in January 26th 2008

Why a Global Day of Mobilisation and Action?

From the Zapatist uprising in 1994 and the Seattle demonstrations in 1999, a worldwide alliance of movements against neo-liberal globalisation, war, patriarchy, racism, colonialism and environmental disasters appeared.

In its first phase, this movement focused on big international mobilisations, such as Genoa against the G8 or Cancun against the WTO. The huge demonstrations against the war on Iraq, February 15th 2003 were the climax of this phase.

During the last years these movements grew enormously and were rooted in national struggles and local realities. Everywhere in the world, mobilisations appeared in different fields. The main challenge for all of us, today, is to link those locals and national struggles with worldwide goals, in order to strengthen our struggles, alternatives and campaigns and to enlarge alliances.

That is the purpose of the 2008 Global Day of Mobilisation and Action: act locally to change globally! Give visibility to our local struggles through a common day of action!

Why now and why January 26th?

Since 2001, the World Social Forum became the main space in which one all those movements meet and built alliances.

The World Social Forum is not an event. It's a process, which lives in the local, national, regional and thematic Forums, in the many and plural struggles, campaigns, alternatives for another world which are being developed all over the planet.

The decision to hold the next WSF event in 2009, two years after the last one in Nairobi (Kenya, Africa), helped the idea of a global worldwide mobilisation to emerge. The date of 26th of January comes from the choice to organise the Global Day of Action and Mobilisation in confrontation with the World Economic Forum, summit of the neoliberal elites, held every year in January, in Davos (Switzerland) in order to deep the theory and practice of the domination of the world by the capital.

How to get involved?

The Global Day of Action and Mobilisation will be promoted by all the organisations and movements at the global, national and local level who wants to take part in it. Each network, movement, organisation will decide how to organise their own action, its issues, format and how to connect then nationally and internationally.

All those organisations who want to join the Global Day of Action and Mobilisation since now can:

sign the global call (through the site www.wsf2008.net)

- spread up as much as possible the day of action to others using its own communication tools (newsletters, websites, newspapers, radio or sending the call in its mailings)
- organise its own actions
- give as much visibility as possible to the planned actions for the mobilisation week and for the January 26th 2008 day
- propose international and national connections among actions

Involvement of social actors can not come only from technical tools like email or internet: everybody needs to spread information, speak and interlink with other activists and movements in all the regions of the world, actively participating at the mobilisation process.

In a second moment, it will be necessary to build concrete mobilisations at the local level. In this stage, through a website, everyone at the national, regional or local level will be able to propose actions and to build alliances and coalitions around it. This tool will only be useful with a real process of meetings and contact between groups.

In a third moment, it will be given wide visibility to the decided actions.