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Report on WSF International Council meeting Abuja – Nigéria March 31st – April 3rd

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1) DEBATED ISSUES AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The plenary meeting was organised the following way:

March 31st – morning

- Global Day of Action – Communication and Mobilisation Commissions report and discussion

March 31st – afternoon

- Separated commissions meetings:
- Resources, Mobilisation, Strategy, Resources, Expansion

April 1st – morning

- Opening Session with local organisers and strategy seminar

April 1st – afternoon

- Strategy seminar

April 2nd – morning

- Strategy seminar

April 2nd – afternoon

- Strategy seminar
- WSF 2009 – Belem presentation

April 3rd – morning

- Commissions proposals and reports:
- Methodology

- Expansion
- Communication
- Resources
- Strategy

April 3rd – afternoon

- Commissions proposals and IC work plan
- Strategy (continuation)

April 4th – morning

- Liason Group evaluation and work plan

2) Summary of decisions

- The Global Day of Action should be repeated in years that has no WSF centralized event (item 3 and 4-d)
- A working group that'll think on proposals for the next editions of the Global Day of Action should be constituted (item 3 and 4-d)
The document “The Guiding Principles for Holding a WSF Event” must be circulated to IC members, so they can contribute to a new draft that should be presented during IC meeting in September 2008 (item 4-d)
- The strategy commission shall prepare a paper on the Space and Action debate for presentation at the next IC meeting in September 2008 (item 4-d)
- To constitute a working group “Methodology and Communication tools” (item 5-b)
- To constitute a working group “Belem Expanded”, that'll have the task of thinking forms to include movements and organisations that will no be able to attend phisically to the WSF event in 2009. (item 5-g)
- To revive the process of membership renewal by producing and circulating the list of low attendance IC members and writing a letter enquiring about their status (item 6-a)
- To conclude the audit of membership attendance by the end of August 2008, so that the Expansion Commission would circulate its report to the IC members on time for discussion at the next WSF IC meeting.
- Constitution of four teams to produce a report about the possibilities of how to take the expansion process forward (Global Day of Action; Africa; Latin America; Mexico and USA; Asia)
- Creation of 3 new Expansion working groups (in www.openfsm.net): Asia, Russia and Arab World. (item 6-b)
- New IC applicants (item 6-c)
- Creation of a Translation and Interpretation Workgroup, with members of IC Commissions, Belem's Organising Committee, Translators and Interprets (item 7-e)
- The event (WSF 2009) budget and the process budget will be put together in a global proposal which will be submitted to various donor agencies. The estimate amount for Belem forum is about 3.3 million Euros. The estimate amount for the process is about 500 thousand Euros. (item 8-c)
- A list of potential donors will be circulated and IC members should contribute on finding more supporters for the WSF forum. (item 8-c)
- Creation of a working group with 2-3 members from the Liaison group and 2-3 members from the resource commission to play a more active role in the creating guidelines for the budgets for each commissions and then for the finalisation of budget and fund raising.
- To strenght the coordination between Communication Commission, Belem's Organizing

Committee and Methodology Commission (item 9)

- To keep the website www.wsf2008.net (changing its name) as a visibility tool for agendas of organisations participating in wsf process (item 9-b)
- To adopt the website www.openfsm.net for IC working groups and commissions and for the decentralized online preparation of Belem's activities (item 9-b)
- The next IC meeting will be held in Copenhagen, just after the European Social Forum (that will happen between September 18th to 21st)

3) THE 2008 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION - evaluation and decisions

According to Berlin's IC meeting in 2007, the organisations and individuals part of the World Social Forum process were invited to promote a call for a Global Day of Action in January 26th, 2008.

Communication Commission circulated a collection of reports produced by the Global Day of Action participants and collected from the website www.wsf200.net.

In the GDA journey, more than 1000 activities happened in 80 countries. During the meeting in Abuja, some participants reported that in their regions/countries (I.E: Russia and Africa), many other activities happened and were not publicized in the website due to internet, languages or some other difficulties on accessing/publishing content on the digital resources.

The general evaluation of the Global Day of Action was positive during IC meeting in Abuja. There was a consensus that this kind of initiative can help on the expansion of WSF process around the world, including new participants, regions and issues.

There's a consensus that GDA should be repeated every year that has no centralized WSF event. The form, periodicity and specific dates of the Global Day of Action should be discussed further, inside the framework of WSF plan of action.

A working group to facilitate the discussion shall be created.

According to Berlin's IC meeting in 2007 decision, the Global Day of Action won't happen in the same years as the World Social Forum events, but during Abuja's meeting there's a strong feeling expressed that Belem 2009 shouldn't be an isolated event, but a Forum connected with movements, entities and organizations from other regions that were not able to attend physically to the Forum.

4) STRATEGY SEMINAR - Strategy Commission reports

As a result of a continuous process of evaluation and discussion about World Social Forum, the Strategy Commission received and/or collected and compiled 76 contributions during the months of February and March 2008. The contributions were divided by the commission in 4 categories:

- general texts and interviews (51 contributions)
- IC members inputs (19 contributions)

- Global Day of Action participants inputs (5 contributions)
- Commissions and Workgroups inputs (1 contribution)

During the IC meeting in Abuja, the strategy debate was divided in 4 moments:

- a) Received contributions' synthesis and proposal for the debate
- b) Overview of contributions / inputs by participants
- c) Debates in five groups about five points raised by the Strategy Commission and plenary debate
- d) Synthesis of the group discussions, outcome presentation, debate and decisions in plenary

4-a) STRATEGY SEMINAR – received contributions' synthesis and proposal for the debate

The Strategy Commission received and collected contributions to strategy debate made by intellectuals, journalists, IC members and forum participants. Those contributions has been collected since the beginning of WSF process, but a specific call was made in February 2008.

After reading and compiling the contributions, the commission identified some historical questions:

- Is the world Social Forum a space or a movement?
- How to solve the relationship between WSF and government?
- Is WSF really global?

Since Nairobi, the idea of systematizing this discussion was raised. During Berlin IC meeting in 2007, it was decided that the following IC meeting would be held in Africa and that it'll have the strategy discussion as a main point on the agenda.

The debate held in Abuja was not supposed to be definitive, but has an intent of making the discussion more systematized, so in the next IC meeting some more conclusive points can be reached.

The commission highlighted two points to take in consideration to the following discussions: 1) many people that participated on the strategy debate were not present in Abuja; 2) to be inclusive on the contributions from those who're joining the debate by that moment.

Strategy Commission raised 5 questions to be debated in 5 groups in the afternoon of April 1st (all groups were supposed to discuss all questions):

- 1) Are we in another world context different from 2000/2001?
- 2) What happened to the anti-globalization movement?
- 3) Are there general tendencies that we can point out?
- 4) WSF has emerged as a counterpart to the WEF. Is it necessary to keep this sync?
- 5) Is it necessary to maintain WSF yearly?

4-b) STRATEGY SEMINAR – overview of contributions, assessments and inputs

In the morning of April 2nd, the Strategy Commission invited 6 people to talk in the plenary about 6 assessments:

- 1) WSF Process (Ana Maria Prestes - Oclae)
- 2) Geopolitics (Walter Baier, Austria - Transform!)
- 3) Social Movements (Hector de la Cueva, Mexico - ASC)
- 4) Future of WSF (Francine Mestrum, Belgium - FIDH)
- 5) Guidelines to organize WSF events (Vinod Raina, India - Jubilee South)
- 6) Global Day of Action (Rafaella Bolini, Italia – ARCI)

After the presentation, 12 people were invited to the plenary to contribute on the debate, focusing 5 questions raised during the Strategy Commission presentation and on the assets proposed.

The criteria used by the Commission to choose the 12 speakers was the diversity of regions and the different levels of age and engagement with the World Social Forum process. Newcomers and historic participants, consolidated regions and places where the process is begin expanded to.

4-c) STRATEGY SEMINAR - Debates in five groups about five points raised by the Strategy Commission and plenary debate

In the afternoon of April 2nd, the plenary was divided in five groups to discuss the 5 questions raised by the Strategy Commission from the contributions to the debate:

- 1) Are we in another world context different from 2000/2001?
- 2) What happened to the anti-globalization movement?
- 3) Are there general tendencies that we can point out?
- 4) WSF has emerged as a counterpart to the WEF. Is it necessary to keep this sync?
- 5) Is it necessary to maintain WSF yearly?

The 5 groups was supposed to discuss all the 5 questions.

A debate in plenary followed the group discussions.

The final result was synthesized by the Strategy Commission to be presented in the day after.

4-d) STRATEGY SEMINAR - Synthesis of the group discussions, outcome presentation, debate and decisions in plenary

After the group discussions, a synthesis was made by the Strategy Commission and presented in April 3rd, during the Commissions Reports.

As the a plenary decision, it was agreed that the synthesis of the strategy debate, as well as the outcome and the group discussions reports shall be circulated electronically.

OUTCOME OF THE STRATEGY DEBATE

IC Meeting, Abuja, March 31 to April 3, 2008

The International Council of the WSF organised a strategy debate, examining the global political context, the processes, and the future of the WSF during its meeting from March 31 to April 3 in Abuja, Nigeria.

This debate took place after an intensive process that saw over 100 written contributions being presented by movements, organizations, IC members, and others. All these contributions and the discussions they generated have been, and still are, available on the web.

The issues were discussed in a plenary on April 1 morning, in five working groups in the afternoon and in another plenary on the 2nd morning. The five working group reports and their synthesis report are already available and shall be circulated electronically.

From the outset it was clear that this would not be a one time conclusive debate. It must necessarily be an ongoing work of the IC. Given the dynamic and flexible nature of the WSF process, its future as well as its internal organizational functioning must be reviewed and debated from time to time. It would be difficult to imagine a set of rigid rules and procedures that remain unchanging, given the fact that the Charter of Principles of WSF itself upholds flexibility and diversity.

Keeping these considerations in mind, the debate however did provide a few concrete directions that are as follows:

1. The draft document titled “The Guiding Principles for Holding a WSF Event” should be circulated on the IC list. Members of the IC should give their comments within two months from the date of circulation. After incorporating the suggestions, a new draft should be prepared and presented for adoption at the September 2008 meeting of the IC. The finalized Guiding Principles should inform the various regional and national forums leading up to the World event in Belem in 2009.
2. The WSF event should be held every two years or more after the 2009 event in Belem. However, the Forum after Belem should be held two years later, as per the Berlin IC meeting decision (“The next WSF as a centralized global event after 2009 will take place in Africa (tentatively in 2011 subject to the global situation”)
3. There was agreement that the GDA was a good modality and should be continued. However, the form, periodicity and the specific dates in a year when the GDA shall be held will be decided in the framework of the WSF plan of action for the future, and a working group will facilitate the discussion.
4. The strategy commission shall prepare a paper on the Space and Action debate for presentation at the next IC meeting in September 2008. In the meanwhile, taking note of the general consensus voiced at the strategy debate, the processes and methodology for the various social forums leading up to the Belem forum in 2009 shall provide opportunities for actions, and stimulate connections and linkages with self-organised initiatives around the World during the Belem event.
5. Though some opinions have been expressed from time to time about amending the Charter of Principles, there did not appear to be any consensus for such amendment at this point of time. Also because some of the questions raised could be addressed by suitable adoption of methodologies, Guiding Principles, GDA etc.
6. The suggestions of the debate should be further refined through practice during the forthcoming events such as the Maghreb, European, American, African and South Asian forums, and of course at the World Forum in Belem in 2009.

Annex: The next WSF as a centralized global event after 2009 will take place in Africa (tentatively in 2011 subject to the global situation)

5) WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2009 – Belem

As decided in previous IC meetings, the 2009 World Social Forum will be held in the Amazon region, in the city of Belem (state of Para, Brasil). During Abuja IC meeting, the representatives of Belem Organising Committee presented the guidelines and an overview of WSF 2009.

5-a) WSF 2009 - Strategic guidelines

The Amazon 2009 FSM will be guided by three strategic guidelines:

- a) To be effectively a space where leagues are built to strength action proposals and alternative formulations.
- b) To be hegemonized by self-organized activities.
- c) To have a clear Pan-Amazonic accent.

These guidelines will be reflected in three constitutive dimensions of 2009 FSM:

- a) Celebrative
- b) League constructive and its action platforms.
- c) Debate / Discussions / Witnesses

5-b) WSF 2009 - The construction process

WSF 2009 will strength the the regional process by articulating itself with the Pan Amazonic Social Forum (FSPA). This will be explicated in the second day of programming, dedicated to the Pan Amazonic activities.

Since april 10th the website for Belem 2009 is in final test stage. The website will be a key element of articulation for WSF 2009, playing the role of a constructive space of proposals and a facilitator of approaches. Organizations, movements, entities and people's representations will be able to present their profiles, propose self-organized activities and get in contact with other participants. These alliances built on each proposal will be the majority of 2009 WSF programming.

The Organizing Committee is also stimulating the formation of local committees in amazonic region.

From july 10th to 12th, a Methodology Seminar will happen in Belem. Plenary suggested that this Semminar can also inlcude other commissions that are important to the process (I.E.: Communication and Expansion).

The working group “Methodology and Communication tools” will be created to facilitate the discussions and the work.

5-c) WSF 2009 - Mobilization and preparatory calendar

The following calendar was presented:

- April 10th - launch of 2009 FSM web site (final test stage)
- late April – launch of the consultations about the objectives of 2009 FSM (programmed ending: late may)
- May and June – Consultation Systematization
- 10th to 12th July – Seminar about FSM Methodology (Local GT with CI GT), in Belém in CNBB seat (accommodation, food supply and meetings).
- August to October 2008 – registration of activities
- August to December 2008 – registration of participants (it can be postponed until January 15th 2009)

5-d) WSF 2009 - programming

- January 25th – Registration
- January 27th – Opening march (afternoon)
- January 28th – Pan-Amazon day
- January 29th to 31st – self-organized activities *
- February 1st – FSM Enclosure
- February 2nd and 3rd – IC meeting

* Self-organized activities will be realized in the following shifts:

1st. - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m

2nd. - 12:00 to 3:00 p.m

3rd. - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m

4th - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - dedicated to the league and convergence meetings.

During Methodology discussion, some people raised that leaving the convergence and league meetings for the end of the day can be a problem.

5-e) WSF 2009 - Territory

Two sites will host WSF 2009 activities:

- 1) Universidade Federal do Pará (Pará Federal University)
- 2) Universidade Federal Rural da Amazônia (Amazon Federal Rural University).

Although the territory configuration will be consolidated in the process of consult, the proposal of 2009 FSM Committee suggests spaces in the territory for the following blocks: 1) rooms for meetings and workshops; 2) Cultural rooms for videos and movies, about 4 stages to presentations and rooms and opened spaces to exhibitions; 3) Institutional Fair; 4) Pan-Amazonic House; 5) Youth Camping; 6) “Curimim-erê” House (space dedicated to children); 7) Solidarity Economy Fair; 8) inter-religious space; 9) Afro space; 10) Indigenous people space; 11) Women's space.

During Methodology discussion, it was raised the proposal of empowering the synergies between the groups from the specific spaces (I.E.: youth, children, indigenous, landless...) and not isolate them in separated spaces.

5-f) WSF 2009 – proposed fees

Registration for Entity (allows to present, at maximum, 4 activities)

Region	Value per entity (and one person)	Addition for each extra person	Observation
NORTH Entities	US\$ 50,00	US\$ 10,00	20% of the main price
SOUTH Entities	US\$ 30,00	US\$ 6,00	20% of the main price
PAN AMAZÔNIC Entities	US\$ 20,00	US\$ 4,00	20% of the main price

Individual Registration

Region	Individual Value	Observation
From the NORTH	US\$ 30,00	
From the SOUTH	US\$ 20,00	
from PAN AMAZÔNICA	US\$ 10,00	
Local Population	R\$ 1,00	(with the right for a badge)

5-g) Belem “Expanded”

It was a consensus that the 2009 World Social Forum to be held in Belem should take advantage of the new format brought to the WSF frame by the Global Day of Action. Belem shouldn't be an isolated event.

In order to think on how to make Belem “expanded”, a working group should be formed.

6) COMMISSIONS REPORTS AND DECISIONS – EXPANSION

6-a) EXPANSION - Membership Renewal and low attendance to IC meetings

In previous meetings, the IC instructed the Expansion Commission to do an audit of IC members who for some time had failed to attend IC meetings without providing any reason, with an aim of encouraging them to attend and renew membership or confirm termination of membership. The process was initiated but due to lack of a dedicated person to follow-up, the process collapsed.

The Commission considered only organizations that joined from 2001 to 2004 and made a list

of 15 members that never attended to any IC meeting, plus 18 organisations that attended to a maximum of 2 IC meetings in this period.

The Expansion Commission recommended and the plenary accepted:

- to revive the process of membership renewal by producing and circulating the list of all those members to all IC members.
- to write a letter to them enquiring about their status – (whether willing to continue membership or find out reasons of not attending)
- Ask IC members, regional forums who may have contacts with these organizations to do same.
- To conclude the audit of membership attendance by the end of August 2008, so that the Expansion Commission would circulate its report to the IC members on time for discussion at the next WSF IC meeting.

=> See Annex 01 for low attendance report

6-b) EXPANSION - Process and Strategy

The Expansion Commission recommends to strength the process in weak regions by using the Regional Chapter to help initiatives, specially in new regions like Nepal, Russia and Arab countries.

It was also noted that the Global Day of Action offers an opportunity for the expansion of WSF process, based on the principle of inclusiveness.

Four teams were formed to produce a report about the possibilities of how to take the expansion process forward, identifying previous works and challenges. This report will be presented by Moema and Rafaella by the end of May 2008. The teams are:

- 1) Global Day of Action – coordinated by Rafaella;
- 2) Africa – coordinated by Bheki and Sara;
- 3) Latin America, Mexico and USA – coordinated by Moema and Steve
- 4) Asia - Amit

Three new virtual workgroups on Expansion will be created: Asia, Russia and Arab World. These groups will have email lists hosted in the new www.openfsm.net website, which is in last stage of development by Communication Commission.

6-c) EXPANSION - New IC Applicants

The Commission applied rules governing applications for membership to IC. Five applications were received and circulated to all IC members.

Recommendations / Proposals

Name of Organisation	Completed Form	Supporting IC members
1. Peoples Health Movement	Yes	Focus Global South Ibase

2. Social Movement Indaba	Yes	Focus Jubilee South
3. World Alliance for Arts Education	No	No support
4. Organisation de la Jeunesse Africaine	Yes	Enda Crid
5. Foundation Franz Fanon	Yes	Crid All Information Centre

Expansion Commission recommendations that Peoples Health Movement, Social Movement Indaba, Organisation de la Jeunesse Africaine and Foundation Franz Fanon be accepted as members of the IC was unanimously approved.

Regarding the application of World Alliance for Arts and Education, it was agreed that the Expansion Commission revert back to the application and advise it to complete the questionnaire and form accordingly.

7) COMMISSIONS REPORTS AND DECISIONS - METHODOLOGY

Methodology Commission and following debate highlighted some issues about World Social Forum 2009.

7-a) METHODOLOGY - Organizing the 6th day of WSF 2009

The convergence day of World Social Forum should go ahead of previous alliances stabilised by movements and to achieve this a proper methodology should be well thought.

Maximise the website as a tool to prepare WSF 2009, allowing previous contacts between participants.

- Need to be prepared ahead, long before, with new ideas, approaches : 10-12 July, Seminar of the Methodology Commission in Belem

7-b) METHODOLOGY - Importance of impulsing new expressions

The WSF should allow new forms of approaching the reality inside it's framework (for instance, through arts and culture)

It's important not to separate the cultural space and the "political space".

Belem's Committee suggested that each delegation brings also their "cultural representatives", besides the political ones.

7-c) METHODOLOGY - Integration of a global perspective in the Pan-Amazonic day

The Pan-Amazonic Day should not only serve to project local situation and mobilisations of Amazon people, but also to linke with problems and struggles of people from other parts of the world.

7-d) METHODOLOGY - Environmental impact of the WSF in Belem

To avoid the contradiction of not respecting environment in the Amazonia and be free of media criticisms, the Organising Committee and the IC should insert in Methodology discussion the impact caused by the happening of WSF in Belem (airline travels, local pollution generated by transportation, trash produced by participants, impact on climate, reduce the usage of plastic and paper and other environmental issues).

7-e) METHODOLOGY - Other issues and proposals

Quickly publicize all the statements and proposals raised during the WSF. The statements and proposals can be organised in alphabetical order.

Try to bring other “forest savers” from other parts of the world (if possible, with financial support by the IC). I.E: people from Indonesia or other regions with forests.

Creation of a Translation and Interpretation Workgroup, with members of IC Commissions, Belem's Organising Committee, Translators and Interprets.

As reported in item 5-b, Belem's local organising committee will host a Methodology meeting in july (from 10 to 12).

8) COMMISSIONS REPORTS AND DECISIONS - RESOURCES

The Resources Commission highlighted the innovative potential of the Global Day of Action on mobilizing resources through Commissions. There was also a substantive mobilisation of resources at local level.

8-a) RESOURCES – Present Situation

By present moment, the resources raised during the Global Day of Action are almost over and there's a sense of donor's fatigue. As a proposal, the Resource Commission suggests to think of new donors as well as other forms of resources mobilisation.

The deficits and audit process, as well as proposals for managing budgets and finding new donors were also raised.

8-b) RESOURCES – deficits and audits

The 2005 WSF event deficit (borne by ABONG) has been reduced but not totally erased. Deficit of USD 194,000 outstanding.

The 2007 WSF in Nairobi has no deficit (the event audit was completed)

Africa Social Forum audit is under process.

8-c) RESOURCES – Proposals and decisions

The event budget and the process budget will be put together in a global proposal which will be submitted to various donor agencies.

The estimate amount for Belem forum is about € 3.3 million.

The estimate amount for the process is about € 500 thousand

Each commission needs to prepare a bare-bones budget for all our work so that our priorities are well worked out.

Make estimates and budgets on a long term plan and not only work on emergency budget on yearly basis.

A list of potential donors will be circulated and IC members should contribute on finding more supporters for the WSF forum.

As the Commissions and IC members were invited to find potential donors, the finance needs and discussions should be co-responsibility of commissions, the liaison group and resource commission. The proposal is a working group with 2-3 members from the Liaison group and 2-3 members from the resource commission to play a more active role in the creating guidelines for the budgets for each commissions and then for the finalisation of budget and fund raising.

=> See Annex 02 for the first draft on WSF process budget

9) Commissions reports – Communication

The Communication Commission report was focused on evaluating and highlighting some points of Communication Plan approved in Berlin during 2007 IC meeting. The plan was divided in two parts: 1) Global Day of Action and 2) Mid term plan (until mid 2009).

As a general evaluation of the communication role during Global Day of Action, it was consensual that due to the given circumstances, the short term plan has been implemented fairly successfully.

Considering the World Social Forum as a continuous process, the objective of Communication Commission is to support all kinds of interactions between participants, providing tools for intercommunication, alliances and actions, not only during it's the most prominent "forms" (as big events such as Belem 2009 forum), but also to include and increase participation.

After the GDA, the work of the IC Communication Commission work will be in coordination with Belem OC communication and methodology groups

9-a) COMUNICACION – Working Groups and Communication Plan Evaluation

During GDA, 9 working groups related to participants and 5 working groups related to media were created and can be extended for the mid term plan. Each group should have at least 2 referent people to facilitate and stimulate the work:

Working groups related to participants

1. Webteam (web strategy and wsf websites support)
2. WSF internet training (stimulating local training programs)
3. Live space for IC internal communication (help desk)
4. Streaming at events (how to coordinate and stimulate it)
5. Intercommunication (support-promotion of connections)
6. Reporting (stimulate and collect feedbacks / memory)
7. Practical info content (WSF newsletters, etc.)
8. Translation (stimulate translations of IC related contents...)
9. Promotion (share logos, banners, etc.)

Working groups related to media

1. Alternative media (networking media activists - org./collect.)
2. Press (decentralised press conferences –press kits)
3. Journalists (stimulate journalist network)
4. Radio (radio forum exchange)
5. Video (platform, exchange, network, satellite distr.)

9-b) COMUNICACION – Guidelines after Abuja

The Communication commission will organise a seminar in June 2008 (venue and date has to be yet decided) to work on the tools, guidelines and coherence and build up team spirit with all the people involved.

The results of the strategy seminar in Abuja will be used as a basis to work on a more focused communication plan.

The website www.wsf2008.net, created for the Global Day of Action should become permanent (changing its name and improving it) and should work as visibility tool for agendas of organisations participating in WSF process.

The website www.openfsm.net has been adopted for Commissions and Working Groups of IC (to replace the IC lists with a more open and coherent platform) and for the decentralized online preparation of activities in Belem.

Communicate the connected and interlinked formula of Belem 2009 decided in Abuja (Belem Expandido) as a “Global participation / interconnection day.

10) REPORT ON SOLIDARITY FUND

The IC meeting held in Abuja counted with the support of Action Aid, the African WSF Council and Novib. Each IC member or observer coming from the North was invited to contribute with the amount of 400 euros to the solidarity fund.

An amount of € 3.200, £ 200 and 10.000 Nairas from 11 organisations were donated to the solidarity fund.

Action Aid donated the amount of US\$ 44.654,00 and, in accordance with the Liason Group, decided to support accommodations for all the South participants. With this mechanism, the amount raised with the North contributions, was saved in the solidarity fund.

Airline tickets and accommodation of participants coming from the north were paid by themselves.

Airline tickets of african observers and IC members were funded by African Council.

Three Global Day of Action (GDA) people were invited to this meeting and their costs were funded by Novib project.

11) Next IC meeting

Rafaella Bolini (Arci) was designated to follow the proposals from next ESF to see if they will host also an IC meeting.

Nordic Committee proposed and the LG accepted to host the IC meeting in Copenhagen, just after ESF 2008 (that'll be held in Malmö, Sweden, from September 18th to 21st).

Main organisations from Nordic Committee can cover places for the meetings and accommodation in hostels, but not travel tickets.

ANNEX 01 – LOW ATTENDANCE TO IC MEETINGS

List of organizations to be contacted – April 26, 2006 /

Lista de organizaciones a contactar – 26 de abril de 2006

(*These lists do not include organizations who have joined the IC in 2004 or after /

* Las listas no incluyen organizaciones que adherirán al CI en 2004 y después)

Organizations absent from all IC meetings* / Ausentes de todas las reuniones*		
Organization	Country	Year when joined the IC
ACTU - Australian Council of Trade Unions	Australia	2001-2002
ARENA - Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives	Hong Kong	2001-2002
Assemblée Européenne des Citoyens	França	2001-2002
Bankwatch Network	República Tcheca	2001-2002
Canadian Council	Canada	2001-2002

Organizations absent from all IC meetings* / Ausentes de todas las reuniones*

Organization	Country	Year when joined the IC
ACTU - Australian Council of Trade Unions	Austrália	2001-2002
CEDETIM- Centre d'Etudes et d' Initiatives de Solidarité Internationale	França	2001-2002
Congresso Nacional Indígena do México	México	2001-2002
Coordinación del Foro "El Otro Davos"	Suiça	2001-2002
Coordenadora de Centrais Sindicais do Cone Sul	Uruguai	2001-2002
Corpwatch	Estados Unidos	2001-2002
Global Policy Network		2001-2002
Jubileo South – África	África do Sul	2001-2002
Jubileu 2000	Japão	2001-2002
Land Research Action Network		2001-2002
SIGTUR - Southern Initiative on Globalisation and Trade Union Rights		2001-2002

Attending 1 or 2 meetings only* / Presentes en solamente 1 o 2 reuniones*

n. of meetings	Organisation	Year of adhesion
1	Fecoc - Frente Continental de Organizações Comunitárias	2001-2002
1	Fórum Dakar	2001-2002
1	Forum of the Poors	2001-2002
1	Global Exchange	2001-2002
1	IATP – Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy	2001-2002
1	Narmada	2001-2002
1	Rede Mundial de Mulheres pelos Direitos Reprodutivos	2001-2002
1	Rede Palestina de ONGs (PNGO)	2001-2002
2	AFL-CIO - American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations	2001-2002
2	Africa Trade Network	2001-2002
2	All Arab Peasants & Agricultural Co-operatives Union	2001-2002
2	FIAN – Food First International Action Network	2001-2002
2	IFAT - International Federation of Alternative Trade	2001-2002
2	IGTN – International Gender and Trade Network	2001-2002
2	IRN – International Rivers Network	2001-2002
2	OATUU – Organization of African Trade Unions Unity	2001-2002
2	Public Citizen	2001-2002
2	Znet	2001-2002

ANNEX 02 – FIRST DRAFT ON WSF PROCCES BUDGET

WSF PROCESS BUDGET

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>EURO</i>
Liaison Group	
Travel & Accommodation	42,000
Staff & Infrastructure	
Permanent Staff	100,000

Sub Contracts (Webmaster)	1,000	
Lists Maintenance	3,000	
Communications, Web, Prints	9,960	
Accounting, Audits, Upkeep	5,880	
Office Rent, Telephone, Materials	4,320	
		124,160

Resources Commission

Resource Mobilisation		39,000
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Communications Commission Pierre,
you're right. There was no link to process and opensfm.

I've added on "links" section - http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br/main.php?id_menu=17&cd_language=2 - which could be accessed via sidebar.

Now things are more calm here at the office. We've got a new room, computers working and boxes unpacked. One of my "missions" is to make a sitemap of www.forumsocialmundial.org.br, to see what we can/need to update. The

Coordination/supervision/adm costs	15,000	
Comm. Meetings - Travel	15,000	
Press Pool & journalist net work	20,000	
Video Materials	20,000	
Alternative media network& Radio	20,000	
Websites & newsletters (process/institutional sites)	40,000	
Promo – Design	8,000	
Translations: docs, webs, lists		10,000
Online Donations	2,000	
		150,000

International Council (SF).....(Not requested yet)

Methodology & Content Commission

Travel and Accommodation		20,000
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Expansion Commission.....(Not requested yet)

Activities to be programmed by the IC in Nigeria for 2009-2010.....(Not requested yet)

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ANNEX 03 – ATTENDANCE LIST TO ABUJA'S IC MEETING

IC Members

1. ABONG - Associação Brasileira de ONGs
2. Action Aid International - AAI
3. Alternatives Russia
4. Amigos da Terra / Friends of the Earth
5. APRODEV - Association of World Council of Churches related Development Organizations in Europe
6. Articulación Feminista Marco Sur
7. ASC - Aliança Social Continental
8. ATTAC France
9. CADTM- Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette du Tiers Monde
10. Caritas Internacionalis
11. CBJP - Comissão Brasileira de Justiça e Paz
12. CIDSE – Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité
13. Conselho Mundial de Igrejas
14. COSATU - Congress of South African Trade Unions
15. CRID - Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Développement
16. CUT – Central Única dos Trabalhadores
17. Encuentros Hemisféricos contra el ALCA
18. ENDA – Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde
19. FIDH – Fed. Internacional Direitos Humanos
20. Grassroots Global Justice
21. HIC – Habitat International Coalition
22. IBASE – Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas
23. International Alliance of Habitants
24. IPAO – Institut Panos Afrique de l'Ouest
25. IPF - Instituto Paulo Freire
26. Italian Coordination of European Social Forum
27. Ittijah - Union of Arab Community Based Associations
28. ITUC – International Trade Union Confederation
29. Jubilee South - Africa
30. Jubilee South - Asia
31. Jubileu Sul América Latina
32. NIGD - Network Institute for Global Democratization
33. NNAWG - National Network of Autonomous Women's Groups
34. OCLAE - Continental Organization of Latin America and Caribbean Students
35. OXFAM Internacional
36. PPEHRC – Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign
37. Rede CONSEU (Conferencia de Naciones sin Estado de Europa)
38. ROAD - Réseau Ouest Africain des Alternatives pour le Développement
39. Social Watch
40. SODNET – Social Development Network
41. Solidarity Africa Network in Action
42. Transform!
43. UBUNTU - Foro Mundial de Redes de la Sociedad Civil
44. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Network
45. Via Campesina
46. World March of Women

Observers

1. African Social Forum

2. African Women's Development and
3. AFRODAD
4. AL-Mesalla Human Resources Developing Center
5. ASF Niger
6. Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates
7. ATTAC Japan
8. Babels
9. Comite Local Belem
10. COPEVI
11. FEMNET
12. FOEI
13. Fórum São Paulo
14. Forum Social Maroc
15. Forum Social Senegalais
16. FSM Mexico 2008
17. Gambia Social Forum
18. GARED
19. IBASE – Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas
20. IFRA
21. Institute of Globalisation and Social Movements
22. ONG Femme AID
23. Organization de la Jeunesse Africaine
24. Pakistan Social Forum
25. Palestinian National Initiative
26. Peoples Health Movement
27. Power
28. ROPPA
29. Zambia Social Forum