

The WSF's Global Call to Action

A Directory

PART THREE

CACIM

(Working draft, January 22 2008)

Table of Contents

0. Introduction

1. Call for Day(s) of Action and Mobilisation, January 26 2008

2. Is the World Social Forum Approaching a Point of Crisis ?

- *Jai Sen, CACIM*

3. World Social Forum at the Crossroads

- *Walden Bello*

4. Crossroads do not Always Close Roads

- *Chico Whitaker*

5. Evaluating from the Inside, With Optimism

- *Chico Whitaker*

6. A Directory of Actions on and around the GDA

[7. Global Mobilisation Calls from Around the World](#)

8. Appendix

- a. [First signatories of the Global Call for Action](#)
- b. [Proposed actions as per the WSF Newsletter 26 Nov 2007](#)
- c. [Resources on Global Day of Action](#)

Prepared by Aryakrishnan R and Sébastien Verville, at CACIM, New Delhi, India, January 5-23 2008, based on information available on www.wsf2008.net

CACIM – India Institute for Critical Action : Centre in Movement

A-3 Defence Colony, New Delhi 110 024, India

Ph : +91-11-4155 1521, +91-11-2433 2451

cacim@cacim.net

www.cacim.net / www.openspaceforum.net

7

Global / open mobilisation calls from around the world (to be added to..)

World March of Women

<http://www.wmw-action26january.blogspot.com/> accessed on 091008

'The World March of Women' is planning "Batucada" a musical event to mark the Global Day of Action. So far in Brazil, Kenya and Quebec preparations are going on.

The feminist "batucada" is a group of activist, feminist, anti-capitalist and anti-racist women that, in Brazil, appeared in 2003, as one more instrument on the World March of Women struggle. It is part of the actions against the commodification of the women's body and life.. The instruments they use are made, mostly of recycled materials, or materials that are part of our daily life. Plastic barrels, kerosene cans, soda or beer cans, broomsticks and plastic bottles are some of them. As part of the Global day of Action, the World March of Women

Bali Programme

<http://www.inesc.org.br/news/invitation-for-wsf-meetings-in-bali-for-the-global-call-for-action/>

Invitation for WSF meetings in Bali for the Global Call for Action

9th December 2007 at the Solidarity Village, and planning meeting on 11th December

WSF India, Institute for Global Justice, FSPI, Focus on the Global South

3 December 2007

Dear friends

The call for a Global Day of Action on 26th January 2008, is a major innovation for the WSF process globally. Many of you would already be planning activities around this Call (see below).

You are also aware of the Conference on Climate Change in **Bali**, Indonesia on 3-14th December. In addition to the official events, there will be satellite events organised by movements and NGOs linked to the Asian and global processes of the WSF, and many will be attending these events. This provides a good opportunity to find some time to meet together and discuss how we can liaise and co-ordinate our activities for the 26th January mobilisation. It is also an opportunity to try to take forward the WSF process in Asia.

As you may know, the Colombo consultation on WSF, involving Asian movements and organisations, in June 2005, had constituted the Interim WSF Asia Council. We met during the Hong Kong Ministerial in December, 2005, at the polycentric WSF event in Karachi and at the Indian Social Forum in New Delhi in 2006, but a fully inclusive meeting drawing in participation from all parts of Asia has not been possible after Colombo.

We propose a larger meeting of movements and organizations in the Solidarity Village (see below) Address: Solidarity Village for a Cool Planet, Kampung CSO Nusa Dua (at the **Bali** Collection shopping complex) on December 9th, 2007 at 7 pm to 9 pm to discuss the 26th January mobilisation in Asia, and another smaller planning meeting on more long term issues regarding deepening of the WSF process in Asia on December 11 th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Ratna Beach Hotel, Jalan D, Segara Ayu no. 10, Sanur, **Bali**, Indonesia, Phone: +62361-289109, Fax: +62361-288418. We would like to invite your organisation to send a representative to these meetings, recognizing your organisation's experience as part of the movement against neo-liberal and corporate globalization and also your interest in the social forum process. We look forward to a positive reply from you.

In solidarity,

WSF India, Institute for Global Justice, Federasi Serikat Petani Indonesia (FSPI), Focus on the Global South

General correspondence regarding the meeting: Sonila , for WSF India, email: sonila@focusweb.org, Telephone: +91-22-6592 1141 / 51 Telefax: +91-22-2625 4347.

Contact for logistics: Amalia Pulungan: amalia@globaljust.org, sendamalia@gmail.com, Mobile: +62856 1446269

People's Health Assembly Exchange

<http://lists.kabissa.org/lists/archives/public/pha-exchange/msg03520.html> accessed on 070108

Subject: PHA-Exch> WSF Global Day of Action, January 2008

From: Jennifer Cox <jenkwr@xxxxxxxx>

Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 21:10:35 -0800 (PST)

Hi PHM Friends,

We are forwarding this in hopes that PHM circles around the world will join in this Global Day of Action along with the Assembly of Social Movements and the World Social Forum (this Global day of Mobilization is being held instead of the WSF this year, January 26, 2008). The Poor People's Economic HUman Rights Campaign (PPEHRC) a part of PHM USA and also on the leadership of the WSF and ASM has been working on this Global Day.

Please join us on January 26 and write to me (as PPEHRC International Relations Committee) and to the website/contact below with any questions or thoughts on PHM's participation in the GDA on any level.

Attached is the overall call for the GDA and the PPEHRC's call, from the US Social Forum in JUNE 2007. Movements are encouraged to develop their own calls, activities and theme areas.

See the mobilization website for the call in many languages.

Jen Cox

PPEHRC

From Mobilization 2008 working group:

Dear friends,

You are receiving this letter due to your prior engagement to the World Social Forum process, particularly through the mobilization and building of local Social Forum Committees and local Social Forums.

As you might know, the WSF 2008 brings a new concept! Instead of having a meeting in one specific city, the idea is to mobilize everywhere we can in a Global Day of Action. On January 26th, any movement, group or organization can promote their own actions to build "another possible world?".

Below you will find the call for action issued by the WSF International Council.

Spread the information in your cities and within your network contacts!!

Please send information on the activities you are planning to globalaction@xxxxxxxx Soon, at the website www.wsf2008.net it will be possible to publish the initiatives that are being planned worldwide.

8

Appendix

a. First signatories of the Global Call for Action

<http://dev.wsf2008.net/eng/node/69> (accessed on 090108)

50 Years is Enough! – United States
 AAI - Action Aid International
 AAWC - Palestinian grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign
 ABONG - Associação Brasileira de ONGs - Brazil
 African Forum on Alternatives - Senegal
 African Social Forum Council - Africa
 AIC - Alternative Information Center – Jerusalem
 ALAI - Agencia Latinoamericana de Información - Latin America
 Alis
 AMARC - Asociación Mundial de Radios Comunitarias
 ANND - Arab NGO Network for Development
 APC - Asamblea de los Pueblos del Caribe - Caribbean
 APRODEV - Association of World Council of Churches related
 ARCI - Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana
 Assembly of the Peoples' UN
 Development Organizations in Europe
 Articulación Feminista Marco Sur - Latin America
 ASC - Alianza Social Continental - Americas
 Asia and the Pacific Movement on Debt and Development
 ATTAC Brasil - Brazil
 ATTAC France - France
 ATTAC Germany - Germany
 Babels
 BEACON - Kenya
 Bihar Social Institute
 Bunge la wananchi
 CADTM - Committee for the Abolition of the Third World Debt
 Caritas Internationalis
 CBJP - Comissão Brasileira de Justiça e Paz - Brazil
 CEAAL – Consejo de Educación de Adultos de América Latina
 CEDETIM - France
 Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society - India
 Centro de Promoción y Educación Profesional "Vasco de Quiroga" - Mexico
 CETRI - Centre tricontinental
 CIDSE – Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité - Europe
 Ciranda - Brazil
 CIVES – Associação Brasileira de Empresários pela Cidadania - Brazil
 CLACSO – Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales - Latin America
 Colectivo de Mexicanos en Resistencia desde Barcelona
 Coligação para a Justiça Económica
 COMPA - Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Américas - Americas
 Confederazione COBAS - Italy
 COSATU - Congress of South African Trade Unions - South Africa
 CRID - Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Développement - France
 CUT – Central Única dos Trabalhadores - Brazil
 Dialogo Sur-Sur LGBT/LGBT South-South Dialogue
 Encuentros Hemisféricos contra el ALCA - Americas
 ENDA – Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde - Africa
 ESSF - Europe Solidaire sans Frontières - France
 EURALAT - Observatorio Eurolatinoamericano sobre el Desarrollo Democrático y Social
 Euromarches – Marches Européennes - Europe
 FAMES - Forum des Femmes Africaines pour un Monde de l'Economie Solidaire
 FBOMS - Fórum Brasileiro de ONGs e Movimentos Sociais para o Meio Ambiente e o Desenvolvimento
 Federación Mundial de Juventudes Democráticas
 FIDH – Fed. Internacional Derechos Humanos

WSF's Global Call to Action : A Directory

CACIM, New Delhi, India / www.cacim.net. Working draft, January 22 2008

FIOM - Federazione Impiegati Operai Metallurgici- Italy
 Focus on the Global South - Asia
 Food Trade and Nutrition Coalition - Asia
 Forum of Local Authorities
 FTM – Forum du Tiers Monde
 GGJ - Grassroots Global Justice – United States
 GPF - Global Progressive Forum
 Greek Social Forum - Greece
 Grupo de trabajo italiano sobre los foros internacionales - Italy
 GTA – Grupo de Trabalho Amazônico - South America
 Herriak Aske - Basque Country
 HIC – Habitat International Coalition
 IAH - International Alliance of Habitants
 IBASE – Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas - Brazil
 ICAE - Consejo Internacional de Educación de Adultos
 IEF/CTA - Instituto de Estudios y Formación de la Central de Trabajadores Argentinos - Argentina
 IFAT - International Fair Trade Network
 IFTDH - International Federation Terre des Hommes
 IGTN – International Gender and Trade Network
 IPAM - France
 IPAO – Institut Panos Afrique de l’Ouest - West Africa
 IPF - Instituto Paulo Freire - Brazil
 IPS – Inter Press Service
 Italian Coordination of European Social Forum - Italy
 Ittijah - The Union of Arab Community Based Associations in Palestine 48
 ITUC - International Trade Union Confederation
 Jubilee South - Africa
 Jubilee South – Asia - Asia
 Jubileu Sul América Latina - Latin America
 KCTU – Korean Confederation of Trade Unions - Korea
 KENDREN - Kenya
 Movimiento Mexicano de Solidaridad con Cuba
 MST – Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra - Brazil
 NIGD - Network Institute for Global Democratization
 NNAWG - National Network of Autonomous Women’s Groups - India
 Nova - Centre per a la Innovació Social – Catalonia - Spain
 OCLAE - Continental Organization of Latin America and Caribbean Students - Latin America
 Oneworld
 OXFAM Internacional
 P.A.T - Kenya
 PPEHRC – Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign – United States
 Projeto K - Europe
 Rede Social de Justiça e Direitos Humanos
 REMTE -Red Latinoamericana Mujeres Transformando la Economía
 REPEM – Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres - Latin America
 Respect – United Kingdom
 ROAD - Réseau Ouest Africain des Alternatives pour le Developpement - West Africa
 RPP - Kenya
 SEATINI - Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute - Africa
 Social Science Research Center - Germany
 Social Watch
 SODNET – Social Development Network - Kenya
 Solidar - Europe
 Solidarity Africa Network in Action - Africa
 Tavola della Pace - Italy
 TNI - Transnational Institute
 Transform! - Europe
 UBUNTU - Foro Mundial de Redes de la Sociedad Civil
 Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Network
 Via Campesina
 WCC - World Council of Churches
 WFA - World Forum for Alternatives
 World March of Women
 WSF India - India
 WSF Organising Committee Pakistan - Pakistan

WSF Organising Committee Kenya - Kenya
WSF Solidarity Network / Japan - Japan

[updated June 14th 2007]

b. Proposed actions as per the WSF Newsletter 26 Nov 2007

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1060>

The Americas

Brazil

The Brazilian Association of Women (<http://www.articulacaodemulheres.org.br/>) is organizing a carnival block with feminist themes.

Abong (www.abong.org.br) has called its associates from all over the country to participate in the mobilization journey. At the end of November, the Directive Council meets to decide on more specific coordination. Organizations linked to this Association can get further information by e-mail from marcelo@abong.org.br

The Brazilian Commission for Peace and Justice in São Paulo is organizing a multi-theme event at São Luis School, São Paulo. For further info: cjpsaopaulo@yahoo.com.br

The Paulista Network for Culture and Democratization of Communication will hold an activity on media and globalization, and will also participate in the WSF media coverage.

In Belém, the city scheduled to host the WSF 2009, there will be thematic seminars on January 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and a public meeting on the 26th.

Canada

An organizing committee for the Global Day of Action has been set up, and will promote the Forum proposal and aims to connect groups and movements.

United States

Organizations such as Poor Peoples' Economic Human Rights Committee, GGJ and the US Social Forum intend to involve the country in the discussion of issues related to the WSF, as well as mobilizing society for the US presidential elections. They are putting themes such as migration and police repression on the agenda.

Africa and the Middle East

Lebanon

- From January 26th to February 2nd the International Conference on the Resistance to Imperialist Occupations and War is taking place. All organizations, unions, movements, politicians, intellectuals, artists and people of the Arab world are invited to take part. For further information: lccpress@yahoo.com, moqawama@lebanonview.com, lccpress@lebanonview.com. There is also a telephone contact: 009613858055 00961136823

Asia

India

Local organizations decided to establish an Asian committee to disseminate information on the Global Day of Action throughout the region. During the week of mobilization a mini Social Forum will take place in Mumbai. A press conference organized by women's organization is also scheduled, and local farmers will hold events to discuss the destruction of Indian agriculture.

Europe

Switzerland

The Fédération Genevoise de Coopération (<http://www.fgc.ch>) is organizing the second Solidarity Crusade from January 24th to 26th, on the theme of "Migration: a last chance for Development?"

Organizations from Switzerland and neighbouring countries like Germany and Austria intend to organize a Human Rights Train to Davos, to demand that the powers gathered at the Economic Forum clarify their recent actions.

Global activities and proposals

~ The World March of Women is organizing activities in 17 countries and has created a blog to mobilize women around the WSF 2008: <http://www.wmw-action26january.blogspot.com/>

~ The Mercosur Feminist Coordination has released a call in their network and will organize debates on current issues perceived from a feminist viewpoint. (<http://www.mujaresdelsur.org.uy/>)

~ Participants at the Hemispheric Social Alliance (<http://www.asc-hsa.org/>) will organize local actions and the network intends to consider mainly questions on global trade and the economic integration proposals that are currently under negotiation.

~ The IFTDH-International Federation Terre des Hommes (www.childtrafficking.com) proposes global mobilizations in defense of childrens' rights.

January 26th, a Global Day of Action for another possible world. Spread the idea: forward this newsletter to your contacts and start planning your activity for the WSF 2008 Week of Mobilization.

Translation and collaboration: Bettina Becker and Judith Hitchman

c. Resources on Global Day of Action

(to be added to)

Websites

www.wsf2008.net

www.wsfprocess.net

a promising civil society initiative needed in our current world

www.openspaceforum.net

www.cacim.net

<http://zapagringo.blogspot.com/2007/12/call-from-india.html>

Mailing lists (to be added to)

WSF Discuss : http://mail.openspaceforum.net/mailman/listinfo/worldsocialforum-discuss_openspaceforum.net

This list (WSFDiscuss) has been created for discussions about the World Social Forum as an idea and in practice.

Although focussing at this point on the WSF, this discussion will not only be about the Forum as such but also about lessons for politics and movement as a whole.

d1 ar 050108 ar-sv 090108 f js 100108 / d2 220108