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## **Brief report of the World Social Forum IC meeting<sup>1</sup>**

Nairobi, Kenya (January, from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007)  
at Stadia Guest House (Kasarani)

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1 This brief report is a summary of the main decisions taken in Parma. It is based on notes taken by Jason Nardi (Oneworld), Moema Miranda (Ibase) and Rolando Lopez (Ibase).

Nairobi IC meeting was recorded by NIGD and it will be available soon at [www.forumsocialmundial.org.br](http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br).

2 Text by Rolando Lopez (Ibase) and integrated by Jason Nardi (Oneworld) at the text Main agenda and decisions

## MAIN AGENDA AND DECISIONS

### 26<sup>th</sup> January - Morning

**Facilitators:** Wahu Kaara (African Social Forum), Moema Miranda (Ibase) and Njoki Njehu (Solidarity Africa Network in Action)

#### 1) WSF 2007 Nairobi evaluation/assessment discussion

The first part of the meeting was dedicated to confronting opinions and assessing how the 7<sup>th</sup> World Social Forum in Nairobi had gone. The debate started with presentations by Oduor Ogwen (Kenya Organising Committee), Taoufik B. Abdallah (African Social Forum Council), Njoki Njehu (Solidarity Africa Network in Action) and they pointed out the following evaluation elements:

It's difficult to make a serious evaluation at this moment, but some elements should be mentioned. Forum is result of long struggle and process. We have had a total of over 30 Forums in Africa. We also had the Bamako forum to learn from. The main difficult was the mobilisation. Because the social movement in Africa is fragmented and dominated by a few, it is not totally democratic. We are glad that there were a good number of African trade unionists. In terms of resources, of the 1,160,000 (US \$) we mobilised, only 69% were disbursed. No antecedent to the number of representatives. Too early to evaluate political repercussions. This forum was the most important one for Africa. Its an historical event. All our friends, first of all Holland, the first to support. Thank you to interpreters and volunteers.

Many people helped to mobilize and that has been very helpful. However, the issue of the poor was not managed well. In Kenya the poor are not in the slums only. They are also in the rural area. So please don't say that the poor did not have a chance. It's a plea to challenge the romantisation of the poor. Explanation of distribution and high price of water: 50.000 litres were free, the rest was not under control. The role of Kenya media in WSF: it was focused a bit late. Accommodation was a complete failure. It was not up to standards. Many sessions did not work. We assume full responsibility. Volunteers were also weak. It is premature to evaluate the Forum in Kenya. Finally, in spite of the problems, we feel it was a success.

While complimenting the Organising Committee for having successfully run the Forum, a number of problems, which have occurred, were discussed, including the following:

- Tendencies towards commercialisation, privatisation and excessive military/police presence on the WSF space;
- Setback of the World Social Terrains / solidarity economy and coherence with the WSF Charter of Principles;
- Exclusion of participants due to high costs of participation, food and water;
- Concern about the presence of organisations working against the rights of women, marginalised people, and against sexual rights and diversity, in contradiction to the WSF Charter of Principles;
- Media and securing good internet connection to work were not given enough importance;
- Translation/interpretation and amplification was not adequately provided.

Consensus was reached on the need of a set of "guidelines", in order to better work when organising future World Social Forums and evaluating them thereafter.

A separate proposal to continue the discussion on the evaluation of the WSF2007 was presented by Flavio Lotti, to be organised before the next IC meeting.

#### DECISIONS:

- **A new working group will be created to facilitate the assessment of the WSF process and to develop guiding principles for the future. The assessment WG has drafted the Terms of Reference in order to come up with a framework and set of guidelines [Nicola Bullard and Jason Nardi have made a first draft, based on the**

first meetings during the IC – see *Appendix 1*]. The final version will be sent next week.

- The work group was first set up during IC meeting, but it will be opened for new members. A specific message about this subject will be sent by the Secretariat next week.
- An evaluation seminar shall be organised before the next IC meeting, by the same working group.

### **26<sup>th</sup> January – Afternoon**

**Facilitators:** Vinod Raina (Jubilee South), Celita Eccher (ICAE) , Oduor Ogwen (Kenya Organising Committee)

#### **2) WSF 2008 Mobilisation and proposals**

The IC confirmed its decision to launch a global Day of Action towards the end of January 2008. Depending on countries and areas, the form and duration of this action can vary around a reference date (probably 26 January) coinciding with the opening of the World Economic Forum at Davos. The set of actions to be carried out on an international scale aims at fighting neoliberalism and is inspired by the Charter of Principles of the WSF.

The working group for WSF 2008 has presented a proposal, which was emended and approved (see *Appendix 2*).

The communication commission has also met during the IC meeting and proposed to work on a revised strategy for communication towards the 2008 mobilisation, to fundraise for it and to implement it directly. It asked for a specific mandate from the IC to go ahead in this direction.

#### **DECISIONS:**

WG on 2008 mobilisation proposal accepted. In particular:

- **The WSF process will be characterised in 2008 by a set of simultaneous activities conducted regionally and/or locally all over the world and one common day of global impact and visibility reinforced by common communication strategy and tools;**
- **The overarching slogan will be Another World is Possible/Under Construction – to be decided at the next IC meeting. Proposed actions will be in continuity with the 2007 Nairobi WSF discussions, particularly the outcomes of the fourth day (plans of action and campaigns). Dynamics and activities should be open, inclusive and plural, in the spirit of the World Social Forum process, and have to be in accordance with the World Social Forum Charter of Principles;**
- **The dates of the activities for WSF 2008 should remain around the Davos dates and the global day of action/visibility will be January 26th/27th.**
- **The WG's responsibility is to produce a draft plan before the next IC meeting to be discussed and approved by the IC.**

Communication Commission special mandate given to work and produce a new communication strategy plan for the 2008 mobilisation process, fundraise for it and implement it.

### **27<sup>th</sup> January - Morning**

**Facilitators:** Prabir Purkayastha (WSF India) and Virginia Vargas (Articulaci3n Feminista Marcosur).

### **3) Facilitation / liaison group**

A proposal from the Facilitation working group (see complete proposal at *Appendix 3*) set up in Parma was to the IC for the creation of an "International Facilitation Group". Such a Group, made out of 7 people indicated and 7 alternates by the IC, would be able to support WSF process, starting from the need for the IC to structure its work around:

- An Annual Set of Objectives;
- Its Commissions with clear responsibilities;
- Task-oriented Working Groups linked to the Commissions.

The complete proposal was discussed and different concerns were expressed, especially about the creation of a new power structure within the IC and the relationship with the existing Commissions and the Working groups.

#### *DECISIONS:*

- **Maintain the work group set up in Parma, that should in-depth the debate, add suggestions presented, as well as present a new proposal at next IC meeting;**
- **In the meantime, mandate to the Brazilian Secretariat to function as facilitation of the IC work has been unanimously extended.**

### **27<sup>th</sup> January – Afternoon**

**Facilitators:** Cândido (*Ibase*), Brid Brennan (*TNI*)

### **4) Next IC meeting**

Two proposals to host the next IC meeting were presented. The international exhibition Terra Futura (Our future Earth) on good practices for sustainability – a legacy of the first European Social Forum – offered to host the IC from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 in Florence, Italy, with all local costs for accommodation, food, local transportation and logistics covered. It was presented as an opportunity to create synergies between the WSF and a wider constituency of organisations working on many of the same issues.

The second proposal was to have the next meeting of the International Council during the G8 Summit, which will take place at Rostock (Germany) in order to follow the protest actions that will go with it. Probable date: 9 and 10 June 2007. Logistics and expense coverage is all to be verified by possible host organisations, including the churches mobilizing around the international debt issues.

#### *DECISIONS:*

- **Hold next IC meeting in Berlin, Germany in June 2007 (1-3);**
- **Two weeks time were agreed to verify the details of feasibility and the final date and venue with local organisations.**

### **5) WSF 2009**

A first round of proposals on where the 8<sup>th</sup> World Social Forum should take place in 2009 were made in the last session of the IC: back to Brazil (for instance at Salvador de Bahia or Curitiba), or in a Mexican city close to the US border so as to bring together a large number of Mexicans, North Americans and Central Americans. Other suggestions have indicated Thailand or South Korea, which would anchor the process in East Asia. Many also called for the WSF to be hosted again in the African continent, as most members of the IC agree on the need to further reinforce struggles in Africa. The African OC will consider the possibility and report at the next IC meeting.

#### *DECISIONS:*

- **New proposals will be presented and debated at next IC meeting.**

## **1) Draft Terms of Reference**

### **Working group on assessment and guiding principles**

#### **DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

The International Council meeting in Nairobi on 26 and 27 January 2007, agreed to establish a working group to facilitate the assessment of the WSF process and to develop guiding principles for the future.

The tasks of the working group are to:

- Facilitate the assessment of the WSF process;
- Develop guiding principles for the future.

Timeline:

This working group will function from now until the next IC meeting in Berlin in June when the future of the working group will be re-assessed.

Composition:

The working group is open to all members and observers of the International Council. The final terms of reference will be posted on the IC email list with an invitation to join the working group after which the WSF secretariat will set up an email list for the working group.

#### **CONTEXT**

The past seven years of the World Social Forum process has been a rich experience of lessons learned and lessons "un-learned".

The purpose of assessing the World Social Forum process is to strengthen our work, to improve and deepen our practice, and to increase our political and social impacts.

Assessment is not merely a technical exercise: it is a political act. Therefore, our assessment of the process should be framed according to the values contained in the WSF Charter of Principles: that the WSF process is open, inclusive, plural, diverse, non-violent, non-racist, non-hierarchical, non-patriarchal, anti neo-liberal, ecological, non-confessional, non-governmental, non-party, and functions on the basis of solidarity, democracy and transparency.

#### **TASKS OF THE WORKING GROUP**

1. Facilitate the assessment of the WSF process by:

Undertaking an on-line survey using all available databases of WSF participants from 2001 until 2007, including regional forums.

This survey will be primarily quantitative with some optional qualitative questions.

The aim of the survey is to:

- Gauge the relationship (if any) between the WSF processes and movement building and campaigning in the broader society;
- Assess the role and usefulness of the WSF as part of the wider processes of resistance, movement building and creating alternatives; and
- Gather opinions on the future of the WSF on questions such as periodicity, format, time, etc.

A draft questionnaire will be designed by a small working group including sociologists with experience in data collection and surveys and the final form will be agreed by the working group.

The survey will be conducted in Spanish, English and French.

The working group will also need to consider whether funds should be raised to carry out the survey and analyse the data.

Facilitating a one day seminar to be held immediately prior to the next international council meeting in Berlin in early June.

The inputs for this seminar will include:

- Results of the above survey
- Africa Social Forum Council report on the Nairobi WSF
- Kenya Organising Committee report on the Nairobi WSF
- Any other available reports on previous World Social Forums and regional forums
- The report commissioned by the resources commission (the Novib report)
- Other qualitative and quantitative reports and surveys relevant to the overall discussion

The seminar will be facilitated by members of the working group.

The working group will aim to have all reports available two weeks before the meeting. At least the results of the on-line survey will be available in English, Spanish and French.

## 2. Develop guiding principles for the future

The working group will prepare a document, which aims to translate the principles of the WSF, as articulated in the Charter of Principles, into practice.

For example, the Charter of Principles states that the WSF is "in opposition to a process of globalisation commanded by the large multinational corporations and by the governments and international institutions at the service of those corporations interests, with the complicity of national governments." Therefore, in practice, the WSF processes should not be used to further the interests of transnational corporations, for example by refusing TNCs sponsorship, using free open source software, local products and local suppliers, etc.

Another example: "The World Social Forum will always be a forum open to pluralism and to the diversity of activities and ways of engaging of the organizations and movements that decide to participate in it, as well as the diversity of genders, ethnicities, cultures, generations and physical capacities, providing they abide by this Charter of Principles." In practice, therefore, the WSF process should facilitate this diversity and pluralism by ensuring maximum access for marginalized groups by guaranteeing physical, financial and linguistic access, access to information, to space, and so on.

The document will draw on the experiences of past forums, using examples of how the WSF principles can be implemented in practical ways, such as architecture, mobilisation and education of volunteers, provision of translation and interpretation, innovative and accessible communication tools, open and democratic decision-making processes, and so on.

In addition, the working group will try to develop some assessment tools, such as social, ecological and gender audits, which would help us to strengthen our work.

It is envisaged that this document would be a "work in progress" that could be continually added to drawing on the vast experiences and creativity of those involved in the WSF process. Nonetheless, its main purpose is to provide a "tool kit" for committees coordinating WSF processes in the future and a set of "indicators" for assessing to what extent we are "walking the talk".

**The draft document will also be discussed by the International Council and it will also be available on the WSF website for comments and suggestions.**

## **2) Proposal for 2008 mobilisation**

IC meeting working group

Nairobi, IC meeting January 26 to 27, 2007

1) The WSF process will be characterised in 2008 by a Global Day of Mobilisation, which will consist in a decentralized set of simultaneous activities conducted regionally and/or locally all over the world. The specific format (including the number of days) and slogan for these activities will be decided by those who organize these activities with one common day of global impact and visibility reinforced by common communication strategy and tools. These activities should help expand and deepen the WSF process.

2) The overarching slogan will be Another World is Possible/Under Construction – to be decided at the next IC meeting. The specific themes will be chosen by all the forums, networks and organisations and would be in continuity with the 2007 Nairobi WSF discussions, particularly the outcomes of the fourth day (plans of action and campaigns) and other issues that are important in global, regional, national or local areas. However, specific themes and activities selected should be such that all sectors and sections can participate. Dynamics and activities should be open, inclusive and plural, in the spirit of the World Social Forum process, and have to be in accordance with the World Social Forum Charter of Principles.

3) We propose that the Parma IC decision to have the dates of the activities for WSF 2008 around the Davos dates remains unchanged and the global day of action/visibility be January 26th/27th.

4) The working group set up in Parma remains open to any IC member interested in participating. It will be committed to spread up information about the Global Day of Mobilization, to involve in the process as much as possible all the actors, movements, networks and organizations working for another world, and to share ideas. It's responsibility of the IC working group to produce a draft plan before the next IC meeting to be discussed and approved by the IC.

### **3) WSF PROCESS FACILITATION: PROPOSALS FROM THE WORKING GROUP SET UP IN PARMA**

#### **Introduction:**

In Parma, a working group has been set up in order to make a proposal to the IC in the creation of an "International Facilitation Group".

The creation of such a Group is not a goal for the IC, but a mean. This Group would be able to support WSF process, only if the IC is able to establish a concrete work plan for the next year.

For this reason, the description of, what is called in this paper, the "**Liaison/Facilitation Group**", is included in a broader perspective starting from the need for the IC to structure its work around:

- An Annual Set of Objectives,
- Its Commissions with clear responsibilities
- Task-oriented Working Groups linked to the Commissions.

The Liaison/Facilitation Group will really be functional if IC defines a clear Set of Objectives.

The Working Group set up in Parma worked more specifically on:

- The mandate of the Liaison/Facilitation group;
- The composition of this group;
- The concrete tasks to be done by this group.

The following elements are resulting from the work undertaken by the Working Group during its meetings in Nairobi (19<sup>th</sup> of December and 16<sup>th</sup> of January).

It also receives several contributions from different people, which enable to fit the work done in Nairobi into a more general reflection on the WSF objectives and structures.

This text is being sent now only to all members of the IC in order to prepare its meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **PROPOSAL TO BE DISCUSSED IN NAIROBI**

#### **Preamble**

*Taking into account the fact that, after seven years of experience, the WSF process has been extended to large parts of the world, and is contributing a new political culture to emerge. This new culture considers possible another world based on social perspectives opposed to neoliberalism and based on the diversity, on the horizontalism and on the implication of a large variety of social actors,*

*Taking into account that one of the key aspect of this new political culture is the possibility to be owned and freely multiplied in any part of the world, by all those who want to share it. Meanwhile, this commitment to the process does not imply any link to a structure or an organization, which is already part of WSF process.*

*Taking into account the fact that the number of social actors, organizations, movements, and networks interested in contributing to WSF process, has increased significantly since 2001. This demonstrates the vitality of this initiative.*

*Taking into account that it is necessary to gather even more knowledge and more experiences in order to continue the construction of a new world and to avoid the threats our planet is facing.*

*The International Council (IC) agrees with the following recommendations, which aim to improve its work, integrating the energy and creativity of thousands of organizations already involved in the WSF process:*

1. *From now onwards, the IC will function on the basis of an **Annual Set of Objectives** and of **Working Groups** (WGs), linked to its existing **Commissions**. These WGs will be specific, open and time-limited (the working group will disappear when its objective has been realized). They will be designed in order to implement each objective of the Annual Set of Objectives.*
2. *The Set of Objectives must be approved by the IC during its January meeting. The IC could hold at least another meeting every year.*
3. *The Set of Objectives will be defined following a continuing consensus process. It will be based on the evaluation of WSF process strengths and weaknesses, and will mention concrete results to be obtained in a period of time. These objectives will be specific (for instance: "to establish a network of contacts through China" instead of "to promote WSF extension").*
4. *These Objectives are referred to the advancement of the process and so to the work to be done by the IC. They will not refer to the objectives of the struggles of the organizations participating in the WSF process.*
5. *For each objective, a WG will be set up. All IC members will be allowed to join every WG.*
6. *The current IC Commissions (Content, Methodology, Communication, Resources, Expansion and Strategy) will continue and be strengthened. They would function more as "forums" in which the WGs exchange ideas and experiences. Every WG will be linked to one or more Commissions, which will not mean a hierarchical relationship but a permanent dialogue space. The Commissions should be the place where specific work plan of the WGs will be discussed and adopted, in the framework of the Set of Objectives designed by the IC.*
  - *In order to give a new launch to the commissions, every IC member will be invited to confirm his registration or register in the different Commissions and the IC will critically reevaluate the working of the commission and their difficulties they face to work as commissions.*
7. *Each WG will maintain several tools enabling distance work, through internet, in order to follow its objectives and to present its work to the Commission and to the IC.*
  - *In order to accomplish their task, WGs will hold "physical" meetings and will get support for technical matters in the limit of a budget to be approved by the IC. For this, the IC will build an annual budget in a participative way. This annual budget will consist of the budgets for the IC, it's commissions and it's working groups, the budget for the events will be separated and managed by the event organisers.*
  - *The WSF process budget and its execution by the IC/Commissions/WGs will be available for information on the WSF website.*
  - *There is likely a need to establish a legal entity to run the WSF process budget, as support organisation depending on decisions of the IC, which should be based in a country where it is possible to easily receive and send money all around the world.*
8. *To facilitate contacts and good communication among the several WGs , among the several Commissions and among all members of the IC, a **Liaison/Facilitation Group** will be set up with a special role but without a specific status within the IC. Its role will be:*
  - *To maintain communication with *all* WGs and inform all IC members of the progresses made in the implementation of the Set of objectives.*
  - *To ensure the preparation of the IC meetings*
  - *To present at each IC meeting a comprehensive progress report on the basis of the Set of Objectives.*

- To ensure communication between the various Commissions and between Commissions and the IC.
  - To monitor the functioning of the WSF office and also the fund raising efforts.
  - *To facilitate the elaboration of the next year Set of Objectives and Budget.*
- In other words, the Liaison/Facilitation Group, at the service of the IC and without political mandate, will ensure the implementation of the decisions, plans and budgets designed by the IC, the Commissions *and the WGs.*

#### 9. Functioning of the *Liaison/Facilitation Group.*

- The *Liaison/Facilitation Group* will have its costs covered by a specific budget.
- The *Liaison/Facilitation Group* will receive the administrative support of the WSF office in Sao Paulo.
- The WSF office working capacity should be strengthened to facilitate the WSF process.
- The *Liaison/Facilitation Group* should meet regularly *in order to make an assessment of the Set of Objectives implementation.*

#### 10. Composition of the *Liaison/Facilitation Group*

- Taking into account the tasks to be done, IC should indicate people (without elections) based on diversity, competencies, available time and accumulated experience in the development of the process. The appointed members will be there on behalf of IC and not as representative of their own organizations/movements. The *Liaison/Facilitation Group* members will rotate after 2 years, with possibility to be indicated for a second 2-year period. No one will be a *Liaison/Facilitation Group* member for more than 4 years.
- The *Liaison/Facilitation Group* should be composed of seven people, *with seven substitutes.* This figure seems the most appropriate for three reasons (1- a reasonable size to held meetings in case of 1,2 or 3 people missing, 2- a not too large group to avoid problem of costs for meetings, 3- this size would also make possible a good diversity in the group). *This composition could be combined with commission, geographical and gender diversity).*
- *One of them could represent the Brazilian Collective which have launched the WSF process.*
- *So far, these Brazilian Organisations, will not continue as Facilitation Group of the WSF process. They could be, in a collective manner, represented in the Liaison/Facilitation Group, with the specific responsibility to manage the WSF office based in Sao Paulo.*
- To identify the members of liaison group, the wg that is making this proposition is disposed to work on this in the following way:
  - In the next IC meeting all those interested in being part of the Facilitation group (only being members of an organisation that is member of the IC) will put forward their names,
  - In the following two months the working group will discuss with all of them through various consultations to try to arrive to a final composition according to the criteria above mentioned

#### 11. *IC expansion*

- *This new structure will enable to improve the way of the expansion of the IC using the WG possibilities.*

#### **4) Proposal to host the next International Council meeting in Florence during "Terra Futura" (Our Future Earth)**

Dear Friends,

after some months of working and fundraising for possible solutions, we confirm the possibility to host the next meeting of the WSF's International Council during the international event "**Terra Futura**", in Florence, Italy. Terra Futura ("Our future earth"), is a legacy of the European Social Forum held in Florence in 2002 and is an international event aiming to present, exchange and spread "good practices" of social, economic and environmental sustainability that already exist and are experimented.

**Terra Futura** is promoted by the Cultural Foundation of the Ethical Bank and it's 4th edition will be held at the Fortezza da Basso in Florence from the **18th to the 20th of May 2007**. The meeting presents a huge exhibition and a cultural program at an international level: in 2006 it was attended by over 72.000 visitors, with 400 exhibition areas presenting more than 3000 experiences, 180 cultural activities and 700 speakers.

Thanks to the support of the "Provincia di Firenze", we are able to host the members of International Council for three-four nights during the next Terra Futura, arrange transfer for local transport and provide the meeting rooms and necessary equipment. Everybody should reach Florence on his/her own means.

**We propose to start the work of the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 and conclude them on the 18<sup>th</sup>** . In this way, it will also be possible for the members of the Council to participate to Terra Futura as well as to take part as possible speakers in the conferences and cultural program.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain at your complete disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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## **5) Minute notes from discussion by Rolando Lopez (Ibase)**

**Introduction** – Moema

[Translation Problems – Delay of Three Hours]

Rabia: Suggestion to split in groups

**Introduction Organising Commission Africa**

First words – African Woman (?)

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Odour Ongwen: Many people helped to mobilize and that has been very helpful. However, the issue of the poor was not managed well. In Kenya the poor are not in the slums only. They are also in the rural area. So please don't say that the poor did not have a chance. It's a plea to challenge the romantisation of the poor. Explanation of distribution and high price of water: 50.000 litres were free. The rest was not under control. The role of Kenya media in WSF: it was focused a bit late. Accommodation was a complete failure. It was not up to standards. Many sessions did not work. We assume full responsibility. Volunteers were also weak. It is premature to evaluate the Forum in Kenya. Finally, in spite of the problems, we feel it was a success.

African Woman –Intervention in French: It was an important event. Nairobi started with Bamako. In Africa Civil Societies are weak. This event was a learning process. People of the poorest countries are even weaker. No capacity to criticise the global structures. The right to protest was a good lesson.

Samir Amin: One point. Political impact. Conventional speech on abortion. Opinions matter – religious groups. Rome and Washington are infiltrating?

Rabia: Mobilisation good but now what? Open space? What about the Churches? What about diversity?

Fahim: Congratulations on Forum. One point. Few members of IC attended Pakistan. We had deficit. We hosted 250,000 people. With less funds. We did not have uniformed police. We did not have looting. No robberies. My point is that it is not only money. Its important to mobilise with Social Movements. We did not have coca cola.

John Steward – Zimbwe: We have to establish criteria for evaluation. Self assessment and report to IC. Each commission to evaluate process also. From NGOs to social movement. From talking to actions? You can't evaluate today, we don't have the criteria. A structure needs to be established.

Vinod: The stadium was too big. Seminar was not interactive – it was like a lecture. High price for registration and food.

Rafaella Bolini: We knew that there were going to be problems. It was a common challenge. Civil society fragmented, poor, weak, etc. so lets not be surprised for the wrongs, lets be surprised for the good things that happened. We have to learn from all these things. Finances, communications, etc. All these things are common responsibilities.

Man from West Africa: We met the challenge. It has been a success. High quality of discussions. Good preparation of discussions. Weaknesses. Terrain. Last point is the need for Charters for all functions.

Woman from Babel: Translation was not a Babels issue. Difficulties of communication. Important to develop local translation. Regional capacity. Training local people especially Swahili. Training in sign language. The whole thing created an African Dynamic. Per diem was weak. Infrastructure was weak. Conditions were weak. We have to avoid people trying to get to the money for translation. Lets not confuse radio with tools and translations.

Gina: Forum was absolutely necessary. Many mistakes but good. IPS talking about "terror" was very dangerous. Churches issues should also be looked at. Morality, gays, etc. other issue that needs to be addressed.

Vinod: Important was to open Africa and come to Africa. Regarding the Technical issues they should be looked at. Political problems are important. These should be addressed.

Oded: Its good to compare what you expect with what happened. Proposal – to form a group that will present to us a methodology of evaluation.

Luis Guillermo: Congratulate Africa y Kenya. We in FDH leave with a caucus consolidated. We need to overcome the problems of translation of finances. We can not continue without solidarity economy. We can not continue to depend on outside funding. We have to remember that Darfur and Somalia are close by.

Atila-Social Watch: Warm thank you to Africa and Kenya. Forum was a learning process, a building process, and we have moved to a different level. I have participated in OCs we know that there are problems. But participation of women was great.

European Man: Need to emphasise good things. We can't change the world in 7 years. We live in the midst of Capitalism. Christians for social justice and option for the poor. We have to be careful not to condemn. Lets remember that it is a common ground, not a party.

Giampiero Rasimelli: Italians had a meeting last night with over 100 people. Technical problems have to be overcome, but there are issues such as thematic NGOs, the attitude of Europe towards Africa and not only the US; I agree with Samir Amin, but missionaries of Italy also helped to visit slums.

Irene Leon – Americas Forum: We must work on the Ethics and methodology, not on evaluation of the content. No more learning process: action is necessary. Let's do a chart to define the behaviour of the forum. This needs to be linked to Charter of Principle. No discrimination in class, gender? We don't need big infrastructures, just somewhere to meet to change the world. Methodology same thing, it should not be an experiment of someone... They should not experiment with us.

Diana (Canada): African Struggles are Global Struggles. We are talking about the lack of discussion about the role of the WSF. Open Space is one. If we don't talk about this the WSF is in jeopardy. Women were not addressed as an issue. Progressive churches are good if they are allies. The point is about anti-abortion propaganda: this cannot be tolerated.

African Woman (People's Parliament Forum of Kenya): We protested for the entrance fee which was too expensive: 7 US\$, when many of us live under a dollar a day. We found this untenable. The registration process was too complicated and bureaucratic. Also the venue should have been better chosen: Kasarani was too far. We were not included in the organisation. The security issue has been wrongly addressed: being secluded during the day and then having participants go back to city centre in the evening when security is more problematic. The cost of organising events was far too expensive and excluded many people. Large NGOs had a lot of events such as Action Aid and Human Dignity. We in the Parliamentary Forum did not have any. Cost of food and water were untenable. We wanted to

have stands for food but could not. Not made a good possibility to compete. Only the rich firms could compete. The WSF OC presented the opportunity to make money for commercial entities out of the delegates, but did not open this to real competition. People came to our slums for free – we wanted the opposite to be possible as well. As for the translations, no radios were distributed to be able to listen and the few translators were paid too much, 100\$ a day – instead of having many volunteer translators.

Christophe: Need a good evaluation. Good quality of discussion. Good exchange. Critique: need more volunteers instead of expensive resources (eg for translations). The 4<sup>th</sup> day (convergence and proposals of action) was a good idea but the way it was carried out could have been much better.

Nicholas: The participation of churches as “moral community” in Africa has been extraordinary. Caritas and the ecumenical forum had more than 4,000 local churches mobilised. We brought Desmond Tutu, Orthodox Church, isolated churches, Muslims. This was the most successful for ecumenical committee. We want to thank the OC for collaboration. We published two books. One by Chico and the other by Oyugi’s.

Carola: Solidarity economy. Courageous men and women. It was an extraordinary forum for Solidarity Economy. Pickpockets happen also in Spain. Two hours for continental integration processes. Deficit, sponsorship and fees are global issues, as well as a code of conduct to have fair trade inside the WSF. Communication has not been working well either.

African Man: Open a link to make comments on evaluation. We the trade unions did not have representatives in the board. More unity of action is needed. Good mobilisation. Police had a good role, considering the culture.

African Woman: OC - From migration movement. Migrants were present and contributed very much. A new platform needs to be elaborated. Seminars with two hour to prepare do not work. Children going hungry is Africa today.

Eric Toussant: How to preserve an open space? Individual or organisation representation. How to articulate the different actors of the Forum: Trade unions, etc. We must rethink the composition of next IC. The WSF should come back to Africa in the next years. The 4<sup>th</sup> day was supposed to be for action and convergence, but the organisation wasn't coherent with the mission: 21 thematic assemblies are too many. Certain weren't useful: eg, for the Debt campaign, in the morning we were more than 300 people, while in the afternoon it was max 40 people. It would have been better to have 5 different general activities with the same agenda and try to converge these afterwards. We counted 1300 people participating at the 21 thematic meetings, while only in the social movements assembly we were more than 2000.

Delegate from migrant international organisation: Two hours to make proposals for action and change is too little. We've seen the situation in the slums, but we had to go there because they weren't able to participate inside the Forum. Migrant workers are participants to the development of a nation.

Kenyan – Working in Tunisia: Young people have participated a lot. They should be taken into account much more. For first time we had a great number of young people participating. The OC went out of its way to make sure they could participate, but not enough attention to the different views of the youth: they were part of the caravans preparing the WSF process – it has been the largest participation of young people to a process like this in Africa. We also had a problem addressing some of the members of the secretariat/OC so we are asking ourselves: is this “possible world” repeating dynamics of the world we are contesting?

Candido: Congratulate people from OC in Africa. Organisations from the grassroots are not having a chance to participate since the first Forum: the problem with exclusion has been with us since the beginning. Activities are organised more by strong organisations rather than grassroots ones. Second issue is the challenge of ownership of the WSF and how to increase autonomy from governments and development agencies. The financial issue is fundamental.

Why Europe has given more to LAC than to Africa? Why Europeans organised their own activities instead of funding African organisations? Charter of Principles needs revision, setting grounds and learning lessons for solidarity funds, solidarity economy, labour and volunteering.

Antonio Martins: If we read newspaper, we see that people protested against the Forum: "what a shame" you would say. I say "what a change!!!" that people feel free to participate and criticize also the people who are struggling for a better world. This change needs to be heard and addressed.

Jurgen – EED: I raise 4 issues. Media: how to break the cycle. There has been no improvement on media relations. Journalist says that it was extremely difficult to register. Forcing them to do it as participants and be a part of the WSF, when they should be external. Church: the presence of many churches helped to confront on many social issues. We do not live what we preach. Meals from informal sector? Finances – propose to examine who contributed and make those who made activities to contribute.

Solange – Cote D'Ivoire: I am a member of the world social forum. I am very satisfied with the african participation. In Bamako we learned a lot and here we learned more. I raise issue of subscription to the WSF through the SMS mobile phone system: we criticize multinational companies but we involve them in our organisation activities.

Mathias –Tavola della Pace: Inspiring Forum – A general evaluation needed, not individual comments. Another good thing was the decentralised nature of workshops in the slums. Have we all contributed to make sure that the result of the Forum would be the best?

Roberto Savio: Issues: This is not Hyde Park corner, it's the WSF – We should have more criteria and stimulate debate. Communications: horror stories – at the beginning there were thousands of journalists, now few. There has been very little structure and facilities to allow media participation and coverage. The result has been very little international coverage. The Communication commission is meeting after this event – we must change this situation.

European Man – European March: What happened to the microphones, and translation equipment sitting in the airport? We were looking for someone, for Prof. Oyugi nowhere to be found. Why could nobody give an answer about the delegations and journalists from the first day? Lets learn from the experience. Fourth Day was a good idea, but poorly implemented. Code of conduct for organisers of WSF: we need to create an ad hoc international committee who can deal with these kind of problems during the days of the Forum.

Whie Woman- European: Two short points. We should note the presence of activists from China. Movements from Africa are ready to lead this process. The focus should be on neoliberal Europe and the struggle against a recolonisation of Africa.

Moody- Wsf India, Mumbai: I want to stress the importance of symbolism: the extent of commercialisation in this Forum marked a reversal of the previous tendency. We need to reflect. After Mumbai, we have had deficits and this is a sign of an attempt to overcome that. How do we raise funds? How do we spend them? We need to sum up the responsibilities also from the secretariat. One more point I think that a good evaluation is needed. A good look at the charter of principles is healthy.

Dot Keet - South Africa: Enormous efforts and energy was invested. Romantisation of poverty is still going on. We have to be careful not to feticize the poor and poverty. Best thing for Europeans is to go back to their countries to change their governments and let us deal with our problems. There has been a slippage at this forum – the thematic terrains should have gone with convergence during all the time period: we need a popular assembly every night in order to shift attention from simple debate to convergence.

European Interpreter from Athens: Translation equipment was tested, all was going well but the implementation was bad. There was no one member of African OC or IC responsible for implementation. Also, budget and organisational mismanagement have occurred: people paid

too much (we would not have a deficit) and technical facilities that were not tested.

Taoufik: Collective responsibility needs to be revisited. Internal democracy needs to be revisited. There was no one to defend the people (volunteers, workers) from internal marches. Three months ago we invited people to participate but no one showed up to help us avoid a number of errors. Manipulation can happen and might have happened here. The role of IC is still very much invisible in these activities. A new type of organisation is necessary, with clearer mandates.

Edward Oyugi: Good constructive comments.

Commercial organisations were welcomed but did not respond and you did not go to eat there. All responses were late in trying to solve the issue of food. We made it free for women groups in Kenya to come here and sell their food: only 2 groups came. Most of the rest belonged to informal organisations. Water was also a problem. We did not want all of you to end up in the hospital. An Italian organisation had said they would help distribute free water, but until 3 days before we had no answer from them so we asked small companies to sell water for 10 KS.

Fees: we allowed many Kenyans to register for 50 Shillings and asked to express their needs. We gave opportunities to other people, but that was very invisible. You need to respect processes. Payment of little money signifies a co-ownership of the activities. If I go to Brazil or France and look for the poorest people, I will find out that they are not participating. We can only criticise as participants and not as Colonisers. We could not integrate ALL those we wanted to, that is for sure. However, we opened the gates in the morning and someone has mobilized people saying that the gates were closed. 3000 people from the slums came in free of charge. The lady who spoke here from the Peoples' parliament is not part of that organisation.

Explanation about the venue: originally it was going to be in Nairobi city centre. After this was impossible, we consulted with many and the OC decided that Kasarani was the best choice. Don't hide behind a patronising attitude.

Regarding communications and media: they are also participants when they report what is happening.

(Discussion on Right of Response) From African Woman.

South African: Point of order on interventions – this session and assessment won't be conclusive. Nairobi OC has to do a self-evaluation.

African Woman intervenes:

Protesting on the response to accusation with personal attack.

Flavio Lotti – How are we going to continue a deeper evaluation? In general not only for this specific event? We are talking to about two things. One is code of conduct of OCs other is WSF in general.

Moema: tomorrow we will decide according to the written issues.

Nicola Bullard: Lets make decisions now, not leave it to the end.

Rabia: lets work in groups.

Victor: We must do evaluation but only if we are clear of what are the implications and results we think will be achieved this way.

### **Decision to Work on 2008**

Raffaella Bolini: Issue of Process and Event: after 7 years the WSF is no longer an event, but a process at local, global and thematic levels.

Mobilisation for 2008 will not be something weak. It intends to involve all local and regional actors. Thematic, national and regional actors. The answer to the success of this event will be to organise a day or days of mobilisation. Remember that it will be a presidential electoral year in the USA. All of this was decided in Parma. Preparation should be done by internet. The day would be in coincidence with Davos. One day or more days?

How are we going to launch an appeal for it and inform everybody about the call? People should decide on their own the kind of activity depending on what their needs are. What the most important demands are. Each activity should inform the IC on what they are going to do. These activities will be crucial.

Francois Huttart: Each one should establish their own priorities. Can we all agree on ONE? Next point is to be very concrete very specific depending on context. People will not mobilize for very generic appeals. Proposal on decentralised activities. If we leave it to everyone it will not have impact of ONE issue.

Oded: In Parma we decided to keep the same dates as Davos -- if we don't occupy the space, someone else will... we can review it but we must be very careful. On evaluation lets just do it!! Opportunity to put to action anything you want to do. In one day we have to make a connection – worldwide.

Flavio: Its good to do a ONE issue event, but its too early to decide on the issue. Is it only to "survive" as a forum? We should consider a two-year process, not every year, in order to strengthen our capacity and be effective at changing the life of people and answering their demands. We have to grow in efficacy, not only numbers. Proposal: we start now, but keep discussing the process if we want to learn from our mistakes, we must be aware that 11 months is a short time for a global event.

Antonio: We should debate the issue of not only survive but make one step ahead. Do we have the capacity? Have we built the necessary power? We need a huge umbrella – not one issue, not one single goal. One issue, which is strong, and can bring all people together.

Manuel: We are not following the methodology we had decided in Parma. We should just review what was done in the 4th day here in Nairobi and know what the proposals on the table are. Slogan: another world is possible is good enough.

Gina: proposals will be put on the website.

Rabia: one issue is important. Lets evaluate what has happened until now. Innovative processes have to be invented, including the evaluation of polycentrics. There is a contradiction between going towards process – then trying to organize a common day event. Slogan: "Building the other possible world" - the date does not have to be tied to Davos. Convergence of movement of movements must not be reduced to an event.

Young Student - Brazil. Student Representation  
Freedom of expression and of organisation must be assured.

Taoufik: Consider the advances made in the 4th day. Its early anyway, we have our own process but the world has its own process as well. We need to establish a way to collect the proposals of action. The WSF has its own identity now, it does not need to be associated any longer with Davos

Chico: WSF is process, it should have a different format. It should have theater, marches, seminars etc. One Day there must be during Davos. First day many proposals came about. We should create a new instrument or use wsfprocess.net. We need working groups for this.

Christophe: We should be ambitious. Maybe different dates are possible for ex. March 8 for women, but need a ONE day of action. Practical reason is Davos – but we should change the date because it is holiday in the South and winter in the north, difficult to mobilize people in that period.

Rasimelli: Davos is ok. In each country actions according to own necessity and responsibility – must have a an open IC to all national movements who propose something.

Sally Burch – Hemispheric Council

Format cannot be too flexible. One clear simple measure? We have to know what is happening at Davos.

Marie - European woman

Topic – more concrete than another world is possible. Something measurable. We need to be inclusive in the process and cannot be a small working group, but a facilitating and not decision taking one.

Roberto Savio – we need to set up a serious communication and information structure. If this does not happen, then we will face a serious problem. Parma was late for Africa. We can not be late for 2008. Without a clear budget we will not be able to deliver. The communication commission needs a clear mandate also to implement the plans.

Jean Marie: Davos is good and important. We have to continue to put pressure on Davos. We should not exclude those who cannot do anything in that date. Proposal: one global period during those days – events should have continuity during a period. Several actions and events organised locally. Respecting the charter of principles.

Carles: Global march is good idea. It should be a Global process but should allow forms of struggle of a different type, diversity of expression. Not only one day but maybe a week is good. One Logo but only as umbrella – wide enough to cover every one. We should ask through a Consultation to find out how to proceed and with an inventory of the actions already planned. Then we can begin to plan the best tools to construct these events.

Candido: we have built common values and created a different political culture. During these last two years we should try to see the other side of ourselves. These are the activities that can be carried out. Opening different initiatives, for example opening an event in New York. Looking what is happening in the East and West before making a final decision. Another message would be difficult (Another world is possible is enough).

European Man

One symbol – another world is possible is not enough. We need a discussion day.

David-

We cannot decide. Practical decisions call for a Calendar and an inventory. Otherwise the visibility will be poor.

African OC – Kenyan Debt relief network

Need to rethink methodologies. We have to include the social movements. They have to catalyse. They have to take the centre stage. Its critical that we have a framework to mobilise large numbers of people, in different ways. They don't come to one event. They should be able to mobilise according to several issues. Rethink what we want.

TWO WORKING GRUPS TO DECIDE CRITERIA ON EVALUATION AND ANOTHER ON PROPOSALS FOR ACTION FOR 2008.

### **Morning session - January 27, 2007**

Meeting on evaluation and on proposal for action. Plan will be elaborated by a special group and circulated for discussion after two weeks.

Rabia- Suggest 5-year plan. Good evaluation.

Chico- A long-term plan is a good idea but in our case is too ambitious. We have to monitor world reality. We have to be cautious.

Belgian Activist- We should make a decision about the day of action. There is already enough experience to do this on the part of social movements.

Irene- In behalf of everyone – all movements- against ITC – pharmaceutical, transgenics,

women, etc. Denounce the actions of Davos. Mobilise one day. Facilitation Group have a good and leading role.

Vinod- only comments on working group.

Flavio- remove from the 2008 proposal the sentence not having anything to do with after 2008... remove the date of next IC.

Taoufik- continuity on fourth day and working group recommendations.  
Clarification: One day of VISIBILITY

Roberto Savio: undemocratic to resolve the issue of one day in here.

Manuel- good working group. Another chart of principles? We have to discuss this. We can not forget the 4<sup>th</sup> day. Its important to design and reinforce Communication and Media strategy. We need in depth discussion but we also need a different methodology.

Oded- support proposal and explain the meaning of this proposal. We are here because we believe in the process of the Wsf. The process needs to be expanded. This is the chance to put in practice the mobilisation they talk about.

European Man- Assure that big movements agree with us. Keep awip logo. En each region we can adapt the slogan to local reality.

Jason- We must take on from the 4<sup>th</sup> day proposals and follow up the process through the wsf website, posting all proposals of action and with a procedure to register new ones. Publicity has to be increased. Communication for visibility will be vital. I am asking everyone to be attentive to this. We should have a special programme of subsequent activities around the world and this could be represented by a world clock, where we start from one continent and as the day goes by all events are recorded and announced. Slogan could then work around a common "It's time to change the world" and a locally adapted one "Another XXXX is Possible", eg. "economy", or "democracy", etc. adapted.  
Communication will be even more important than for the WSF events, not just for visibility but especially to mobilize more people and organisations worldwide.

Isabel- ITU- need document (written) to elaborate more. Communication also needs to be made more collective.

Oyugi- plan should include proposal of not only 2007 – a good menu of proposals is needed to choose from. Different choices are necessary. A set of proposals is important. A bouquet of proposals. A maximum of impact has to be guaranteed.

Indian Man. (Parma G)- Why Davos? It's visible enough. I don't see how we can carry out a process of connected activities worldwide.

Antonio- two remarks: plurality and openness. Everyone should feel comfortable. ITC is a good idea but for example women against the wall in Palestine have to be included. In Seattle the issue was done in such a way that feminists and women were brought in without problems. There is enough experience accumulated that needs to be brought in, not only this group. Many of those people are not here now.

Paulo Freire Institute Person- agrees with Antonio. Synchronised worldwide and media connection. For example, to turn the lights off to bring attention regarding energy.

Carola- six points. High impact high visibility. Common tools. Visibility to alternatives. Methodology is also important. Facilitating group that will prepare agenda for next IC.

### **Evaluation Group**

Nicola- names of people in commission.

One strong consensus. One issue without consensus. Evaluation Framework. Increase political impact. Framed around the values shared. Open, plural, ecological, anti ecological, solidarity, etc. Framework – measurable, languages, diversity, allocation of time, allocation of space, etc. can be measured. Practical measurable criteria. Volunteers. Preparation, decision making. Public awareness? Looking and monitoring the media. Finances? Looking at number – type of funders etc.

Methodologies should include ecological issues, good practice from previous wsf etc. the practical proposal is to set up a working group that should take into account the work done by the Finances Commission. Africans should prepare their own self-evaluation and framework. Second proposal is to invite all to fill in a questionnaire through the emails we already have. Second part is to have a larger questionnaire to the large actors and OCs of the forum. We stopped short here. Flavio had another proposal that we could not agree on.

Flavio - We proposed to have a seminar to evaluate the Nairobi WSF and continue the debate we did not finish yesterday, in order to produce a report.

Rasimelli. Lets not discuss the whole thing. We need to discuss the other issues of the agenda.

Roberto – Manuel: good chairing. Transparency: put proposals in the web.

Brid: Transnational Institute. Put Nairobi in the contexts of other Wsfs. We should look at the logistics of wsf, we should also look at the political achievements of Nairobi and other wsf. To what extent has the IC – OC facilitated diversity etc.

African Woman- feedback on Wsf will be in web by next Monday.

Man – European. Not evaluate only Nairobi but all wsf. We have good tools, my institution has evaluated municipalities, etc.

Man French– difficult to evaluate an event such as this. Why and How are we going to evaluate?

Woman – Canada. What is the working group mandated? What is the mandate? What is the timeline, principles. Thematic? Global? Regional? I would like to add the LOCAL and NATIONAL forums, etc.

African Man- French- What about the little people (of Kenya)?

Taoufik – combine Flavio's proposal with Nicola's. Just to be careful how we work with the details.

Nicola- We could convene again at lunch and try to deal with the details.

This was accepted.

## **FACILITATING / LIAISON GROUP**

Chico-

(Explains in behalf of the group – In detail...)

French Man. Too early to discuss. Against charter of principles.

Roberto – I endorse proposal. Since Miami we wanted to do this. There is no working group, which has been working well. This is an executive committee. I hope it is efficient. We received the document by Email. Two important documents? Establish a legal entity – country where its going to be set up? Second paper does not have it. We are changing the way we have been working until now.

Rasimelli - I want to support Chico on establishing objectives. This is not easy to do, we have just finished an event difficult to evaluate. Then the Wsf in 2009 ... who, when, etc. This needs

to be facilitated. However this proposal has to be linked to another one...where are we going to...towards what? In Italy we want to discuss this and build a consensus.

Teivo. In principle the proposal has good things. However the fear is that the group will exacerbate the existing problems such as transparency. There is a clear political mandate and a representation (political) implied. There is a hidden intention to hide behind a language of horizontality.

Samir. If any group is to be constituted, it has to be done by movements that will construct a concrete alternative. I am not happy with the spirit.

Gina. This working plan is a start. Social movements have to be included. Working groups should do their preliminary work. Subordination to the IC is clear. We need more transparency but also some type of facilitation.

Woman European. Set of objectives is a good idea. Accountability is necessary also. However centralisation is not necessary. Representing the IC is not necessary. I don't believe in a Political Group coming out of here. Only decentralising can work.

Woman – We need to communicate with each other, we need accountability. Objectives are good but structures are not necessary. In terms of expansion it will kill the idea. It will take too long to name this people. Financially we have to solve the problem.

Man – Social Alliance. Demonstration in 2007 demands that the social movements integrate themselves in any group that is going to work.

Belgian Activist. Detail on page four...not representative of their own organisation" that means that social movements should integrate them.

Oded- Concern about those who are leading the struggle and those that are not leading the struggle. This is dangerous. Group is to facilitate: the present groups are not working. The Brazilian group wants to open up and invite other people. We have to have more efficiency.

Man. French: Individuals need to take on the process. It should be possible to experiment.

Christophe. The proposal is necessary but the criteria have to change. Power has to be given but we have to decide how to distribute that power. NGOs OCs is good but power needs to be given to social movements. Individuals is not going to work. National coalitions will have to be recognised as very realistic, and the way they work is a good lesson.

Manuel. Good and well intended proposal. Is not a question of business administration school. The issue is too deep, is an in depth process. I support the idea of dedicating a whole IC meeting to talk about this.

Flavio. We need a technical group. Fundraising etc. Sao Paulo Office. Second point is about constitution. We should decide criteria. No one of us could do it. We should dedicate ourselves to find political support, others to technical.

Woman – LAC. I recognise need to find support to IC however I think that first of all we have to evaluate why the IC has not worked. I don't agree on political bureaus that will decide for everyone. We should not continue in this direction.

Jurgen: language of paper is too gloomy. We need to clarify and be more specific. I have some ideas but cant do it now. I would suggest more time for clarification.

John: Language is not clear. Frustration is growing but the way forward not very clear. It is clear that we are not moving. We are not finding the best way to move forward. More working groups will not be enough nor the right approach.

Carola: The mandate needs to be reviewed. Especially the role of the commissions. We need essential issues to take care of. I clearly see the need of an operational body. We have to find a compromise. My suggestion would be an operational body to facilitate the WG, the Documents, the Commissions, etc. some need to be facilitated, other issues should be left as they are. The OCs should be represented, no problem with that. Open up this document and review it in June. Take on all the comments and then work on it.

Moema- The idea of the working group is not to direct. But to facilitate everything in a way that things will work. I was part of the working group. Its just an effort to move things on. It would be a way to open up the power in the WSF. India and Brazil are not enough any more. Opening it up would function better. This is the intent of the proposal.

Chair – Tension on political role. The IC and Commissions play that role now. There is a need to strengthen certain points of facilitation and moving forward. The proposal is not clear on the political and technical inputs and differences. Its dangerous to continue without more discussion. We need more discussion.

Taoufik – First the group tried to suggest a way to work better. The group from Brazil decided to withdraw and we should appreciate that. We should take more time, and now decide on what type of technical support is deemed necessary. More concretely I suggest the working group should continue to work and present something next time. Decide on need to strengthen the secretariat and decide on this later.

### **Afternoon Session – January 27 2007**

USA Social Forum – Information about the next USSF, which will take place in Atlanta, from June 27 to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Information on: [www.ussf2007.org](http://www.ussf2007.org)

### **Next IC Meeting**

Jason – Leaflets invitation letter by Terra Futura for the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of May and presents proposal to host meeting before the event in Florence, Italy. Terra Futura is organised by the Ethical Bank and civil society organisations such as ARCI and unions such as CISL. Accommodation, food, equipment local transportation and logistics are all covered thanks to contribution of the Province of Florence. It would be an excellent opportunity to participate in an event such as Terra Futura (Our Future Earth), which is a legacy of the first European Social Forum and a big international event with more than 70.000 people attending. Focused on concrete alternatives and sustainability.

Raffaella Bolini – Other proposal would be Germany due to G8 in 2009.

Jurgen: NGOs – Churches – Platforms on Worldwide Issues. 50,000 participants expected. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June – (Alternative on 7 of June – G8). 22<sup>nd</sup> June join the movement. Rostock

Irene Leon- Lets be careful about our own agenda – IC agenda – lets not succumb to others interests. We must have time without distraction.

French Speaking African- Debt issue in agenda is good in Germany.

Action Aid Rep – We have to concentrate on strategic issues. What about visas? And security/accessibility to the country during the G8 summit.

Oded: If we are to expand we should go elsewhere...but the opportunity is too good. Difficulties will be overcome. The dialogue with social movement in Germany will be good.

Vinod- Concern with Germany. Security issue. We should join people in the street. If we hold the IC meeting while people are demonstrating it is not a good message.

Adrie- Germany good. We should join the demonstration.

Taoufik- important issues the solidarity fund – Asia and LAC. Will the organisers of the next IC

be able to provide visas and accommodations for Africans and Asians?

Rasimelli – 50-70 tickets for people from the south are needed, as well as space, translations, etc.

Candido- before or after the mobilisations. Fix dates.

Oded- After the meeting we have a very small audience.

French Woman- meeting after participate in alternative meeting.

Candido- Lets leave two weeks to hear the decision from the Germans. Group to follow up including Jurgen.

### **WSF 2009**

Only start the discussion, decision will be taken later.

Francois Huttart. New historical subject should be brought about. Lets try to concentrate in networks. We have to build Networks of Networks. Not only peasants and women networks.

Chair- only proposals for the next 30 minutes

Oded- We need tools to make decisions in the next meeting.

Flavio- We needed to come to Africa, it was an important event, now we have to evaluate. It will be up to the Africans to decide how to proceed with the evaluation and then stay in Africa again. Africa is very important. Network of Networks needs to be done in Africa.

French Man- How about the border of the US?

Taoufik- All are good ideas for the working group. Consolidation is a good element to consider.

European Man- Criteria should be developed for the new WSF. Thematic considerations should be included. Open the discussion for the working group.

Candido- Would like to support the idea of expansion of the wsf.

Vinod- Define process until 2009 – THE PROCESS needs to be thought about. A mapping of Forum should take place immediately. The mapping of strong social movements is important. China is missing. South Korea is another possibility.

Diana- Why only men speak? Who is filming? Issue of how frequently should the WSF occur?

Manuel: network of networks is not a good name. We should know who is willing or ready to be candidate for anything. Why is there noise about the wsf going back to Brazil?

French Speaking African. Africa mentioned in negative terms. Africans need to be empowered. Who makes decisions? How are they made? Why are there not Africans here?

WSContinental- There is a process in Brazil in the social movements about the possibility of bringing the wsf to Brazil. It would be good for the moment that LAC is living.

Ana Esther Cecena Mexico: World situation is changing. In 2009 the US elections will be over. No matter who wins it will important to send a clear message to the rest of the world. Why not the border US Mexico? Social movements are stronger in LAC . In Mexico the Social Movements (We...) are not ready for this task. The other border is Amanzons. I propose to bring the WSF to the Amazon. The governor of Salvador has extended an invitation.

Bolivian Woman- I think there are enough elements for the WG to make the first attempt. It is important that these decisions are based in the Charter of Principles. One network of networks

is very dangerous. We have to respect the social movements that are not here.

Ana Sugranyes- No technical decisions have been made to better communications and other concrete issues.

Explanation about composition of Functioning Working Group – Candido (Names will be given to Chair – 29 names for this commission received).

Explanation of Functioning of Evaluation Group – Nicola

Groups should meet in June. Work will be done on the internet. Call, to ask people to participate in survey design etcetera. Reference should be made to document commissioned by Finances Commission and Novib.

### **Information on WG for 2008**

Slogan AWIP but will be decided next meeting. Charter of principles will prevail in all decisions. It will involve all organisations willing to contribute.

Huttart insists on proposal to go to the core of the issue instead of being like mosquitoes. Diane insists on results of 4<sup>th</sup> day. Proposal regarding transnational corporations. The methodology commission should disappear and the Working Group for 2008 becomes the new commission.

Regarding Communications. Roberto Savio proposal to have the communication commission (and anyone who is willing to contribute joining the commission on-line) work on new plan and strategy for the 2008 mobilisation. The commission must also have a mandate from the IC to fundraise for the plan and its implementation.

Candido: Commission on Communication needs a mandate.

Mandate unanimously given.

Sally Burch: Hemispheric Council – Met in Cochabamba decided to have next meeting in Central America. Important due to CAFTA, Guatemala was proposed. In consultation with Guatemala they agreed to host the forum. Next march should be a good opportunity (end of March) to meet in Guatemala after the summit of Indigenous Peoples.

Information on Asia – 15 October 21 October event on Debt. On 15 of May a Forum on Asia will be discussed.

Ruben- Foro Transfronterras occurred. Potable water is key issue.

Jose Miguel- Refugees and Rights- A world without refugees. Situation of refugees in world in 2008.

Taoufik- Social Forum in Africa in 2008.

Europe- Activities in Vienna.

Japan- Japan making an effort to strengthen the networking initiative.

Candido: Facilitation Group meeting after this meeting. Thanks to translators and Africa OC.

Taoufik: Proud of what was done and thankful to all.

**18:00 Hours – END**

## 6) Report on the solidarity fund for Nairobi IC meeting – January 26 and 27

### 1. Organizations contributing to the fund

Organization	Amount
????	Ksh 1.000,00
AIDC	Ksh 1.000,00
Alai	Ksh 500,00
Alianza Social Continental	US\$ 10,00
Assembléia das Nações Unidas dos Povos	50 euros
Caritas Internationalis	Ksh 8.000,00
Cives	Ksh 1.000,00
Conseu	Ksh 1.000,00
Cosatu	Ksh 1.000,00
CRID	50 euros
ETUC	300 euros
Euralat	Ksh 100,00
FAMES	US\$ 20,00
FIDH	15 euros
Focus on The Global South	US\$ 100,00
GPF	Ksh 6.000,00
Ibase	US\$ 100,00
Icae	Ksh 1.100,00
Initiative Ander Arbeiten Berlin	Ksh 1.000,00
IPS	US\$ 120,00
Italian ESF coord./ARCI	US\$ 100,00
NIGD	Ksh 7.000,00 / US\$ 42,0010 euros
NTUI India	Ksh 1.500,00
Observer	Ksh 50,00
Oneworld	US\$ 30,00
Oxfam	US\$ 100,00
Pakistan Org. Committee	Ksh 1.000,00
Peace Boat	US\$ 50,00
Social Watch	US\$ 100,00
Solidar	Ksh 7.000,00
TNI	Ksh 1.000,00
Transform!	100 euros / US\$ 200
Ubuntu Forum	US\$ 200,00
Vasundhaiva Kutumbakam Network	350 euros
WSF India/Aipsn	Ksh 1.000,00
WSF Solidarity Network	US\$ 10,00

**Total amount received: 875 euros + 1.182 US dollars + 40.160 Kenyan shillings**

### 2. Expenses

Item	Amount
Venue (PA system + coffee break)	Ksh 110.000,00
Stationary (photocopies, office supplies)	Ksh 6.675,00
Interpretation (food and transportation for the volunteers)	Ksh 30.350,00
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>Ksh 147.025,00</b>

### 3. Balance

After exchange of the US\$ and 315 euros at different rates + shillings received, we were able to pay the total expenses of **147.025 Kenyan Shillings** (around US\$ 2.162 at a 68 Ksh rate) and it remained **560 euros**, that in accordance to the IC decision, it was immediately donated to Edward Oyugi (Sodnet) on behalf of local organising committee.

## **7) List of IC Members and observers present at the IC meeting**

### **IC Members**

1. AAWC - Palestinian grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign
2. ABONG - Associação Brasileira de ONGs
3. African Social Forum Council
4. AIDC - Alternative Information on Development Center
5. ALAI - Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion
6. Aliança Por Um Mundo Responsável e Solidário
7. Alternative Information Center
8. Alternatives
9. APRODEV - Association of World Council of Churches related Development Organizations in Europe
10. Articulación Feminista Marco Sur
11. ASC - Aliança Social Continental
12. Assembléia das Nações Unidas dos Povos
13. ATTAC- Brasil
14. Babels
15. CADTM- Comité pour l'Annulation de la Dette du Tiers Monde
16. Caritas Internationalis
17. CBJP - Comissão Brasileira de Justiça e Paz
18. CEDETIM- Centre d'Etudes et d'Initiatives de Solidarité Internationale
19. CES - European Trade Union Confederation
20. CIDSE - Cooperação Internacional pour le Développement et la Solidarité
21. CIVES - Associação Brasileira de Empresários pela Cidadania
22. CLACSO - Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales
23. CLC - Canadian Labour Congress
24. Coligação para a Justiça Economica
25. COMPA - Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Américas
26. Consejo Hemisférico - Foro Social Américas
27. COSATU - Congress of South African Trade Unions
28. CRID - Centre de Recherche et d'Information pour le Développement
29. CTA - Central de Trabajadores Argentinos
30. CUT - Central Única dos Trabalhadores
31. Encuentros Hemisféricos contra el ALCA
32. ENDA - Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde
33. EURALAT - Observatorio Eurolatinoamericano sobre el Desarrollo Democrático y Social
34. Euromarches - Marches Européennes
35. FAMES - Forum des Femmes africaines pour une Economie Solidaire
36. FIDH - Fed. Internacional Direitos Humanos
37. FNTG - Funders Network on Trade and Globalization
38. Focus on the Global South
39. FORIM - Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations
40. Forum pour un autre Mali
41. GLBT - South-South Dialogue
42. Global Progressive Forum
43. Grassroots Global Justice
44. Herriak Aske
45. IBASE - Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas
46. ICAE - Consejo Internacional de Educacion de Adultos
47. IFAT - International Federation of Alternative Trade
48. India Organizing Committee
49. International Alliance of Habitants
50. International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
51. IPB - International Peace Bureau / Fundació per la Pau
52. IPF - Instituto Paulo Freire
53. IPS - Inter Press Service
54. Italian Coordination of European Social Forum
55. Jubilee South - Asia
56. Jubileu Sul América Latina
57. Kenyan Organising Committee
58. MST - Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra
59. NIGD - Network Institute for Global Democratization
60. Oneworld
61. OXFAM Internacional
62. Pakistan Social Forum
63. Peace Boat

64. PPEHRC – Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign
65. Rede CONSEU (Conferencia de Naciones sin Estado de Europa)
66. Rede Dawn de Mulheres
67. Rede Latino Americana e Caribenha de Mulheres Negras
68. Redes Economía Solidaria
69. REMTE – Red Latinoamericana Mujeres Transformando la Economía
70. REPEM – Red de Educación Popular Entre Mujeres
71. ROAD – Réseau Ouest Africain des Alternatives pour le Développement
72. Social Watch
73. SODNET – Social Development Network
74. Solidar
75. Solidarity Africa Network in Action
76. Transform!
77. Transnational Institute (TNI)
78. UBUNTU - Foro Mundial de Redes de la Sociedad Civil
79. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Network
80. Via Campesina
81. World Education Forum
82. World March of Women
83. WSF Caracas
84. WSF India
85. WSF Organizing Committee Pakistan

### **Observers**

1. Afapredesa
2. Anjuman Asiaye Awan Pakistan
3. Associação Software Livre
4. CECOF
5. Cediter
6. COLMEA/POA-RS
7. DEDS/Prorext
8. FAL
9. FETAG
10. Foro Social Mundial Temático
11. Forum parlementaire
12. IMG Brasil
13. Koch fm
14. Liped / ANAC
15. Mol BA , Boubacar
16. Mov. "Pacis Nuntri"
17. Moz Social Forum
18. MS Kenya
19. No Vox
20. Oneka Sinema
21. PPSG
22. Quaker Institute Future
23. The Foundry
24. University and Social Involvement
25. Western Sahoro Journalism Uni
26. World Peace Alive Forum
27. WSF- Solidary Network in Japan