



World social forum 2010: ten years after, back in Porto Alegre... to start a year of mobilizations all around the world

Porto Alegre, Jan 25th – A year of huge mobilizations and Social Forums all around the world started yesterday, with the celebration of ten years of World Social Forum that is held, as in the first edition, in Porto Alegre (Brazil) until January 29th. **From the 1st Solidarity Economy Social Forum and 1st Solidarity Economy World Fair held in Santa Maria and Canoas (Brazil) in Jan 22-24th, to the 2011 next World Social Forum in Dakar, the 2010 will see the spirit of Porto Alegre animate more than 30 decentralized initiatives from Bahia, to Japan, to Benin, from Spain to Us, from Mexico to Czech Republic, and many many more.**

The first World Social Forum (WSF) meeting took place in the city of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, between January 25 and 30, 2001, aiming to oppose the World Economic Forum in Davos. It counted on the participation of approximately 20.000 people, of which 4.700 as delegates of many civil society organisations and social movement from 117 different countries. The press had also an important presence, with more than 1800 journalists attending. If the Economic Forum has played a strategic role in the formulation of the thoughts for those who promote and defend neoliberal policies all around the world since 1971, in Porto Alegre the World Social Forum created a concrete space to discuss, project, share and promote an alternative approach to the neoliberal mantra, anticipating and answering to the financial and other crises with alternative analyses and practices.

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1. Ten years after, we come back in Porto Alegre

The opening of the WSF 10 takes place yesterday, on January 25th morning, 9:30 in Usina do Gasômetro.

The opening meeting included a march with thousand peoples on the street and greeting by the representative of mayors and the minister Tarso Genro, followed by intervention of representatives of the organization of the WSF 10 and representatives of the WSF International Council.

From 11h to 13h of the same day 25th the first activity of the International Seminar “WSF 10 years later” took place, with the round table “World Social Forum – a balance of 10 Years” the participation of Lilian Celiberti, Raffaella Bolini, Nandita Shah, Francisco Whitaker, John Anthony Felicio, João Pedro Stédile, Oded Grajew and Olivio Dutra.

The Opening March of the of the WSF started around 17:30 through Largo Glenio Peres Borges, Aureliano de Figueiredo Pinto, Av Edvaldo Pereira Paiva and continued until the Usina do Gasômetro, with the shows of Bataclã FC, Renato Borgetti, Revolution RS, Marieta Fialho, Tonho Crocco, Banda Gog, Magic Theater, Papas Language and Marcelo D2.

Given the importance of the date and the event itself, the presence of some heads of state is expected (Luis Ignacio Lula da Silva, Evo Morales, Mojica and Fernando Lugo), as well as several ministers and prominent politicians (Dilma Rouseff, Marina Silva, Heloisa Helena and Ciro Gomes) which have already expressed their interest in accepting invitations to activities during the event.

Forum Social Grande Porto Alegre: <http://www.fsm10.org/>

2. “10 Years Later: Challenges and Proposals for Another Possible World”

The WSF is no longer only a world event, it is also organized in the continental, national and local levels. Thematic forums have been organized in several parts of the planet. Along this path, the WSF has been enriched with the experience of different social and political actors, and wherever it went it incorporated new themes and ideas, without losing its pluralism. Through a collaborative process, these actors are constructing a political agenda that we consider vigorous, innovative and indispensable to face the dilemmas of the world civilization in which we live.

The Seminar “Ten Years After: challenges and Proposals for another Possible World” aims both at examining the central challenges that we face and designing the future directions to be followed by the WSF, given the current challenges of the global economy. But it aims also at providing a more systematic reflection on what we were able to accomplish so far, our mistakes and successes, and our institutional dynamics. In this sense, it is a strategic thinking seminar addressed to the most involved activists with the WSF process. The seminar activities will take place always in the morning, each day, at the Usina do Gasômetro, Porto Alegre. Among the confirmed names are Boaventura de Souza Santos (Portugal), David Harvey (USA), Francisco Whitaker (Brazil), João Pedro Stédile (Brazil), Diana Senghor (Senegal), Immanuel Wallerstein (USA), Samir Amin (Egypt), Christophe Aguitton (France) e Virgínia Vargas (Peru).

Keep in touch: <http://seminario10anosdepois.wordpress.com>

3. Worldwide coverage for a Year of WSF with the Virtual media centre

The 2010 many events of the World Social Forum will be visibles to the media and general public worldwide thanks to a shared communication project which is running a Virtual media centre. The Communication commission of the World Social Forum International Council created this space thanks to the cooperation



of AMARC, Ciranda.net, Fair, IPS-Terraviva, WSF-TV and many others that would like to contribute to the process by feeding the virtual space. The Virtual media centre will host articles, press releases, press kit, press clipping, videos, radio, multimedia documents, pictures, blogs and similar tools.

In the www.wsftv.net website you can find also clips from all the past edition of the WSF, and shootings from an unique film-documentary about the First World social forum following this link http://www.wsftv.net/Members/focuspuller/videos/promo_2001_wsftv.mov/view. In www.fairwatch.splinder.com a detailed coverage in italian language.

Link to: www.worldsocialforum.info for the Virtual media centre

4. Ten years of shared communication

In 2010 we celebrate also 10 Years of Shared Communication at the WSF, which finalized its first edition in January 2001 with the first World Social Forum in Porto Alegre. At the time, journalists and alternative media in the WSF have a collaborative agreement (we called ciranda) to cover the event without being guided by the mainstream press. And over the years the effort was repeated with different means and new equity, merging the initiative to cover the WSF with open spaces to dialogue about democratization of communication.

In ten years the shared communication projects worked with a common goal - another world is possible - and put in place concrete alternatives that move each participant to add to the collaborative effort.

This year it's time to act, but also to evaluate. Do we contributed in these 10 years to the WSF process? WSF contributes to a new awareness about the right to communicate? What is the role of communication in promote a participatory approach to this debate? What do we do this year to raise visibility and participation of Forums around the world, beginning in Porto Alegre and Salvador take the lead back to Africa, with the WSF 2011, in Dakar, Senegal?

The first meeting "10 Years of Shared Communication" was held on January 24, at Usina do Gasometro where participants discussed the balance and perspective from experiences as Ciranda, Forum of Community Radios and TVs and new collectives of shared communication. A connection to Palestine over the walls that hinder communication between people was made via the internet.

From January 26, the activities will include representatives of shared and independent media in other countries, like Kenya and Honduras. In addition there will be activities in the cities of Canoas and New Hamburg, meetings with Radio - Dialogue with the Interplanetary of Free Culture, and film projection of Felco, the Intercontinental Youth Camp. The meetings will share communication and activities of coverage, such as the Radio Forum, which will be made in the Legislative Assembly, bringing together Network Abraço, AMARC-Pulsar News Agency and another edition of Ciranda.

Check the daily program: <http://www.ciranda.net>

5. IPS TerraViva back on WSF

The "IPS TerraViva World Social Forum 2010" online site was created to provide independent, professional reporting in many languages from as many of the events as possible, along with comment and analysis on the challenges that drive social movements. They already have many news stories from all over the world as well as prominent civil society activists like Walden Bello, Kerry Kennedy and Candido Grzybowski are already contributing op-eds you can read at the IPS TerraViva site.

Coverage of the events will gather momentum at the Greater Porto Alegre 10 Years Social Forum, 25 - 29 January, in Porto Alegre, that meets to debate on the theme: "10 years later: challenges and proposals for



another possible world". Continuing coverage will come from the Bahia Thematic Social Forum, 29 - 31 January, in Salvador, Bahia, which has as its main theme: "Dialogue, cultural diversity and civilizational crisis".

Teaming up with multi-media partners AMARC, WSF TV and the Ciranda news pool will increase audio, video and independent reporting linked to the site. IPS TerraViva has been involved and has reported on the WSF process from the 2001 outset in Porto Alegre. The complete online IPS TerraViva newspaper archive available at IPS TerraViva WSF 2010 provides a unique contribution to understanding the history and achievements of this hugely influential global social process.

For more information on Ips visit the website or write to media@ips.org

6. "Ten years of Porto Alegre: the voices"

For AMARC-ALC (World-wide Association of Communitarian Radios for Latin America and the Caribbean) and for ALER (Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica) the World Social Forum has always been a space to develop their mission but also to meet with the other social movements. In this process ALER and AMARC ALC, since the beginning of the WSF, started to work to disseminate voices, debates, protagonists not just in Latin America but all over the world. The WSF coverage has been made with special emissions and programs, live and online.

With the program Sur Rhythm, AMARC and ALER, thanks to the support of FreeVoice and MM that added their capacities, the possibilities of coverage achieved more quality and effectiveness. Creating a CD that will be presented for the first time in Porto Alegre and which celebrates that program, AMARC and ALER want to keep memory alive about these 10 years of WSF and their struggles. And to give suggestions about how to continue to transform it in daily life as a tool to rethink the future assuming, as we believe, that words create the reality.

More infos: www.amarc.org

7. The 2010 World Social Forum can be...expanded!

The 2009 edition of World Social Forum in Belem opened a new way of participation for movements, entities and civil society organisations that wouldn't be able to come to the centralized events and want to express their active participation in the WSF process by organizing a local "activity" where they are, and, inside this activity, set up a moment of collective dialogue with a group of participants in an event by an easy to set up video conference by internet. This year, all the WSF 2010 events can be expanded! Expanding events have the advantage to impulse the mobilization, and, at the same time :

- join the expanded WSF! <http://openfsm.net/projects/sfexintercom>
- promote decentralized participation in WSF activities
- scroll the posts of the sfexintercom blog > <http://openfsm.net/projects/sfexintercom/blog/>
- comment in the post of a 2010 event > to express to event organizers your willingness to participate to their event in an expanded way from where you live
- comment in the post of a 10 WSF objective > to propose to other local collectives to connect about topics related to this objective
- give a higher profile to debates and proposals stemming from these activities
- favour the assimilation and adaptation of these proposals by organisations and citizens of the world
- multiply initiatives of participation in the forum process, at local, national, regional, and thematic levels.

Join the Expanded WSF! <http://openfsm.net/projects/sfexintercom>



The 2010 Social Forums around the world

During the year when it celebrates the 10th anniversary of its process, the World Social Forum will not have a single global centralized event. In 2010, the WSF will happen in a permanent way all year-round, with events and activities being held throughout the world. Check below the list of events and actions.

1. Event: I Solidarity Economy Social Forum and I Solidarity Economy World Fair

Location: Santa Maria and Canoas (Greater Porto Alegre), Brazil.

Date: January 22-24th (Santa Maria), 25-29th (Canoas)

Contact info: ecosol@fsmecosol.org.br

Website: <http://www.fsmecosol.org.br>

2. Event: 6th World Forum of Judges

Location: Porto Alegre - RS

Date: January 22-24

Contact info: empresarialt@marprom.com.br

Website: <http://www.marprom.com.br>

3. Event: Serra Gaúcha World Social Forum

Location: Bento Gonçalves - RS - Brasil

Date: January 22-24

Contact info: fmserra@yahoo.com.br

4. Event: Intercontinental Youth Camp 10 years - Movements in movement

Location: Lomba Grande - Novo Hamburgo, RS

Date: January 23-29

Contact info: comunicacaofsm2010@acampamentofsm.org.br

Website: www.acampamentofsm.org.br

5. Event: Tokyo Social Forum - "Get together, Talk, and Go! - Another World is Possible!"

Location: Tokyo Korean YMCA

Date: January, 24.

Contact info: Yamaura@nishoren.org, ppsg@jca.apc.org,

allies@crux.ocn.ne.jp, attac-jp@jca.apc.org

Website: <http://tokyo.socialforum.jp/>

6. Event: Greater Porto Alegre 10 Years Social Forum / 10 Years World Social Forum Seminar

Location: Greater Porto Alegre, Brazil

Date: January 25-29

Contact info: fsm2010@yahoo.com.br

Website: www.fsm10.org

7. Event: Right and Justice - World Forum Theology and Liberation / Preparatory Seminar towards Dakar

(Greater Porto Alegre 10 Years Social Forum)

Location: São Leopoldo, RS (Brazil)

Date: January, 26th-28th

Contact: permanentsecretariat@wftl.org (FMTL Permanent Secretariat)



8. Event: II Atlantic Local Social Forum

Location: Kpomassé, Benin

Date: January 28-31

Contact info: Yoro Bi Ta Raymond: forumsocialbenin@yahoo.fr / fosoloa@yahoo.fr

9. Event: Madrid World Social Forum 2010

Location: Madrid, Spain

Date: January 28-31

Contact info: comunicacion@fsmmadrid.org

Website: <http://www.fsmmadrid.org>

10. Event: Czech Social Forum

Location: Prague, Brno, Usti nad Labem - Czech Republic

Date: January 29-30

Contact info: Marek Hrubec - marek.hrubec@gmail.com

11. Event: Bahia Thematic Social Forum

Location: Salvador, Brazil

Date: January 29-31

Contact info: fsmt.foco@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.fsmtbahia.com.br>

12. Event: 5th Stuttgart-Open-Fair, large Civil Society Festival/Platform

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Date: January 29 - 31

Contact info: johanneslauterbach@gmx.net

Website: <http://www.stuttgart-open-fair.de>

13. Event: Catalan Social Forum

Location: Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Date: January, 30-31

Contact info: info@forumsocialcatala.cat

Website: <http://www.forumsocialcatala.cat>

14. Event: Expanded Social Forum of Peripheries

Date: February, 3rd-6th

Location: Loteamento Dunas, Pelotas - RS - Brazil.

Contacts: floris@vetorial.net , florisot@hotmail.com, ploc70@gmail.com, amiz.ong@gmail.com

15. Osaka Social Forum

Date: March 21-22

Location: Osaka

Contact info: osaka@socialforum.jp

Website: <http://osaka.socialforum.jp/>

16. Event: Actions for the Right to City, apart from the World Urban Forum (WUF 5)

Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Date: March 22-26

Contact info: forumreformaurbana@fase.org.br / gs@hic-net.org / info@habitants.org

17. Event: 2nd Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanction Action Day during the Palestinian Land Day

Location: multiple countries

Date: March 30th

Contact info: Palestinian Boycott Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC):

hind.awwad@bdsmovement.net

18. Event: World Forum of the Collective Rights of Peoples

Location: Girona, Catalonia, Spain

Date: April 22-25

Contact info: activitats@ciemen.cat

19. Event: Thematic Forum on Alternatives to Financial Crisis

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

Date: May 2-4

Contact info: Rocío Lombera: copevi@prodigy.net.mx / Hector de la Cueva: correohdc@yahoo.com.mx

20. Event: US Social Forum

Location: Detroit, Michigan, USA

Date: June 22-26

Contact info: Cindy: cindy@ggjalliance.org / Michael Leon Guerrero: michael@ggjalliance.org / Jennifer Cox: jenkwru@yahoo.com / USSF 2010 Community list: communityweb@ussf2010.org

21. Event: European Social Forum

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Date: Not scheduled yet

Contact info: tsf@sosyalforum.org

Website: <http://www.sosyalforum.org>

22. Event: 4th edition of the event "Étrange Rencontre"

Location: Guinea

Date: July

Contact info: Zoul: zoul@no-log.org / zoul@mytronunya.info

Website: <http://www.etrangerencontre.org>

23. Event: 1st World Forum for Culture and Education for Transformation

Location: Belém, Brazil

Date: July 21-26

Contact info: Dan Baron: danbaronmst@hotmail.com



24. Event: 1st meeting “Hegemonic Civilization Crisis and Alternative Paradigms”

Location: Bolivia

Date: second semester

Contact info: Facilitation Group, Roberto Espinoza - ayamtai08@gmail.com

25. Event: 2010 Americas Social Forum

Location: Assuncion, Paraguay

Date: August 11-15

Contact info: Magdalena León: consejo@forosocialamericas.org / José Miguel Hernandes:

jmamerica@yahoo.com.mx

26. Event: Thematic Forum on Environment, Migration, and Food Security

Location: Niamey, Niger

Date: October 15-19

Contact info: Moussa Tchangari: tchangari@yahoo.fr / tchangari@cooperation.net

27. Event: World Education Forum

Location: Palestine

Date: October 28-31 (to be confirmed)

Contact info: Kathia Dudyk: kathia@paulofreire.org / cifme@forummundialeducacao.org

Refaat Sabbah: refat@teachercc.org

Marjon Goetinck: marjon@wef-palestine.org

28. Event: Thematic Forum on Labor issues

Location: Algeria

Date: November

Contact info: Hamouda: hsubhi@alternatives.ca / Kamal: lahbib_2006@menara.ma

29. Event: Community Radio Forum

Location: La Plata, Argentina

Date: November 08-13

Contact info:

30. Event: 5th Pan-amazonian Social Forum

Location: Santarem, Pará, Brasil

Date: Last week of November

Contact info: Aldalice Otterloo: aotterloo@unipop.org.br

31. Event: Nigerian Social Forum

Location: Lagos, Niageria

Date: December

Contact info: Oluwole Oshota: ooshota@hotmail.com / metarch@hotmail.com

32. Event: Thematic Forum on democracy

Location: Dacca, Bangladesh

Date: December

Contact info:



33. Event: World Education Forum, thematic on Education, Research and Culture of Peace

Location: Santiago de Compostela, Galicia.

Date: December 9-13

Contact info: Kathia Dudyk: kathia@paulofreire.org / cifme@forummundialeducacao.org

Website: <http://www.foro2010.org>

34. Event: 9th Forum of the Peoples – theme: crisis and poverty

Location: Mali

Date: Not scheduled yet (it happens during the G8 meeting)

Contact info:

35. Event: Thematic Forum on Gender Issues

Location: Jordan

Date: Not scheduled yet

Contact info: Hamouda: hsoubhi@alternatives.ca / Kamal: lahbib_2006@menara.ma

36. Event: Thematic Forum On Agricultural workers, Peasants and Health

Location: Egypt

Date: Not scheduled yet

Contact info: Hamouda: hsoubhi@alternatives.ca / Kamal: lahbib_2006@menara.ma

37. Event: Thematic Forum on Social Movements

Location: Morocco

Date: Not scheduled yet

Contact info: Hamouda: hsoubhi@alternatives.ca / Kamal: lahbib_2006@menara.ma

38. Event: Iraq Social Forum

Location: Iraq

Date : Not scheduled yet

Contact info: Salam Ali

39. Event: International Seminar on the Political Islam

Location: Not defined yet

Date: Not scheduled yet

Contact info: Alternatives International: feroz@alternatives-international.net