

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

THE 2009 AMAZON WSF AND THE WSF PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

The World Social Forum (WSF), a civil society initiative, is a democratic gathering that seeks to foster debates and the deepening of collective reflections, formulation of alternative proposals, exchange of experiences and the building of coalitions and networks among the social movements, community-based organizations (CBOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other civil society organizations (CSOs) that oppose neo-liberalism and the capital's domain over the world. After the 2001 Porto Alegre WSF, the first of such global meetings, this event has become a global process of searching for and building alternatives to neo-liberal policies. This definition appears in the WSF key reference document, its Charter of Principles.¹

The character of the WSF is built upon plurality, diversity of expressions, secularism, and non-partisanship. Its goal is to facilitate coalition-building, in a decentralized and networked manner, among organizations and social movements committed to concrete actions, locally and internationally, to make another world possible. It does not, however, have the intent to become or act as a representative organization of global civil society. It is not a legal entity or organization either.

From January 27th thru February 2nd, 2009, the 9th edition of the WSF will take place in the Amazon region, in the city of Belém, state of Pará, Northern Brazil. The event will highlight the region's environmental issues amidst an environmentally and socially unsustainable and hegemonic development model. Preparatory activities have already begun and are moving in full force. Past highlights in this preparatory process include the WSF International Council (IC) meeting, held in Belém, in October 2007 and attended by 150 representatives from different countries. The 2009 Amazon WSF official launching was on January 26th, 2008, the

¹ For a WSF brief history, fact sheet, and the Charter of Principles, please visit www.forumsocialmundial.org.br.

WSF Global Day of Action (GDA), with an intense schedule of activities being held in Belém and in the main cities of Pará.

From March 31st thru April 4th, 2008, the IC met again in Abuja, Nigeria, and made important decisions about the WSF process and, notably, the 2009 Amazon WSF. The architecture of the event has been approved, as well as an agenda of events for 2008, which includes the Pan-Amazonian Forum's Council Meeting in July, in Belém; a meeting of the IC's Methodology and Content Commission; and the consultation process to social movements and CSOs engaged on the WSF to gather subsidies to the 2009 Amazon WSF program. In regards to the WSF process, the IC's Abuja meeting drew from more than 100 written contributions to discuss at length its strategies. Also, proposals from several commissions and the Liaison Group (LG) for an annual working plan have been discussed. The next WSF IC meeting is scheduled to take place during the European Social Forum, to be held in September 2008 in Denmark.

Nowadays the WSF has become the main reference to debate social and economic responsibility with our planet and our future. The WSF has united innumerable participants, activists and leaders from social and popular movements, networks and campaigns, students, intellectuals, scientists, artists, journalists, and other opinion makers.

This project, from May 2008 until April 2009, refers to the 2009 Amazon WSF event and to the WSF process. It was an IC decision to present the two parts as a single project so as to show their strong relationship and for matters of financial transparency.

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THE 2009 AMAZON WSF

"...For the first time in history, the greatest diversity of humankind will gather together and concentrate in one of the last, largest and most diverse territories of the Planet to deal with its fate..."

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1. JUSTIFICATION: WHY IN THE AMAZON REGION?

As both background to and main focus at the 9th edition of the WSF, the Amazon forest as a human territory has gained a new place in the world's attention with the emergence of global warming. Once a decision was made to hold a global WSF meeting in the Amazon, the IC understood the importance of facilitating an expressive presence of alterglobablists and social movements from around the world in the meeting. At the same time, the IC has worked to guarantee the presence and expression of Amazon traditional people as well as region-based social movements, CBOs and NGOs both in the preparatory process and at the main event.

The 2009 Amazon WSF has the potential to become a momentous manifestation of global civil society against the causes of the problems that plague humankind. It will be also a collective effort to search for effective alternatives to the neo-liberal model. Worldwide concerns with global warming and water resources usage, alongside the need for preserving the forests, peoples and cultures that live in this region amidst the political transformations experimented by some of the Pan-Amazonian countries (Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela), provide plenty justification for setting Belém, one of the largest Pan-Amazonian cities, as the stage for the 9th WSF.

The 2009 Amazon WSF will give priority to the debate about the conditions to be built for sustainability and social justice along with "good living" and more equal societies. Currently, the Amazon is one of the most precious forestal reserves in this globalized world and is absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of biodiversity and the preservation of human life. It is also necessary and very important to the peoples living in that region and whose livelihoods have been compromised in a world where there are so much injustice and the search for capital's power.

It is in the context of a struggle against neo-liberalism that the 9th WSF takes place. All around the Amazon, there are battles that are most important to the perspective of natural resources access and natural goods preservation and sustainable use. They are also of great interest to leading circles and to populations in the Pan-Amazonian region; to rich countries and the countries in the South.

The most powerful countries—those with the unsustainable production and consumption patterns and the large financial, technological and military resources—will not give up their pretension of controlling the Amazon. They try to reproduce in Southern countries their unsustainable ways of living and their five hundred year-old practices of expropriating riches and energetic resources. However, those countries that are part of the Amazon basin and, more specifically, their Indigenous and traditional peoples and those who have been living there for generations, refuse such ways of usage and appropriation.

Traditional and Indigenous peoples' resistance is based on the conviction that, so far, they have taken care of the forest and its biodiversity. Without them, or with their exclusion and marginalization, the forest, woodsy pastures, water and many living beings will disappear or become extremely endangered.

The power of capitalism, which denies solidarity and human, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights, is still hegemonic. The awareness that it is necessary to build another world right now must rise and spread out before the real threat placed on life on Earth becomes irreversible. Therefore, the moment and the scenario, at both local and global levels, are timely. They must be put to good use in order to stimulate a new explosion of ideas and action, engaging people to make "other possible worlds".

The Amazon has a multiplicity of organizations that reflects a very diversified population and territory, which include: areas of conservation, national forests, areas put to sustainable use, extraction forest and ocean reserves, Indigenous lands, settlements, colonization areas, maroon communities, sustainable management forest areas, innumerable areas adjacent to rivers occupied by riparians and people who live off of extractive practices, migrant smallholders, lakes, riverbanks and rivers managed by the riparians, large, medium and small cities, "company towns", prospectors towns, and cities managed by riparians and farming settlements. The Amazonian women, men and youth are also very diverse with Indigenous peoples, marooners, traditional riparian people, fishermen, rubber latex extractors, chestnut and forest essences gatherers, babassu coconut

breakers, among many others who represent a huge cultural wealth and an immeasurable asset to both the countries of the Pan-Amazonian region and the world.

These peoples must not be seen as survivors from the past for they have adapted continuously and are fully capable of playing a central role in the building of an Amazon project. Nor must they be seen disconnected from the towns and cities in which they live. In fact, their ties and sensibility to their surroundings astound most foreign visitors and are a key aspect of their way of life. Thus, ensuring the presence of this cultural reality at the 2009 Amazon WSF is fundamental, regardless of the possible high costs to be paid in terms of transportation and commute. This is one of the biggest challenges to be faced in order to guarantee the right mix of globalized local and localized global at the event.

As consensually agreed in the October 2007 IC meeting, the Amazon should not be just a “venue” for the 9th WSF. Instead, it must be its principal theme through the massive participation of its peoples, social movements, CBOs and NGOs that comprise its vibrant civil society. Their presence will allow for an open dialogue and convergences with social movements and experiences from the entire world.

Having that in mind, the IC has decided that the 9th WSF's second day will have an exclusive Pan-Amazonian agenda. Themes, panels, round-tables and workshops will be organized alongside the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum, stimulating debates, symbolic ceremonies, testimonies and other ways of interaction. Moreover, the IC has decided to incorporate to the methodology of the 9th WSF those processes traditionally used in Pan-Amazonian events, such as the Pan-Amazonian Council, the Meetings without Borders and the river and road caravans. This is expected to guarantee that Pan-Amazonian peoples will have the opportunity to express their concerns in their own way, utilizing their own manners and voices.

2. OBJECTIVES

General objectives:

- Guarantee a large mobilization of global civil society so that the 2009 Amazon WSF can strengthen resistance, deepen alliances and produce content in the building of alternatives to neo-liberalism and to the environmental crisis it has created;
- Raise awareness around the world about the causes of the environmental crisis and the unsustainable, hegemonic development model in place by disseminating information about the proposals, peoples and struggles occurring in the Pan-Amazonian region.

Specific objectives:

- Guarantee the necessary resources for the preparation and realization of the 2009 Amazon WSF, in Belém;
- Guarantee Pan-Amazonian civil society's mobilization and organization processes throughout 2008, as well as the expressive presence of its peoples, social movements, CBOs and NGOs at the event through a solidarity fund;
- Guarantee the organization and functioning of an Executive Secretariat and its program of activities from May 2008 thru April 2009.

3. THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE 2009 AMAZON WSF

Building upon the history and achievements of WSF past editions, the 2009 Amazon WSF will continue to be a plural and diverse gathering of local, regional and global civil societies in the process of strengthening anti-globalization struggles while ensuring in its program the values expressed in the WSF Charter of Principles: anti-neoliberal, anti-imperialist, anti-patriarchal and anti-racist.

3.1. STRATEGIC GUIDELINES AND CONSTITUTIVE DIMENSIONS:

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

- ✓ To be effectively an open space in which coalitions are built to strengthen action proposals and alternative formulations;
- ✓ To be organized through self-managed activities;
- ✓ To have a clear Pan-Amazonian profile.

These guidelines will be reflected in three constitutive dimensions:

- ✓ A celebratory dimension;
- ✓ A coalition-building dimension to support action platforms;

- ✓ A dialogue dimension through debates, discussions and testimonies.

These guidelines and dimensions shall be expressed in the 2009 Amazon WSF process, in its territory and in its program, seeking to connect and foster dialogues, coalitions and actions among all participants.

3.2. BUILDING THE 2009 AMAZON WSF PROCESS

- a) Linkages and relations between the WSF and the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum

By holding the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum during the 9th WSF, the organizers expect to strengthen the former through its engagement in organizing and mobilizing people for the event. In sequence, that event must help ensure a significant Pan-Amazonian profile to the 9th WSF, which will be particularly visible in its second day, dedicated entirely to a Pan-Amazonian agenda.

- b) Mobilization of diverse social movements, CBOs and NGOs at the local, regional and global levels

To ensure the quantitative and qualitative success of the 2009 Amazon WSF, especially in regards to coalition-building and the elaboration of effective proposals for action, the organization and mobilization process will include:

- ✓ **Web site setup**, which will be a key organizing instrument for the 2009 Amazon WSF process. In it, individuals, social movements, CBOs, NGOs, and other organizations will post their profiles, propose activities and interact with other participants. It will be through the coalitions and alliances contained in each proposed activity that most of the event's program will be based on, with venue and room allocation being distributed in accordance to the proposed activity. Thus, the site will be an interactive instrument for organizing activities and proposals for action while also functioning as a conveyor of practices, meanings, and ideas, enhancing the 9th WSF's goals of being organized mostly around self-managed activities, of building coalitions and alliances, and of supporting effective proposals for action.

- ✓ Support to the constitution of **local committees**, which will ensure the mobilization of caravans, broadening attendance to the event.
- ✓ Realization of a series of **Meetings without Borders**, whose aim is to discuss the common problems of bordering communities, build coalitions, celebrate alliances, and organize caravans to the 2009 Amazon WSF. So far, the following meetings have been scheduled: **Grande Savana**: Brazil/Venezuela (Pacairama/Santa Elena/Uairén); **Alto Solimões**: Brazil/Colômbia/Peru (Benjamin Constant/Leticia/Ramón Castilla); **Madeira**: Brazil (state of Rondônia)/Bolívia; **Selva Central**: Brazil (state of Acre)/Peru; and **Macapá**, the capital of the state of Amapá, in Brazil, with participants from Brazil, French Guyana, Guyana, and Suriname.
- ✓ **Support to the organization of road and river caravans for participation in the event.** So far, the following caravans have already been scheduled: Letícia-Belém-Leticia (river); Caiena-Belém-Caiena (road and river); Santa Elena/Pacaraima/ Manaus/Belém (road and river); Xapuri/Belém/Xapuri (road and river); Porto Velho/Belém/Porto Velho (river). Road caravans are also being planned in other regions in Brazil.
- ✓ **Mobilization of Belém neighborhoods.** Organized by Belém's local committee, it is scheduled to take place in 10 public squares around the city with a program of political-cultural events, dances, plays, music performances, art exhibitions, and movie screenings. WSF pamphlets and brochures for wide distribution will invite the city's population to engage in the city's improvement and to volunteer for the WSF. All the event's working groups (WGs) will be represented in the mobilization, whose goal is to involve Belém's population as much as possible in the 9th WSF process.

3.3. THE 2009 AMAZON WSF PROGRAM

Scheduled to take place from January 27th thru February 2nd, the 9th WSF will have its program organized in the same fashion as its preparatory activities. It is being designed so as to foster horizontal relationships among its participants and to allow for effective participation of all those involved, especially first-time attendees and young activists. Building upon and expanding the lessons learnt in previous WSFs, the program should contain mostly self-managed activities, which must

take into consideration the WSF principles that seek to ensure balance in terms of gender, race and other forms of identitarian characteristics.

In addition to self-managed activities, the following centralized activities are also an important part of the program:

a) **The Opening March** (1st day): scheduled to begin at *República* Square and to finish at *São Brás* Market, where a concert is to take place.

b) **500 Years of Afro-Indian and Popular Resistance** (2nd day): dedicated to take to the world the voices of the Amazon. Its activities will be organized around testimonies, conferences, round-tables, celebrations, concerts, and other activities. This day's program will be coordinated by the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum's Council and Belém's Local Committee, who will be also in charge of collecting suggestions from Pan-Amazonian participants and their organizations.

c) **The Alliance Party** (end of 2nd day): dedicated entirely to Pan-Amazonian themes, it will celebrate the alliance between people from the Amazon and people from all over the world.

d) **Final meeting**: to take place in the event's last day with two moments

1st moment (morning): decentralized and self-managed activities will present the agreements and alliances made during the 9th WSF;

2nd moment (afternoon): a celebratory moment closing the event.

Special attention will be given to the possibility that the 2009 Amazon WSF happens in coordination with activities being held simultaneously in other continents, replicating the efforts made during the January 2008 GDA.

3.4. THE 2009 AMAZON WSF'S OFFICIAL PROGRAM (PROVISIONAL, SHORT VERSION)

a) Accreditation starting in January 25th, 2009

b) Activities:

➔ Jan 27th: Opening March (afternoon)

➔ Jan 28th: The Pan-Amazonian Day

- ➔ Jan 29th thru 31st: Self-managed activities, including the Pan-Amazonian Social Forum and coalition-building initiatives
- ➔ Feb 2nd: Closing activities (detailed above)
- ➔ Feb 2nd thru 3rd: The WSF's IC meeting

Self-managed activities are scheduled to happen in the third, fourth and fifth days, in the following periods:

- ➔ First period: 8:30 am to 11:30 am
- ➔ Second period: 12:00 am (noon) to 3:00 pm
- ➔ Third period: 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- ➔ Fourth period: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (this period is reserved for meetings whose goal is to build coalitions through alliances and convergences. At this time, all venues in the 9th WSF (including the *Casa Pan-Amazônica*) are to be utilized for such meetings

3.5. THE 2009 AMAZON WSF'S TERRITORY

Most of the event will take place within the campi of both the Federal University of Pará and the Federal Rural University of the Amazon, with the possible inclusion of the *Núcleo Pedagógico Integrado* (NPI). These venues comprise the cultural corridor in *Avenida Perimetral*, which will be signaled with portals and totems celebrating the alliance between peoples from the Amazon and peoples from other parts of the world.

The 2009 Amazon WSF territory will be organized according to the following methodological format:

a) **Support to Program Activities:** Although most of the 9th WSF program will have been gathered during the consultation process, the organizers foresee that their attainment will demand the following facilities and structural support:

- ✓ Rooms for meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences
- ✓ Appropriate venues for coalition-building, demonstrations and special activities within the WSF, such as:

- Cultural venues: one or two screening rooms, four small stages for performances, open areas for exhibitions
- The WSF Fair: stands and tents for participating groups
- The *Casa Pan-amazônica*: the venue where the results of the Meetings without Borders will be presented. It will also host Pan Amazonian-themed workshops, cultural exhibitions and the meetings of alliances and convergences.
- Youth Camp
- The *Casa Curumim-Erê*: a venue dedicated to children and adolescents
- The Solidarity Economics Fair (including a management office and storage facilities)
- The Inter-Religions Area
- The Afro-Black Area
- The Indigenous Peoples' Area
- The WSF Memory Space

b) The 9th WSF's territory's **operational and infra-structure needs** (for an estimated attendance of 120.000 people)

- ✓ - Accreditation Center
- ✓ - Youth Camp Accreditation Center
- ✓ - The 9th WSF Central Office
- ✓ - The IC meeting venue
- ✓ - Information booths
- ✓ - Internet Access Centers
- ✓ - The Communication House (press relations office for both mainstream and alternative media outlets)
- ✓ - Four cafeterias allocated between the two campi (in addition to their existing eateries)
- ✓ - Bus terminal (including parking for chartered buses)
- ✓ - Rotating docks
- ✓ - A venue for large events (lighting and sound-equipped stage, capacity for 60.000 to 80.000 people). This will be the venue for the Alliance Party, the closing ceremony and other cultural events
- ✓ - WSF-themed, custom-made urban signals around town and in the "access corridor" to the 9th WSF
- ✓ - A shuttle system in both campi
- ✓ - Medical facilities (including emergency rooms) at the Federal Rural University of the Amazon and in one other area (excluding that in which the University Health Center is located)

- ✓ - Two police stations

Lastly, the organizers are aware that the location of the 9th WSF territory, aligned with the hardship many local residents experience daily, will bring many street vendors and informal merchants offering a variety of goods, mostly fast food, drinks and regional meals. Special attention should be given to these segments in order to offer them access to proper accreditation and adequate sanitary working conditions, securing the best possible quality to their food offerings and allowing their access to the event.

3.6. FACILITATION AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES

In order to facilitate the implementation of the 9th WSF architecture, a Facilitating Group (FG) has been created with 16 members; being 8 of them the former WSF Brazilian Collective and 8 of them representatives from Belém-based CSOs. For fund-raising and managing the resources needed for the 9th WSF, 5 FG members have teamed up to establish a consortium (see the consortium charter in Annex 1).

Local support in Belém will be provided by an Executive Secretariat staffed with a professional team and serviced with infrastructure and logistics. Temporary staff (communications, management, security) will provide support to the secretariat while Belém-based volunteers will be recruited to work at the event proper.

3.7. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR

The Pará state government has stated its commitment to support the 2009 Amazon WSF and has appointed an interdisciplinary staff to a special office solely dedicated to provide logistical support to the event. FG and state-staffed working groups have been created to facilitate the dialogue and to ensure appropriate coordination in the event preparation. The state government's main responsibilities are to improve access to the 9th WSF territory and to provide the necessary infrastructure to scheduled activities.

After some initial tensions regarding the definition of responsibilities and competencies between CSOs and the public sector, there is now a relationship built on solidarity and respect. The state government has taken responsibility to raise funds with the federal and state treasuries in order to provide logistical and

infrastructure support to the 9th WSF and is in the process of allocating resources to these areas. As to Belém's City Hall, the FG is still in negotiations. The 9th WSF FG and the federal and state governments have agreed to a partnership and allocation of duties in which each party mobilize, manage, and spend the financial and human resources necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The FG will carry this task through its operational arm, the Consortium of Organizations for Fund-Raising and Resource Management at the 2009 Amazon WSF, also known as the Consortium (see Annex 1). Neither the FG nor the Consortium is, in any way whatsoever, responsible for managing publicly-funded resources allocated to this proposal's budget.

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STRENGTHENING THE WSF PROCESS

“The first overall finding that should be recorded and established is the total and unquestionable optimism and satisfaction about the birth, growth and development of the WSF. Its appearance and continuing existence in a perilous and difficult international environment is recognized and valued by all those interviewed. (...) From the WSF start, most attention has been focused on the event itself (...) now more focus is needed to ensure that the process itself becomes more coherent and sustainable.” (World Social Forum Financial Strategy: Report and Recommendations, September 2006)

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1. JUSTIFICATION

In the last years, the WSF has become the reference event for civil society coalition-building at the global level. Its dynamics has slowly become consolidated not only through its annual events and regional, local and thematic gatherings, but also as a constant process of coalition-building, strengthening and organizing of actions and struggles that challenge the neo-liberal order and seek to create alternatives.

In order to broaden this process, include previously-absent actors, and bring in a wider variety of social movements, organizations and regions of the world, the WSF has been able to reinvent itself systematically. It has played with different formats and experimented with new organizing, communication, dissemination and working methodologies.

During this time the IC has been the collective place for facilitating the WSF process and moving it forward. The IC was created in 2001 through an invitation sent out by the Brazilian Organizing Committee, the group of eight Brazilian organizations that organized the first WSF. Currently the IC gathers 120 networks and social movements from all over the world. The IC has also established a new way of proposing and facilitating dialogues and meetings that favor the strengthening of social struggles and the creation of alternatives at the global level. It is a structure with no ruling power, no hierarchies, leaders or coordinators and all decisions have been made through what is called a qualified consensus. The IC intends to be deeply connected with the dynamics of social movements without being a representative body for any particular social movement or organized civil society, as stated in the WSF Charter of Principles.

Since 2003, the IC has organized its work around commissions and working groups (WGs) open to the participation of networks and social movements from all over the world. It relies heavily on virtual means for meetings and to conduct its work and comes together *in loco* twice a year. The work of the IC commissions is the ground base through which all WSF dynamics flows as a coalition-building and dialogue process for the alterglobalist movement. Thus, its plan of action seeks to strengthen global meetings but goes beyond them, ensuring the process expansion and the reinforcement of the WSF itself.

In 2006, through its Resource Mobilization Commission, the IC nominated a task force to conduct an assessment of the WSF sustainability conditions. The findings were discussed by that commission in September 2006 and presented to the IC in October 2006, at the Parma meeting. Its main recommendations towards greater sustainability for the WSF were adopted and are as follow:

- ✓ greater emphasis on the WSF process, with appropriate consideration of all initiatives, and not only the global event;
- ✓ a new timeline for WSF events, putting into practice the idea of dedicating every other year to a coordinated yet decentralized mobilization process culminating in a common day of action, on the one hand, and the setting of every other year to the global event, on the other;
- ✓ a facilitating structure that can express the WSF diversity, plurality, and worldwide reach, with the strengthening of the IC, its commissions and working groups, and the creation of a Liaison Group (LG);
- ✓ the adoption of a communication strategy more consistent with the WSF needs, both internally and in the public debate and arena;
- ✓ to strengthen the IC's secretariat fund raising abilities for the WSF process.

In 2007, the Liaison Group (LG) was formed with the goal of facilitating the IC work. The LG is composed by 16 people representing organizations from five continents. To support the LG, the IC and its commissions, the WSF operational secretariat continues to function in São Paulo, Brazil.

Next, the activities planned for the project's period, May 2008 thru April 2009, are described. They have been elaborated by each of the IC commissions and by the LG and have been approved by the IC in its March 2008 Abuja meeting.

2. PLANS OF ACTION

1. LIAISON GROUP

A. BACKGROUND

After a long debate, the IC has decided to create the LG as a “facilitator body” for its tasks and dynamics. As assigned in the “LG Terms of Reference”, approved by the IC in its 2007 Berlin meeting, the LG has “a technical/operational mandate...It is a facilitator role, within and at the service of the IC. The group will not have a political mandate.” (www.forumsocialmundial.org.br.)

In the same document, the LG’s main tasks and responsibilities are described as follow:

- ✓ Help promote permanent relationships, debates and communication among IC members, commissions and working groups;
- ✓ Prepare, based on inputs sent by IC members, commissions and WGs, the IC meetings (agenda, documentation, etc.) with support from the WSF office;
- ✓ Send agenda and relevant documents to all members 15 days before the scheduled IC meeting;
- ✓ Stimulate IC members, commissions and WGs to contribute to the IC annual working plan, making transparent all the contributions and proposing, based on them, a draft plan;
- ✓ Based on the same multi-centralized process, prepare an annual report of the WSF process and the IC activities (to be approved by the IC);
- ✓ Establish terms of reference for the WSF office (to be approved by the IC);

- ✓ Coordinate and supervise the work of the WSF office (location of the office to be decided by the IC, with proposals based on clear criteria coming from the LG);
- ✓ Prepare a working plan for the WSF office (to be approved by the IC).

The LG had its first meeting in São Paulo, in January 2008. In that occasion, the initial decisions about its work and functioning were made. What follows is that proposal, already presented and approved by the LG.

B. WORKING PLAN

To support the LG activities and to serve the IC process, it has been decided that the WSF office should remain in São Paulo. Having in account the evaluation of next year's work, the proposal is to have an office with 3 staff people: a coordinator, a communication person and a person to assist the work of all commissions. The WSF office's activities report gives a clear idea of its daily tasks. It was suggested that two interns were hired to help with translation, a huge demand on the office's daily routine.

The LG will be in charge of organizing IC meetings. In some cases (as it happened in the preparation of the Abuja's IC meeting), it could be necessary to have a local visit of the LG to meet with and follow details of the organization and logistics with local hosts.

Another main activity of the LG is to facilitate the work of the commissions and the interactions among them. All LG members are active on the commissions. For this work, there is no special cost since commissions meet at the same time as the IC, and the more significant part of the work will be done by virtual connections. An important exception concerns the Methodology Commission, which has a seminar to be held in Belém in 2008, already approved by the IC. The costs of this seminar integrate the Methodology Commission's Plan of Action.

The major part of the LG tasks will be followed by Skype chats and e-mail. In some cases, as it has been expressed in the evaluation of the GDA and by the Expansion Commission, it is necessary for LG members to follow more closely some regional processes. Now this task has a more clear meaning, as the IC has approved the Expansion Commission's recommendation, which says:

“While there is the recognition of the spontaneous evolution of social movements, the Expansion Commission should develop its plan on how to strengthen the expansion of the WSF Process.”

Some resources have to be budgeted for the completion of this task. Finally, as an important contribution, the LG should have a close follow up of the preparation of the 9th WSF. The WGs for Belém have already been established and a good connection with the IC commissions is happening. The participation of LG members in this process is part of this commission’s task. Also, in order to function in a facilitator role, more budget resources are needed.

2. EXPANSION COMMISSION

A. BACKGROUND

The Expansion Commission met in Abuja, Nigeria, on March 31st, 2008, with the presence of 15 old and new members. The meeting was devoted to evaluate the latest initiatives and to plan the activities for the next year. This was a special and important meeting because it was finally added to the commission’s working plan tasks regarding the “expansion of the process”. As it has been decided since the IC meeting in Miami (June, 2003), the commission should:

“Support the development of regional, national and local fora based on this methodology, as well as geographic expansion focusing on world regions where civil society is still not familiar enough with the WSF to take the initiative of organizing forums or participating in the forums in their region. Additionally, this will help to insure that this expansion is reflected in the composition of the IC.”

Since the GDA, held in 2008, this commission has become able to start a more forceful process of expanding the WSF process in terms of regions, themes and social groups where absences have been identified. The decision has long been taken by the IC, but only now there are better conditions to develop a working plan that could initiate such process.

It is important to register that in the last years the WSF process has been quite broadened. Several regional and local fora have taken place. The Polycentric Forum, in 2006, and the 2007 WSF, held in Nairobi, Kenya, answered to the claim of expanding into new regions. In other words, the main part of the expansion has

been done by the process itself. Each time a new local or regional WSF event takes place, the process as a whole is expanded.

Also, the GDA revealed more clearly that, besides the importance of expansion, the IC needs to take care of the areas, themes and regions in which, due to different aspects, the expansion of the WSF process will not happen spontaneously. In some cases, there are groups or social movements that have not yet been enough informed about the WSF. In others, regions under conflict make participation particularly difficult. To all these situations, a more proactive process, guided by the IC, must be started in a decentralized, but interactive, way, as it used to be in the WSF process.

B. WORKING PLAN

The GDA evaluation was the starting point for planning the next activities of the Expansion Commission. As it was written on the GDA evaluation document:

- a) The IC should assume as its own task a permanent work for the WSF process: supporting fora, social movements and organizations all over the world to network, to communicate, to be visible, to develop interconnections;
- b) The IC has not to wait for organizations, movements, and regions to arrive on their own; it has to search them, to dialogue with them, to help them enter the WSF process;
- c) There are many social actors and many regions where the WSF process is weak, and where civil society and social movements are also weak and need support. The IC cannot wait for them to discover and arrive alone in the process; it has to work actively in order to support them and to involve them;
- d) On this issue there is an emergency: resources should be allocated so the process will not lose the human resources and tools the GDA provided for Russian- and Arab-speaking countries.

Given the previous arguments, the commission has decided to take two main initiatives:

- ✓ Produce a mapping on the principal areas where the WSF process is stronger, identifying the absences in terms of social movements and themes. These areas are: Latin and North America; Asia; Africa; and Europe. This work will be prepared by a working group and presented at the next meeting. From this mapping, new initiatives will be proposed;
- ✓ Define an immediate plan of action to support the new areas where the WSF process has been initiated or strengthened by the GDA.

Having into account the mobilization process of the GDA, the commission has decided to give special attention to three regions:

- ✓ Asia
- ✓ Arabic Countries
- ✓ Russia and the countries from the former Soviet Union

In all these regions there were significant initiatives during the GDA. In the case of Asia, where important activities have long taken place (the Mumbai WSF, in 2004, and the Polycentric Karachi WSF, in 2006, are only the most prominent examples) and where there is a lively process, the importance of the coordinated initiative is to connect and deepen the actions already in existence.

The support to be given to these three regions has to do, mainly, with:

- ✓ Helping some meetings to be held, facilitating the access of movements from the region;
- ✓ Guaranteeing the presence of IC members in significant moments in which people from outside could help to strengthen the local and regional dynamics;
- ✓ Giving visibility and connecting what's going on in these regions to the dynamics of the WSF as a whole. This means: (a) using better our communications tools; and (b) allowing the presence of some movements from the local dynamics in regional or international meetings, as has been the case in the last IC.

Some of these activities are still being planned, so details are lacking. But, in general terms the commission has proposed:

☞ To organize, together with the Maghreb Social Forum, a special meeting on expansion in the Mashrek region, to be held in occasion of the Maghreb Social Forum, scheduled to take place in Morocco next July. The meeting will be an opportunity for improving links and cooperation at the horizontal level between the two regions and the WSF process;

☞ To organize, in cooperation with the India Social Forum, a process of dialogue with Asian social movements by putting together a special meeting in Hokkaido, Japan, during the anti-G8 forum next July, and a special event during the planned South-Asia Social Forum, in Katmandu next November;

☞ To support the preparation of the Regional Social Forum being planned in Russia as a follow up to the GDA, in order to involve local actors, particularly the event planned for Siberia next August

☞ To use the already planned events in Lima, during the Euro-Latin American summit, as an occasion to strengthen relations and debates with the Indigenous peoples' movements and organizations.

For each region it has been created a working group that should follow their activities.

3. METHODOLOGY AND CONTENT COMMISSIONS

A. BACKGROUND

Since its inception, in 2003, the Methodology and Content Commission has been very active and essential as a supporter of the organizing committees of global events. The adoption of a consultation process for the thematic organization of the 9th WSF program and the central role occupied by self-managed activities are a result of this commission's work. The role of the WSF as a methodological laboratory for a new political culture owes a great deal to the debates and proposals of the Methodology and Content Commission.

B. WORKING PLAN

a) SEMINAR ON METHODOLOGY (TO BE HELD IN BELÉM, JULY 2008)

This three-day seminar's goal is to set outlines and to debate the 2009 Amazon WSF methodology process for making proposals and analyzing the experiences, successes and difficulties of previous processes—which have allowed for the presence of people from Africa and India—and the proposals and needs of Belém's Local Committee—which have allowed for the presence of representatives of the Pan Amazonian Region. The idea is to develop a full methodology proposal for the 9th WSF in coordination with the Communication Commission. This proposal, to be finalized during the commission's meeting, will be presented and discussed in the next IC meeting (in September).

Since this commission's work is being carried out in coordination with Belém's local committee, the seminar is scheduled to take place around the meeting of Pan-Amazonian organizations already in Belém's agenda, as presented in the last IC meeting. By organizing its activities in sequence to those of that committee, the Methodology and Content Commission allows for greater interaction and coordination with the 9th WSF's Methodology Commission, besides reducing operational and travel costs. The expected outcome is the formulation of general terms for the 9th WSF's methodology proposal.

b) WORKING GROUP MEETING(TO BE HELD TWO DAYS BEFORE THE IC MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2008)

This two-day activity aims at detailing and finalizing the methodology proposal for the 9th WSF. During the seminar, the constitution of this WG will be defined; it is expected to have 8 people, being 3 of them non-Brazilians. 2 of its Brazilian members will be from Belém and the remaining 3 will be from different states in Brazil, but all participants of the Methodology Commission, including its coordination.

The choice of having the meeting in São Paulo was motivated by the need to reduce costs, considering that traveling to Belém is quite expensive for people living both in Brazil and abroad. The expected outcome is the completion of the 9th WSF methodology proposal, to be presented in the next IC meeting.

c) COMMUNICATION COMMISSION MEETING DURING THE IC MEETING (SEPTEMBER 2008)

The commission will meet after examining the IC and its Methodology Commission's inputs to finalize the 9th WSF methodology document.

d) WORKING GROUP MEETING (TO BE HELD IN BELÉM, IN NOVEMBER 2008)

This three-day meeting will objectively work with the latest methodology developments, starting with the analysis of the work undertaken by the commission since its inception and covering some of the activities already registered for the event, defining the final strategies for the 9th WSF. The expected outcome is to work out a Methodology Commission strategy plan for the 9th WSF. The meeting's location has been decided on the basis of logistical aspects that will directly influence the definition of strategies.

4. STRATEGY COMMISSION

A. BACKGROUND AND WORKING PLAN

Since the May 2007 Berlin IC meeting, the IC's Strategy Commission has worked towards raising important questions about the WSF and its future and organizing debates about them. In the October 2007 Belém meetings, some questions had been formulated and sent to IC members and WSF participants. About 100 contributions had been received in written form and served to subsidize a rich and intense debate that occurred in Abuja, in April 2008.

After the Abuja's seminar, the next step will be to disseminate its conclusions within the WSF process. Therefore, it is important that translation to the Abuja resolutions be provided for at least 6 languages and that these documents can be made available online and in hard copies. Also, it is important that members of the Strategy Commission can participate in the next activities of the Methodology Commission in the preparation process for the 9th WSF and in the regional fora that will precede it.

5. COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

A. BACKGROUND

The Communication Commission also was established at the IC meeting in Miami, on May 2003. Until 2007 the Commission worked mainly on guidelines for the WSF communication and information strategies. The implementation of communication concrete activities has been left for the Local Organizing Committee and the WSF São Paulo office.

After the assessment of the WSF sustainability conditions, in 2006, at the IC Parma meeting, this body decided to give more attention and priority to WSF communications. In Nairobi, during the IC meeting, after the 2007 WSF event, the IC asked the Communication Commission members to prepare a two-year Communication Plan for the WSF process and, once approved, to implement it.

The communication plan was approved during the IC meeting in Berlin. The implementation was divided in two parts: one aiming at giving immediate communication and information support for the GDA (August 2007 to April 2008) A report for the first part was presented at the IC in Abuja. The second part is now presented for the period Mat 2008 thru April 2009, looking to support both the 2009 Amazon WSF event and the WSF process.

B. WORKING PLAN

a) COMMISSION STRATEGY SEMINAR/MEETING

A fundamental strategy, two-day meeting to discuss in depth communication issues related to the general mid- and long-term WSF process, networking, promotion as well as the immediate work for Belém, stemming from the experience of the GDA.

b) PRESS CONFERENCES & JOURNALIST NETWORK

The general plan of the Communication Commission has envisioned a coordinated decentralized work on international press and on a network of journalists who follow the WSF throughout time. The costs are to cover 1 or 2 persons for

facilitation/coordination for worldwide press conferences for Belém—and a specific meeting for journalists which could coincide with a Communication Social Forum in Belém.

c) VIDEO EXCHANGE SYSTEM

Based on the experience during the 2008 GDA, the further development of the WSFTV platform and network of activists and professionals is strongly recommended, in order to:

- a) Collect video memory of the WSF—in a live archive from all over the world;
- b) Re-launch the campaign for one-minute videos towards Belém;
- c) Stimulate public screenings with WSFTV.net video bank to communicate about the WSF and towards/during Belém;
- d) Work on satellite distribution.

d) ALTERNATIVE MEDIA & RADIO NETWORK

Tasks based on recommendations of the communication commission in Abuja:

- a) Before the 2009 Amazon WSF: facilitate and stimulate production and interlinking of media coverage at the international level. the 2009 Amazon WSF: stimulate connections with media around the world in a similar way as the GDA. After the 2009 Amazon WSF: stimulate activities of reporting by media in an organised way;
- b) Build up the radio working group at the commission, including as many radio networks as possible. In particular, develop the radio forum towards Belém 2009 and start a more specific www.wsfradio.net site linked with WSFTV.net;
- c) Help set up a media center space in Belém to allow maximum cooperation of international alternative media (TV forum, radio forum, exchange of copy left materials, and so on).

e) WEBSITES & NEWSLETTERS (PROCESS/INSTITUTIONAL SITES)

Development and maintenance of all process-related and institutional websites, in particular:

- ✓ second phase development of the wsf2008.net site into a permanent mobilisation and social networking platform, with a more complex groups

and relations management to track and send mailings, integrated with the country and fund raising system;

- ✓ development of opensfm (possible integration from wsfprocess);
- ✓ integration of open chat + audio solution;
- ✓ wsftv and wsfradio development;
- ✓ startup of worldsocialpedia (knowledge base);
- ✓ newsletter design and maintenance (WSF office);
- ✓ hosting, maintenance and mirroring of all the websites

f) PROMO/DESIGN

Graphics design work in high resolution for web materials and for all who wish to print their own WSF materials.

g) ONLINE DONATIONS

Implementation of a specific online donation service, with tools for follow-up and integration in the institutional websites.

h) TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS, WEBSITES, LISTS, AND SO ON

Professional translations where needed for the IC work and for the websites. This budget should be used if needed after agreement with Babels or other volunteer translators and if translations in non-supported languages are rapidly needed and cannot be obtained elsewhere.

6- RESOURCE MOBILIZATION COMMISSION

A. BACKGROUND

This IC commission has also been very active due to need placed by the WSF process and related events. Its mandate is to mobilize resources broadly, financial as well as in-kind, in addition to institutional partnerships and volunteer support

to its own work. Since the assessment of the WSF sustainability, this commission has improved its functioning and works to implement the proposals resulting from the assessment. The Abuja IC meeting has approved a resource mobilization charter of principles and guidelines (RMG). Since late 2005, the commission has counted on the support of a professional fund-raiser, Mr. Rolando Lopéz. Mr. Lopéz's untimely passing in late April 2008 has left an enormous void and it will be difficult for the commission to find a professional that can match his political and professional experience. However, the need for such professional to implement the WSF resource mobilization working plan remains. The commission has decided to meet *in loco* at IC meetings. In the meantime, it will continue to meet via the Internet.

B. WORKING PLAN

- a) On the basis of the charter of principles and the guidelines approved in Abuja, the commission should move forward with proposals for mobilizing resources for the WSF process
- b) To finalize the terms of reference for the commission's work
- c) To assess the fund-raising and financial management efforts made with Banca Ética, from Italy, and the fund supported by the Tides Foundation, from the USA.
- d) Support to resource mobilization efforts for the 9th WSF and the WSF process, according to the working plan approved and the demands from the LG and the consortium.
- e) Support to reporting efforts and greater transparency to information on resource amounts, their origins and their use, to be made available to all social movements and organizations engaged in the WSF process.
- f) In coordination with the LG, to manage the resources raised for the WSF process.

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III

BUDGET

I - THE 2009 AMAZON WSF

	The Consortium Project	Government	Total EURO
1. Executive Secretariat – Belem Office	235.600		235.600
Office staff (fees + benefits)	177.400		177.400
Head coordinator	30.000		30.000
Communication coordinator	21.000		21.000
Infrastructure coordinator	21.000		21.000
Communication assistant	10.000		10.000
Communication staff	10.000		10.000
Secretary	17.000		17.000
Receptionist	13.000		13.000
Infrastructure staff	5.000		5.000
Programme/registration coordinator	12.200		12.200
Cultural coordinator	12.200		12.200
Admin. and financial coordinator	12.200		12.200
Volunteers coordinator	12.200		12.200
4 staff	1.600		1.600
2009 Amazon WSF Office	14.400		14.400
Office maintenance	4.800		4.800
Office materials	9.600		9.600
Office communication	9.600		9.600
Computers, printer and fax	7.200		7.200
Translation services (documents)	9.600		9.600
Legal Counseling	3.000		3.000
2. Calls for Action in the Pan-Amazonian region	212.200		212.200
Meeting of the Pan-Amazonian Council	25.000		25.000
4 Meetings without Borders (Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela)	160.000		160.000
Volunteer campaign	4.800		4.800
Mobilization and coalition-building activities for the 2009 Amazon WSF	22.400		22.400

	The Consortium Project	Government	Total EURO
3. Solidarity Fund	1,436.600		1,436.600
4 River and road caravans in the Pan-Amazonian region mobilizing social movements and CBOs, January 2009 (Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela)	439.000		439.000
Road caravans in other regions of Brazil	279.300		279.300
Solidarity Fund to secure participation from social movements and CBOs from other countries and continents	718.300		718.300
4. Communication and Information Technologies	991.500	1,158.000	2,149.500
WSF graphic information signs (WSF territory)		62.000	62.000
WSF graphic information signs (City of Belém)		75.000	75.000
Communication Center		100.000	100.000
2009 Amazon WSF Program (100.000 copies)	240.000		240.000
Kit for participants (bag, ID tag, program)		185.000	185.000
Interpreters (fees, travel costs and per diem)	652.000		652.000
Translation equipment		479.000	479.000
Internet infrastructure (network set-up with wireless and broadband capabilities and multimedia equipment)		155.000	155.000
TV and radio station system (mobile systems, signal centre, recording tapes, mobile uplink unit, transmission tower, radio studio and operators, and toll-free phone service for radio programmes)		102.000	102.000
Creation and maintenance of registration operating system	8.000		8.000
Publicity materials	91.500		91.500

	The Consortium Project	Government	Total EURO
5. Event logistics	275.300	6,351.000	6,626.300
Youth camp	44.000	1,645.000	1,689.000
Meals and transportation for working groups and FG	32.000		32.000
Meals and transportation for volunteers	56.000		56.000
Equipment (lease)		70.000	70.000
Furniture (lease)		70.000	70.000
Tent (lease)		200.000	200.000
Accreditation		80.000	80.000
Professional operations support team	80.000		80.000
Structure for food fairs and areas		60.000	60.000
Janitorial services		46.000	46.000
Stages (fully equipped)		52.000	52.000
Radio communication system	3.300		3.300
Reception (ports, airports and bus stations)	20.000		20.000
Security Services (equipment)	40.000		40.000
2009 Amazon WSF territory construction work and equipment set-up at the Federal University of Pará (UFPA) and Federal Rural University of the Amazon (UFRA) campi		4,128.000	4,128.000
6. Planning and Organization	310.300		310.300
Consortium of Organizations for Fund-Raising and Resource Management at the 2009 Amazon WSF	240.000		240.000
Transportation (airfare tickets and on-the-ground), ac- commodation and meals for organizations from SP and RJ in the FG to monitor the event organization	29.000		29.000
Banking, fees and unforeseen (1% from the Consor- tium's budget)	34.300		34.300
Audit	7.000		7.000
Total	3,461.500	7,509.000	10,970.500

II - STRENGTHENING THE WSF PROCESS

	Total EURO
1. Liaison Group (LG)	155.600
a) Activities	37.300
IC meetings' materials (EURO 100.000 per meeting to be covered by the host organization)	300
LG meetings	12.000
Occasional participation of LG members in meetings and regional fora	10.000
2009 Amazon WSF organization monitoring and support	15.000
b) Office Infra-structure	118.300
Office staff (3 personnel and 2 interns)	100.000
Office facility and equipment (monthly lease, utilities, phone, computers)	4.300
Webmaster (consultant)	1.000
Online listerv maintenance	3.000
Communication expenses, website and printing	10.000
2. Expansion Commission	30.000
World regions/processes:	
Asian countries	10.000
Arab countries	10.000
Russia and the countries from the former Soviet Union	10.000
3. Methodology and Content Commission	34.200
a) Seminar on Methodology (3 days, Belém, July 2008)	20.400
Travel costs	12.500
2 people from Africa	2.500
2 people from India	2.500
3 people from the Methodology Commission	3.000
1 people from the Communication Commission	1.000
2 people from other countries	2.500
4 people from other states in Brazil	1.000
Meeting room	1.000
Translation services	3.500
Accommodation (meals and lodging)	3.000
On-the-ground transportation	400

	Total EURO
b) Working Group meeting (2 days, before IC, September 2008)	6.600
Travel costs for 2 people from Belém	3.000
Accommodation (meals and lodging for 6 people)	3.600
c) Working Group meeting (3 days, Belém, November 2008)	7.200
Travel costs for 4 Methodology Commission members	6.000
Accommodation (meals and lodging)	1.200
4. Strategy Commission	17.000
Translation services (Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arab) and editing/printing of Abuja's Strategy Seminar Report	5.0000
Participation in the Methodology Commission meeting (Belém, June 2008)	5.0000
Participation in Regional Fora up to the 2009 Amazon WSF	7.0000
5. Communication Commission	145.000
Commission strategy seminar / meeting	15.000
Press conferences & journalist network	15.000
Video exchange system	20.000
Alternative media & Radio network	20.000
Websites & newsletters (process/institutional sites)	40.000
Promo – Design	5.000
Online donations	5.000
Translations: docs, webs, lists	10.000
Coordination/supervision/admin costs	15.000
6. Resource Mobilization Commission	82.200
a) Fund-raising activities	43.200
Personnel (2,600 x 12 months)	31.200
Travel and lodging	12.000
b) Administration and reporting	39.000
Resource management, accounting, and reporting (3,000 x 12 months)	36.000
Audit	3.000
Total	464.000

THE 2009 AMAZON WSF AND THE WSF PROCESS - BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Items	The Consortium Project	Government*	Total EURO
I - THE 2009 AMAZON WSF			
Executive Secretariat – Belém Office	235.600		235.600
Calls for Action in the Pan-Amazonian region	212.200		212.200
Solidarity Fund	1,436.600		1,436.600
Communication and Information Technologies	991.500	1,158.000	2,149.500
Event Logistics	275.300	6,351.000	6,626.300
Planning and Organization	310.300		310.300
			10,970.50
Sub-total I	3,461.500	7,509.000	0
II - STRENGTHENING THE WSF PROCESS			
Liaison Group (LG)	155.600		155.600
Expansion Commission	30.000		30.000
Methodology Commission	34.200		34.200
Strategy Commission	17.000		17.000
Communication Commission	145.000		145.000
Resource Mobilization Commission	82.200		82.200
Sub-total II	464.000		464.000
Total	3,925.500	7,509.000	11,434.50 0

**For information on cost calculation and resource management, see Part IV (Funding Strategies)*

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IV

FUNDING STRATEGIES

1. JUSTIFICATION

According to the Resource Mobilization Guidelines (RMG) approved in the Abuja IC meeting, there are four main, interconnected funding strategies for the 2009 Amazon WSF.

1. Self-managed revenues

In order to foster ownership, the following elements have been identified and, as per Abuja's RMG, will be the basis for a table of costs. Estimate of total revenues have not been completed yet.

A. Participants

- Fees from registered individual participants
- Fees from registered local peoples
- Fees from registered organizations

B. Activities

- Fees from self-managed activities
- Fees from translation services (as part of the infra-structure)
- Fees from stands and tents

C. Voluntary work

The estimated worth of volunteer work from individuals and organizations towards supporting WSF events is an important contribution whose amount has been overlooked. Estimate of this work's total gross value for the 2009 Amazon WSF has not been calculated yet.

2. Government

As per the negotiations between the Consortium, the FG's operational arm, and the State of Pará and Brazil governments, in regards to this proposal's budget, the latter two have agreed to fund and manage directly some of the costs to be incurred by the 2009 Amazon WSF, notably those related to infra-structure, construction work, equipment and materials and so on. Some of these are being planned as permanent benefits to the City of Belém and its population. Part A's budget figures for the government have been provided by a joint governmental task force already in place in Belém. A written agreement to be signed by the Consortium and the two governments will lay out each party's budget allocation and managerial responsibilities. As discussed between the parties, in regards to this proposal's budget, neither the FG nor the Consortium will receive any funds from the State of Pará and Brazil governments nor will they be responsible, in any way whatsoever, for managing the publicly-funded resources in the budget, which total EURO 7.509.000.

3. Funding sources in Brazil

In previous events, Brazilian publicly funded corporations have demonstrated goodwill towards supporting WSF events. Early estimates indicate a potential to raise some EURO 800.000

4. International Cooperation

Traditionally, international development agencies and foundations have been the largest donors to the WSF and are the most likely to support the 2009 Amazon WSF. A first round of visits and contacts has been made with a positive show of interest from European funders. A second round will cover the United States and Canada with hopes to raise EUR 2.500.0000 up to 3.000.000

Annex 1

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ARTICLES OF DECLARATIONCONSORTIUM OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUND-RAISING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
AT THE 2009 AMAZON WSF, BELÉM

The Pará Association for the Support of Communities in Need (APACC), headquartered in Belém, state of Pará, at the Travessa 3 de maio, 1529, São Braz, zip code 66063-390, represented by Márcia Lopes e Silva, Brazilian, single, ID # 2502938, issued by SEGUP/PA; the Federation of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance (FASE)/ Amazon branch, headquartered in Belém at Bernal do Couto Street, 1329, Umarizal, zip code 66055-080, represented by Maria das Graças de Figueiredo Costa, Brazilian, married, ID # 3388809, issued by SEGUP/PA; the Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses (IBASE), headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, at Rio Branco Avenue, 124/8 andar, Centro, zip code 20040-916, represented by Cândido Grzybowski, Brazilian, married, ID # 03.693.941-1, issued by DETRAN-RJ; the Paulo Freire Institute (IPF), headquartered in São Paulo, state of São Paulo, at Cerro Corá Street, 550/sala 10, Alto da Lapa, zip code 05061-100, represented by Moacir Gadotti, Brazilian, married, ID # 3956843-x, issued by SSP/SP; and the Popular University Institute (UNIPOP), headquartered in Belém at the Senador Lemos Avenue, 557, Umarizal, zip code 66050-000, represented by Aldalice Moura Cruz Otterloo, Brazilian, married, ID # 2119898, issued by SEGUP/PA, all members of 9th World Social Forum (WSF) Facilitating Group, responsible for facilitating its organization process, from heretofore identified as the CONSORTIUM, agree on forming this consortium for fund-raising and resource management to be used in the

organization of the 9th WSF, also described as the 2009 Amazon WSF, to be held in Belém, Brazil, with the following parts and articles described below.

1) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The consortium members have decided to engage their own institutional capacities in order to fund-raise and manage the resources needed for the organization of the 9th WSF, also described as the 2009 Amazon WSSF, to be held in Belém do Pará, state of Pará, Brazil, from January 27th thru February 2nd, 2009, as a civil society initiative, according to the terms contained in the WSF Charter of Principles.

The collective building of the WSF has as its goals:

1.1) To build upon the historical and social achievements of previous WSF editions and to ensure that the 2009 Amazon WSF will continue to be a diverse and plural gathering of local, regional and global civil societies in the process of strengthening anti-globalization struggles while guaranteeing that its program contain the values described in its Charter of Principles: anti-neoliberal, anti-imperialist, anti-patriarchal and anti-racist.

1.2) To favor the emergence of alternatives and to strengthen the exchange of experiences, the coalition-building among social movements, community-based organizations (CBOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), unions, and religious associations in all countries and at the continental and global level.

1.3) At the WSF, neither the CONSORTIUM nor the collectives that facilitate the WSF process seek to create an event for international collective decision-making on behalf of civil societies around the world. Nor does this event seek to create an international organization for political mobilization and direct action. Its goal is to debate ideas and proposals in an open environment supportive to collective searches, discussion, and the making of a thematic, reference agenda, as well as to foster the emergence of new coalitions among its participants and new initiatives of political mobilization and direct action, engaging those people and organizations willing to be a part of it.

2) CONSORTIUM MEMBERS' DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, the CONSORTIUM agrees to take over fund-raising and management as well as the reporting on the financial resources needed for the 2009 Amazon WSF, according to the following conditions:

2.1) To form a consortium of organizations specifically for the 2009 Amazon WSF, with equal power to speak and vote in the decision-making processes concerning fund-raising and resource management;

2.2) To conduct a transparent administration of the resources, according to the budget and project elaborated by the FG and approved by the IC in its April 2008 Abuja meeting;

2.3) In case there are delays in disbursements from funders, the CONSORTIUM shall reprogram its own disbursement schedules. It is not the CON-

SORTIUM members' responsibility to advance funds from their own resources;

2.4) In case fund-raising efforts are insufficient as per the approved budget, the CONSORTIUM shall reduce planned activities to cut costs down and avoid a negative balance, according to the orientation of the IC's Resource Mobilization Commission;

2.5) In case there is an overflow of funds, resources should be directed towards the WSF process, according to the orientation of the IC's Resource Mobilization Commission;

2.6) The costs incurred by CONSORTIUM members for engaging their professional and technical capacities and material resources to implement this agreement's goals are part of the budget and shall be disbursed to them in equal, monthly installments.

3) ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING

In order to make decisions about matters related to WSF resources, their management and reporting, a financial administration group will be formed with one representative from each CONSORTIUM member and the technical support of a finance and administration coordinator stationed at the WSF São Paulo office.

Any of the CONSORTIUM members can be nominated by the financial administrative group to sign contracts, open specific bank accounts and to receive funds and make payments on behalf of the CONSORTIUM.

Whenever possible, decisions shall be made by the CONSORTIUM through qualified consensus. In case consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by collective decisions backed by at least 4 (four) of the 5 (five) CONSORTIUM members.

The 2009 Amazon WSF shall be accountable through a single financial report, accompanied by a narrative report, both duly audited. All FG members, the IC and international agencies that contributed in some manner to the 2009 Amazon WSF shall receive a copy of the reports. They will be also available to all participating social movements, CBOs, NGOs and other groups at the 9th WSF web site.

4) ON THE CONSORTIUM'S DURATION

The CONSORTIUM shall last from the day the members sign this agreement until 2 (two) months after the 2009 Amazon WSF.

Belém, April 30th 2008

The CONSORTIUM members

Pará Association for the Support of Communities in Need (APACC)

Federation of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance (FASE)

Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses (IBASE)

Paulo Freire Institute (IPF)

Popular University Institute (UNIPOP)