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WE WILL BUILD TOGETHER A WORLD SOCIAL FORUM OF ACTIONS AND STRUGGLES

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On January 25, the World Social Forum will begin with an international Virtual March in defense of Justice, Democracy and Good Living.

During the days of the Forum, in addition to the various self-organized activities promoted by each participating organization or social movement, the Facilitation Group will organize Panels on each thematic space, each lasting two or three hours, to which social and political leaders, intellectuals, and personalities of international expression are being invited to fight under the slogan: Another World is Possible (Necessary and Urgent).

Learn more: <https://wsf2021.net>

Pre-register for the Virtual World Social Forum now

Hundreds of representatives of social movements and organizations from various countries have already begun to register to participate and promote activities in the Virtual World Social Forum.

In addition to registering, it is essential to publicize the WSF for their partnerships and areas of influence.

After pre-registration, it is possible to do the following:

- Choose one of the Working Groups to participate (Communication, Mobilization, Resources, etc);
- Choose a Thematic Space to contribute with the methodology and construction of the Panels;
- Start preparing your self-organized activity(ies);
- Or simply book the agenda to participate directly in the days of the Forum.

Make your pre-registration now, in a few minutes, clicking on the link below:

<https://framaforms.org/contacto-inclusion-proceso-fsm2021v-1604754077>





Prepare your self-organized activity

All social movements and organizations that participate in the Virtual World Social Forum can promote self-managed activities within the Forum space.

Both the political definition and logistics of each self-organized activity are the responsibility of the social movement or organization that promotes them. That is, the choice of theme and its relationship with the Forum's Space and Thematic Axis, as well as the definitions of the communication platform, virtual room capacity, link generation for access, date and time, etc.

The structure of the Forum, organized by the Facilitator Group, will enable all the self-managed activities to be included in the General Program of the Virtual WSF, which will be disseminated worldwide.

For this, the deadlines for registration of self-organized activities, whose specific form is already being prepared, will be announced in advance.

Therefore, start preparing your organization's self-organized activity now, because in about two weeks you will be able to register it.

Challenges of the Economy and Campaigns for 2021

Facing the serious and urgent challenges of the current situation with articulations, struggles and global campaigns is one of the greatest political needs of social movements and organizations around the world.

The programming of the Virtual World Social Forum will provide concrete answers to this question.

Panels linked to the Thematic Spaces and other activities organized by the Facilitator Group will be dedicated to the convergence of proposals that will extend into the year 2021.

Worldwide mobilization in five continents

Mobilizing widely is one of the most important tasks to build a great event - even more so being virtual - and contribute to its political relevance. The Virtual WSF Mobilization Working Group is carrying out a plan to achieve this goal worldwide - and in a very short time.

However, it is not starting from scratch.



The most recent face-to-face planetary edition of the World Social Forum, held in March 2018 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, had around six thousand social organizations and over 80 thousand participants.

From January to October this year, the International Council of the WSF held several meetings and expanded meetings, with international organizations, global networks and representatives of Collective Facilitators of Thematic, Regional and National Social Forums, adding hundreds of participants from around the world.

It is therefore from this broad phase of listening and dialogue - and of political and organic revitalization of the WSF process - that mobilization for the Virtual WSF is taking place from January 25 to 30, 2021.

The Mobilization Working Group is developing four main lines, which need to be strengthened. One of them is geographic.

The initiatives in Latin America and Europe already point to a path of continental mobilization towards the Virtual WSF.

In North America - especially the United States and Canada - the work needs to be greatly intensified.

And much more intensified in Asia, Africa and Oceania.

Another line is the mobilization with the help of the main networks of international organizations and movements that are present in several continents.

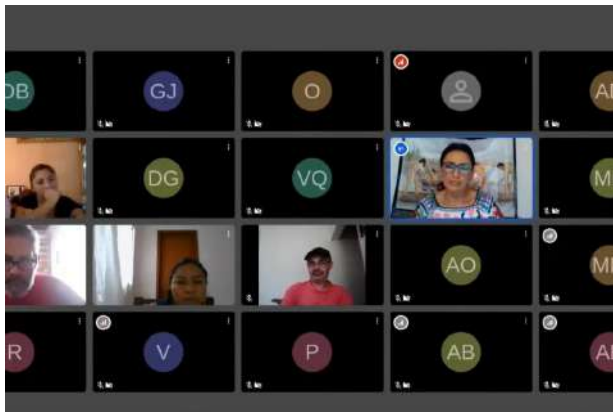


These networks - dedicated to fundamental and global struggles (city and country workers, democracy, pandemic, environment, human rights, women, anti-racism, oppressed peoples, etc.) - play a very important role in the current mobilization process.

A third line is to significantly increase the participation of youth from all over the world. And the fourth line of work is focused on the Virtual WSF's own Spaces and Thematic Axes, encouraging the participants of these groups to intensify mobilization in their areas of partnership and influence.

They are invited to join the Mobilization Working Group.





Thematic Spaces and Large Panels

Get to know the definitions formulated so far and integrate into one of the groups.

a. Thematic space: **CLIMATE CHANGE / ECOLOGY**
Examples of themes: water, natural resources, extractivism, food...

b. Thematic space: **PEACE AND WAR.**
Examples of topics: geopolitics, militarization, refugees and migration

c. Thematic space: **DEMOCRACY**
Examples of thematic axes: Fascism, authoritarianism, fundamentalism, religions, participation, liberties, civil and political rights...

d. Thematic area: **SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Examples of topics: economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development; social protection and (re)distribution of wealth (...)

e. Thematic space: **ECONOMIC JUSTICE**
Examples of thematic axes: combating inequalities - modes of production and distribution of wealth; productivity and appropriation of wealth; indebtedness and political and social control; social and solidarity economy, transformative, the common...

f. Thematic space: **SOCIETY and DIVERSITY**
Examples of themes: gender, feminism, feminicide, racism, indigenous peoples...

g. Thematic space: **COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, CULTURE**
Examples of topics: **information technology, knowledge, cognitive capitalism**

h. Thematic space: **ORIGINATING PEOPLE.**



There are two transversal themes in all Spaces: **GENDER and FIGHT AGAINST RACISM.**

And the Special Thematic Axis: **THE FUTURE OF THE WSF.**

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