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LEVELS OF GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS”**

(INCLUDING A FIRST-DRAFT PROGRAMME PROPOSAL)

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1. The First Document

In the first document we essentially said:

We believe that events in the world of international institutions in recent years, and particularly in 2005, have confirmed the urgent need for a **“World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions”**. Hence, at the meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the UBUNTU Forum and Organising Committee of the World Campaign in February 2006, it was decided to launch the second phase (2006 -2009) of the World Campaign.

Among the renewed objectives of the campaign is calling this international conference in the form of dialogues between different levels of governance and civil society actors, and our wish is that this will serve as the framework for one of the campaign’s objectives: **“Contributing to the construction of an international social and political movement that is capable of being the stimulus for the process or processes of reform”**.

We see the proposed International Conference as the beginning of the road towards shaping, articulating, defining ... a local-GLOBAL social and political alliance of many actors, which will be able to promote advances towards the goal of real reform of the multilateral international institutions. This scenario must become a reality as soon as possible so that existing policies on the world scale will change and begin to confront the huge challenges that humanity now faces, and advance towards truly democratic global governance.

2. Conference Committee

As of mid-May, the civil-society component of the Conference Committee includes the following people representing their respective organisations.

Gemma Adaba – (ICFTU) *International Confederation of Free Trade Unions*

Fatma Alloo – (DAWN) *Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era*

Aldo Caliarì – (CIDSE) *Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité*

Miquel de Paladella – (GMC) *Global Movement for Children*

Eduardo Estevez – (WCL) *World Confederation of Labor*

John Foster – (NSI) *The North-South Institute*

Vicente García Delgado – *CIVICUS*

Anselmo Lee – *Forum Asia*

Sara Longwe – (FEMNET) *The African Women’s Development and Communication*

Federico Mayor

Jorge Nieto – (CICD) *Centro Internacional para una Cultura Democrática*
Poul Ortega – (PAX ROMANA - ICMICA) *International Catholic Movement of Intellectual & Cultural Affairs*
Cyril Ritchie – (CONGO) *Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN*
Roberto Savio – (IPS) *Inter Press Service*
Seán Ó Siochrú – (CRIS) *Communication Rights in the Information Society*
Lene Shumacher – (WFM-IGP) *World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy*
June Zeitlin – (WEDO) *Women's Environment and Development Organization*
Josep Xercavins – (UBUNTU Forum Secretariat)

The UBUNTU Forum Secretariat is still in consultation with other international civil society organisations in order to achieve the most representative and balanced conference committee possible.

Conference Secretariat

Secretariat of the UBUNTU Forum and the World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions

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3. Interested Governments and Groups of Governments

The governments invited to date are listed below, although the UBUNTU Forum Secretariat is still in consultation with other in order to obtain the most “representative” and balanced participation possible. Those governments and groups of governments that have shown interest in participating are marked with an asterisk (*):

Governments with which contact has been made:

Brazil*
Canada
Chile*
Finland
France
Germany
India
Japan
Mexico*
New Zealand
Spain*
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania

Groups of governments with which we are in contact:

League of Arab States (SG)*
G77 (South Africa) *
Alliance of Small Island States

4. Other Levels of Governance Interested

Henceforth and on the basis of this document/moment, invitations will be made to other possible participants from the world of **International Organisations that are linked to the United Nations System** (United Nations Millennium Campaign, FfD, NGLS, UNDP, UNCTAD ...); the world of **other international groupings of governmental actors** (sub-state and local governments: ACCD, ICLEI, FAL, United Cities and Local Governments, South Centre ...; parliamentary organisations: IPU ...); **the more internationalised political actors** (GPF – Global Progressive Forum, SI – Socialist International, the Democratic Party (USA) ...); **foundations** (Commonwealth Foundation, FES, NOVIB ...)

5. Objectives

5.1. In General Terms

From the perspective of the short-term results that this International Conference proposal hopes to achieve, the aim is to make notable progress in answering questions or moving towards attaining our goals, for example: **How can we construct an international social and political movement that is capable of initiating a process or processes of reform of the system of global governance? What should the characteristics of this movement be? How might this process be initiated? What should the characteristics of this process be?**

Likewise, the proposed International Conference should offer a suitable space for analysing one of the possible items on the agenda of the second stage of the World Campaign for Reform of the System of International Institutions: **creating a “World Committee for the Reform of the System of International Institutions” that will become a singular, multi-actor and proactive element at the level of the political lobbying that is necessary to attain the desired reforms.**

Naturally, an international conference of this nature must also contribute towards advancing other goals of the world campaign: a) **to involve in the process the greatest possible number of actors now present on the world stage (to which the multi-actor conception of the proposed International Conference contributes), and b) continue to work, along with other actors, on proposals from civil society concerning the conceptual, proposal-level and methodological foundations of the reform.**

5.2. In Specific Terms

The Millennium Declaration and the final document of the United Nations World Summit in 2005 state, “*We are determined to establish a just and lasting peace all over the world in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter [...] We recommit ourselves to actively protecting and promoting all human rights, the rule of law and democracy [...]*”. We therefore raise the following questions: **What really operative reforms and measures to attain these objectives must we introduce into the Security Council, the recently created Human Rights Council and the General Assembly itself, and how?**

The Millennium Declaration and the final document of the 2005 World Summit state, “*We believe that the central challenge we face today is to ensure that globalization becomes a positive force for*

all the world's people. For while globalization offers great opportunities, at present its benefits are very unevenly shared, while its costs are unevenly distributed. [...] We strongly reiterate our determination to ensure the timely and full realization of the development goals and objectives agreed at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including those agreed at the Millennium Summit that are described as the Millennium Development Goals [...]". We then raise the questions: **What really operative reforms and measures to attain these objectives must we introduce into the General Assembly, ECOSOC and multilateral organisations like the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organization, and how?**

6. First Draft for the Proposed Conference Programme, the Dialogues

See below.

MONDAY 20

9 am – 11 am: Plenary Opening Dialogue

Themes: How, what for and when must the main in-depth reforms be implemented in the system of international institutions, and which reforms are these?

Possible speakers (Ps): Juan Somavía; Federico Mayor; Government (G.) of Brazil; (G.) France; Millennium Campaign; United Cities and Local Governments

Moderator, dialogue guide and session reporter (MGR): Josep Xercavins (UBUNTU)

11.30 am – 1 pm: Parallel Dialogues

WEDO & FEMNET	GAN AC	WCSDG-ILO
<u>“Gender” Responses and proposals (R&P)</u>	<u>R&P from the “Alliance of Civilizations”</u>	<u>R&P from the “World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization”</u>
Ps: June Zeitlin; (G.) Sweden	Ps: F. Mayor; (G.) Spain	Ps: Roberto Savio; G77
MGR: Sara Longwe	MGR: Manuel Manonelles	MGR: Gemma Adaba

1 pm – 2 pm: Lunch Break

2 pm – 3.30 pm: Parallel Dialogues

Forum Asia	DAWN – F. Commonwealth	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
<u>“Regional-Asia” R&P</u>	<u>“Regional-Africa” R&P</u>	<u>“Regional-Latin America” R&P</u>
Ps: (G.) India; Salil Shetty	Ps: (G.) Tanzania; T. Khane	Ps: (G.) Mexico; E. Estévez
MGR: Anselmo Lee	MGR: Fatma Alloo	MGR: Thomas Manz

4 pm – 6 pm: Plenary Dialogue “Development, Financing and Trade”

Themes: How, and when must the necessary reforms be implemented so that the governments of the developed countries, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the private sector take the appropriate measures and actions so as to fulfil the commitments, agreements and decisions of the majority of the United Nations conferences and summits, including the Millennium Development Goals (see text of 2005 World Summit), and which reforms are they? Who must implement norms and standards for multilateral trade relations so that they can really be a factor in sustainable human development? Which norms and standards, how and when?

Possible speakers: Oscar de Rojas; Susan George; M. Khor; (G.) Chile; (G.) Germany; Aldo Caliari; Bretton Woods Project; UNCTAD

MGR: Jo Marie Griesgraber (New-Rules & BWP & CIDSE)

6 pm: End of sessions

TUESDAY 21

9 am – 11 am: Plenary Dialogue “Peace and Human Rights”

Themes: Towards peace and respect for human rights. Who must re-establish the policies of world disarmament and end the arms trade? Which policies, how and when?

Possible speakers: IAEA; League of Arab States; (G.) Japan; (G.) Switzerland; IPPNW; Colin Archer

MGR: Paul Ortega (PAX ROMANA)

11.30 am – 1 pm: Parallel Dialogues

WFM-IGP	CONGO & NGLS	CRIS & CIVICUS
<u>R&P from the standpoint “of the regionalization of the world”</u>	<u>R&P from the standpoint “of civil society”</u>	<u>R&P from the standpoint “of other levels of government”</u>
Ps: Bill Pace; (G.) Sweden; EU	Ps: Candido Grzybowski; J. Xercavins; Tony Hill	Ps: Seán Ó Siochrú; IPU; ACCD; FAL
MGR: Lene Shumacher	MGR: Renata Bloem & C. Ritchie	MGR: Vicente García

1 pm – 2 pm: Lunch Break

2 pm – 3.30 pm: Parallel Dialogues

GMC & NOVIB	CICD	FRIDE
<u>R&P from the standpoint “of the FfD”</u>	<u>R&P from the standpoint “of environmental matters”</u>	<u>R&P from the standpoint “of Third Sector Foundations”</u>
Ps: J. Foster; (G.) Tanzania; Ted van Hees	Ps: Greenpeace; June Z.; (G.) Canada; ICLEI	Ps: Ford; Commonwealth; (G.) New Zealand
MGR: Miquel de Paladella	MGR: Jorge Nieto	MGR: FRIDE

4 pm – 6 pm: Final Plenary Dialogue, World Committee

Theme: Towards a World Committee for the Reform of International Institutions? What, how, which, who and when?

Ps: G77; (G.) Finland; Al Gore; Poul Rasmussen; Federico Mayor

MGR: Josep Xercavins

6 pm: End of sessions