

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2007

PROPOSAL

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I. INTRODUCTION

The World Social Forum in Nairobi Kenya, to be held January 20-25, 2007, is going to take place against a background of a momentous period in world history. It is a period that is precariously characterized by a curious mixture of hope, despair and determination to fight for a better world. As neo-liberal globalization, like ill-weed that grows apace, continues to enjoy a slippery hold on the global economy and the rhizome of popular resistance begins to broaden its appeal across the North-South divide among the victims of the entailed dispensation. And as trade imbalances consign Third World economies to perpetual poverty and militarism combined with uni-polar hegemonic control of world politics continue to compromise sovereignty of nations and undermine peaceful coexistence between peoples of different nations of the world, the WSF is expected to unleash the tailwinds for the popular forces to coalesce around a common agenda for change.

Africa, the host of the WSF 2007, is on the receiving end of this precarious situation. Whereas in Latin America popular resistance against neo-liberal hegemony is increasingly gaining in a robust state-political expression and in the wider Asia rapid economic development is promising to make a significant difference in the lives of its people, Africa remains largely vised between endemic poverty and lack of visionary engagement with neo-liberal distortion of its real capacities for resistance. It is time for Africa to re-assert its cradle-of-humanity role by seeking to be the graveyard of neo-liberalism.

In Africa, the political context for the Forum will be a chequered canvas of contradictory tendencies among a wide variety of social forces. The main features will be:

- unresolved and recidivist conflicts across the continent
- widespread poverty caused by a curious combination of factors touching on perennial draught, economic mismanagement and unrewarding terms of international trade
- regime changes that amount to no visionary transformation of societies
- debilitating debt overhang
- restless populations groping for alternatives that are yet to crystallize into viable political programs championed by robust social movements
- an increasingly unfriendly framework for international cooperation

Together and in different combinations the above constitute formidable challenges and opportunities for the hosting of the WSF 2007. Opportunities reside in the fact that political problems afflicting the formal party-political formations are increasingly translating into a robust growth of social movements armed with radical agenda for social transformation. This can feed into a successful WSF 2007. And we are keen to capitalize on this. On the minus side, powerful sectarian interests in the national body politic could perceive the WSF process and event as being insistent with their interests and thereby antagonize the build-up to the WSF 2007 by placing many obstacles on the way to a successful hosting of the event.

It is against this precarious background that the WSF process will seek to bring a favourable balance of social forces to bear on the social transformation energies of the African social movements in solidarity with fraternal actors from the rest of the world. The envisaged synergy is expected to benefit from:

- dialogue among progressive social movements and intellectuals
- proposals for new strategies for revolutionary engagement with neo-liberal globalization
- collective learning among the participating social movements
- sharing of experiences and

- concerted efforts aimed at crafting alternatives for social transformation

This is the first time in the Forum's 7-year history for it to be held in Africa and only the second time outside its birth place of Porto Alegre, Brazil. Over the last six years, the World Social Forum has come to represent the most formidable bulwark of popular struggles against poverty and poverty-creating policies; thanks to the illustrious display of ideological focus and organizational capacity among Latin American social movements and their allies worldwide. It has given and continues to give hope to the peoples of the South that the present unjust world order must give way to a better world organized around the imperatives of justice, subsidiarity, equity and social solidarity. And that, given the high concentration of its victims in this part of the world, Africa could very well turn out to be the graveyard of some of its most oppressive policy diktats.

II. TERRITORY AND PARTICIPATION

The WSF has continued to grow both qualitatively and quantitatively since its inception in 2001 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. From an attendance figure of 20,000 people at the first edition in 2001, the number of people attending the forum has progressively soared, reaching a figure of 155,000 participants in Porto Alegre in 2005. Below is a table of attendance at the previous WSF editions.

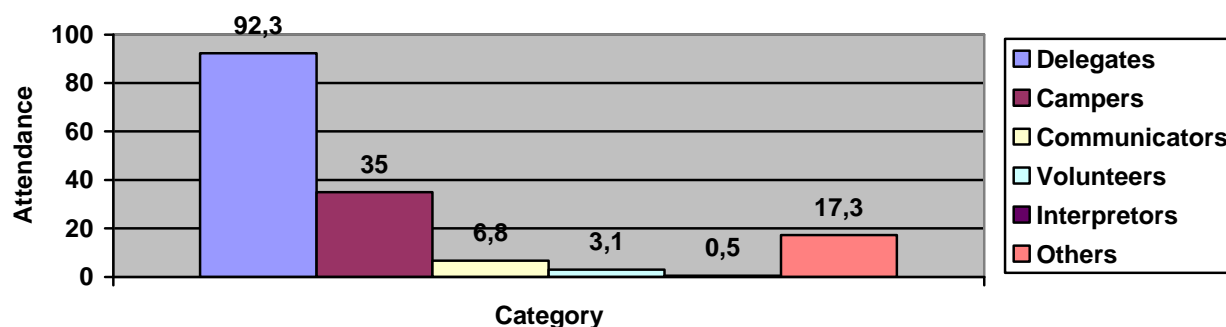
Table 1: WSF Attendance 2001-2005

YEAR	CITY	COUNTRY	NO. OF PEOPLE
2001	Porto Alegre	Brazil	20,000
2002	Porto Alegre	Brazil	50,000
2003	Porto Alegre	Brazil	101,000
2004	Mumbai	India	115,000
2005	Porto Alegre	Brazil	155,000

Source: WSF 2005 Organising Committee and the Youth Camp

In Porto Alegre 2005, attendance was registered according five categories, namely: participants/delegates, campers, communicators, volunteers and interpreters. Chart 1 below shows attendance in Porto Alegre by category. In view of the massive attendance expected, the whole of Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), Uhuru Park and Central Park will be used for the main WSF activities. The Youth Camp may be held at the University of Nairobi.

Chart 1: Attendance at WSF 2005 by Category (in thousand)



Two parallel but supporting events will also be held during WSF 2007. These are Local Authorities Forum (FAL) and the World Parliamentarians' Forum. Venues for these will be in the neighbourhood of the WSF territory in order to promote intensive interaction between social movements and these other actors that are crucial in policy-making and crafting of governance edifices at local and national levels.

The choice and design of territory is deliberately motivated to enhance easy access by all actors to all events, for participants not to be isolated from the normal life of the city and to celebrate the historical significance of both Uhuru Park and University of Nairobi in the struggle for Kenya's independence and democratisation.¹

As a microcosm of the world we aspire to create through the Forum, deliberate efforts will be made to ensure that the process, event and the territory are managed in such a way that upholds the dignity and rights of workers and volunteers in all aspects, cares for the environment and empowers the hitherto disempowered people.

An elaborate plan for waste management, energy conservation and minimisation of pollutants will be elaborated. As far as is practical, services for the event and within the territory will be provided by the players in solidarity economy (e.g cooperative enterprises, women's associations, *jua kali* artisans etc.). Already, both the Logistics and Culture commissions are looking at the possibility of constructing *makuti*-type huts instead of tents on a benefit-cost-sustainability basis. Similarly, on the basis of available skills and other considerations, an examination will be made of the possibility of using open Operating Systems such as Linux as opposed to the copyrighted Microsoft systems and similar software. As a policy, corporations that have records of violation of workers' rights, environmental defilement, promoting militarism nationally or internationally will be banished from associating with the process or the event in any way

III. CONTENT

Although the Forum is 90 per cent self-organised, the organizers have identified some generic themes as presented in the axes below. These were endorsed by both the Council of African Social Forum and the International Committee of WSF during their last meeting in Nairobi, March 16-22, 2006

SPACE 1- For the 2007 WSF to be a real instrument of social transformation, one should formulate an agenda for discussions that closely relate to people's concerns, especially African concerns.

A- **Promote the involvement of marginalized groups.** The excluded and minority groups must be at the center of the Forum. This constitutes for the Forum an important element of coherence with regard to the Charter of Principles. In this regard, a particular effort should be made to mobilize and involve popular actors, particularly in Africa, such as minorities, shantytown dwellers, HIV/AIDS infected people and so forth. The Forum will be for these groups an opportunity to

¹ Uhuru (Freedom) Park was so named to commemorate the attainment of Kenya's independence from British colonial rule in 1963 and was later, in early 1990s the venue of intense struggles by Kenyans for re-introduction of multi-party democracy. Mothers of political prisoners staged two-month long vigil at the park to demand release of their sons. The Great Court at the University of Nairobi was the scene of brutal massacre in 1923 of unarmed Kenyans who had gathered to demand the release of Harry Thuku, one of the early pioneers of Kenya's independence struggle.

make known their existence and publicize their struggles. To achieve this objective, their involvement should begin during the preparatory phase of the Forum.

- B- **Fighting against the logic of violence and for peace.** The question of peace remains essential for social movements around the world and in Africa
- C- **Restoring people's sovereignty over their resources and democratizing their access** (access to land, exploitation and control of resources, management of water resources...)
- D- **Reconstructing ethics and spirituality:** in a context characterized by the preeminence economic and financial issues, the destruction of social relations and the appropriation of universal standards by multinational groups and dominant countries, the extremism of States and terrorist groups has imposed in a forceful (and often dramatic) way, social, cultural and spiritual standards. Reconstructing universal ethics, shared values and spirituality seems to be a major challenge for all Humanity and for the African continent, in particular.
- E- **Promoting gender equality, economic and social rights,** social and political democracy and human dignity.
- F- **Rehabilitating and reconstructing politics:** the unlimited expansion of the power of multinational corporations and of international financial and trade institutions has unacceptably marginalized the voices of the citizens in the formulation of public policies. Politics as a means to organize collective life and institutions as a space to formulate common rules, have dramatically lost their weight with regard to the powers of economic institutions. This void leads to a chaos that benefits the privileged groups. Political power is no longer an instrument of regulation but a means to gain access to resources for privileged groups. The same chaos allows the wealthiest countries to impose political "turnkey" models which do not take into account the background and experiences of each society. This situation has diverse implications in the world. In Africa, it translates into institutions and political systems without real democratic content, most of all by exacerbated tensions and the use of violence as a means to access to power.

SPACE 2- The Forum should seek to deepen the critique of neoliberalism as well as construct democratic and people-centered alternatives based on shared values: diversity, rejection of hegemony and violence, justice and equality, democracy, people's sovereignty and solidarity.

SPACE 3-The Nairobi Forum should be a forum of collective action and of reconstruction of convergences among social movements with the view to creating a maximum of impact against neoliberal policies, hegemony and for the implementation of alternatives and the deepening of solidarities for another world.

To this end, the Forum should give more visibility to social movements, such as: Labour movements, Farmers' organizations, popular actors, Youth movements, Women's movements, Movements of native (indigenous) people, The Diasporas, Networks of communicators, Researchers' organizations, Cultural groups, Advocacy networks

And translate into the formulation of convergences in the struggles and collective actions, of regional and worldwide campaigns.

Those convergences and actions should be led on a systematic and self-organized manner while respecting the Charter of Principles of the World Social Forum. The Council could be one of the places for information sharing and evaluation.

SPACE 4- SPACES OF DIALOGUES AND CONTROVERSIES:

This space will accommodate interlocution with institutions and agencies that are not traditionally part of the WSF process; and which at times might be seen to pursue policies and/or political beliefs that run counter to those held by the majority of participants at WSF. These include: Local authorities; Political parties; The UN agencies, World Bank, IMF, World Economic Forum (Davos), etc. as well as controversies with official Africa : NEPAD, African Union, Regional Economic Communities, Economic institutions (AfDB, ECA) etc.

The dimension and content of the 2007 Forum will be determined by the conjunction of these different axes. The innovative themes discussed in Bamako, such as the issues of migration, international cooperation, the Forum of communication and so forth should continue to exist within the Forum. Other innovative activities, with regard to the formulation and implementation of convergences and of collective actions should have more time and space in the 2007 Forum.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The definition of the methodology of the Forum should be based in particular on the expected political impact.

In line with previous Forums, WSF 2007 in Nairobi will continue to provide plural spaces within which the expression diverse struggles and resistances and the articulation of strategic options and collective action will be facilitated in a decentralized way and at the same time, translated into a vast onslaught against neoliberalism.

- The bulk of activities should be self-organized
- In order to promote marginalized groups, and emphasize specific priorities, thematic conferences could be envisaged.
- Spaces between social movements, on one side, local authorities and political parties on the other, could be organized as bridges to promote a dialogue on important issues, but which cannot be held within the Forum's space. Care has been taken to make the territory so compact and activities and events concentrated in the same space in order to facilitate cross-fertilisation of ideas among social movements themselves; between social movements and other actors such as political parties, academia, local authorities etc.
- Likewise, spaces of controversy could be organized between social movements and actors which cannot participate in the Forum, but whose political weight in the world is very important.

Culture and communication should be treated as cross-cutting issues, but should also have their own space of discussions, for instance in axis 2. Already the Culture Commission of the WSF 2007 Organising committee has proposed to designate cultural theme for each day. For example day 1 to focus on coastal cultures from all over the world, day 2 highland cultures, day 3 pastoral cultures etc. To ensure real inclusivity and enhance cultural diversity, a wide range of local languages will be used and interpretation provided either centrally or through special arrangements. On-going consultations with Babels will help in full elaboration of this aspect.

The Organising Committee through its Communication and Media Commission, has designed a system of communication that will give space to the alternative media as well as mainstream local and international media networks. There will be regular media briefings and packages developed for dissemination in order to popularise the Forum. This is to begin at least 5 months before the event in order to raise the profile of Forum. Training and orientation sessions will also be held with journalists to enable them appreciate the unique nature of WSF and its significance as a space for alternative (to) globalisation. Satellite communication will also be installed to enable international television networks relay their dispatches from Nairobi. Publications associated with WSF like the African Flame and Terra Viva will also play key role in enhancing communication and visibility as well as disseminating contents of the WSF events.

4.1 Documentation and Preservation of Memory

The events, processes and activities of the Forum will be documented for posterity and as part of the building blocks of the growing movement for alternatives. Three dimensions will be employed in documenting the process as follows:

a) Written report

Various instruments will be used to capture vital statistical and qualitative information about WSF 2007. These will include registration form, structured questionnaires and unstructured interviews. Partnership may be forged with academics interested in the development of the forum/social movements to undertake this event.

b) Audio

WSF 2007 Organising Committee intends to make an arrangement with Babels to audio tape most of the workshops and hearings as way of keeping records of the events.

c) Video

It is also intended that some aspects of the Forum be captured on video and edited as a way of immortalising the movements.

The final programme development process for the Forum will start with a consultation intended to identify the struggles and priorities which social movements will wish to put forward.

The said consultations kick off end of June 2006 and is envisaged to finish by the middle of August 2006. Once the all the assembled information is collated and analysed, it will feed into the final version of the thematic architecture and methodological framework for the 2007 event.

V. MOBILIZATION:

The African region presents a unique picture of the state of social movements, particularly in respect to their level of preparedness for a robust and visible presence in this global event. Concerted efforts should, therefore, be directed and at facilitating their active participation in the forthcoming event. This must be done at two mutually reinforcing levels: at the sub-regional (Eastern African level) and at the regional level (continental level). The resource mobilisation at both local and international levels should reflect the entailed division of labour.

In general the mobilization for the 2007 Forum should be in line with the expectations and objectives to be achieved. It should therefore, attempt to sensitize and involve marginalized actors and movements

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- In the world, mobilization should be the primary task of the International Council members. In this regard, the Council has launched a large consultation with social movements aimed at identifying the struggles that should be included in the programming of the 2007 Forum.

- In Africa, the expansion of the movement and its mobilization has been already achieved in Bamako. Yet, it could be strengthened by relying on existing social forums (national & sub-regional) as well as on regional or continental thematic networks.

VI. ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2007 FORUM

1 – The 2007 World Social Forum will be organized by the East African Committee and the African Social Forum Council, under the responsibility of the International Council. The Eastern African Committee includes movements from five countries : Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia. Its Secretariat is based at SODNET, Kenya. The African Council has been operating since 2004. Its Secretariat is based at ENDA Tiers Monde, Dakar (Senegal).

Both Secretariats have developed a Protocol which sets out the roles and responsibilities for the organisation of the 2007 Nairobi Forum (see Annex).

2 – On the other hand, in order to enhance the participative nature of the organisation of the 2007 Forum, an international Working Group has been set up by the International Council. It includes the Secretariat of the East African Committee, the Secretariat of the African Social Forum, the Secretariats of the Polycentric Forums and the International Secretariat (Brazil and India)..

That Committee, whose mandate will end after the WSF 2007, has been tasked with assisting the organizers in all areas: mobilizations, resources, content & methodology, programming, logistics, communication. It reports to the International Council.

6.1 Coordination And Synergy

The organizing of the WSF 2007 should be effectively coordinated and involve all institutional arrangements developed throughout the dynamics of social forums in Eastern Africa and elsewhere in Africa. It should allow for the effective participation of social movements at all levels in Kenya, Eastern Africa and in other parts of Africa.

Commissions have been set up within the East African Organizing Committee to implement all the tasks that are required for organizing the World Social Forum:

- Content, Methodology, Programming

- Mobilisation
- Logistics
- Resources
- Youth
- Culture
- Communications (Web site, consultation, registration...)

The Commissions of the African Social Forum (mobilization & communication, culture, youth, financial resources, content & methodology, logistics) work at the continental level complementarily to the East African Commissions and in the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Even though the preparatory process and the organizing of the WSF 2007 are open to national and sub-regional initiatives, the East African Organizing Committee, as the host of the Nairobi event, will be responsible, with the support of the African Council, for the overall coherence of decisions and actions until January 2007.

VII. GOALS

- To strengthen the technical, governance and human capacity of the WSF 2007 Organizing Committee and SODNET and ENDA as focal institutions to implement the activities leading to successful World Social Forum in January 2007
- Mobilize African social movements to effectively participate in activities leading to, during and after WSF 2007
- Provide the requisite infrastructure and logistical framework for a successful Forum.
- Strengthen communication capacity of the WSF 2007 Organizing Committee to be able to successfully host WSF 2007
- Mobilize actors of African culture and facilitation of their participation in WSF 2007,
- Mobilize African and international actors of communication and facilitation of their participation.
- To streamline information access to WSF 2007 countdown by establishing and daily updating an interactive website.

7.1 Objectives

- To enhance information flow and mobilize strong Eastern African and African social movement participation in WSF process.
- Secure identified venues for activities of WSF 2007
- To facilitate the work of the following commissions charged with dealing with various aspects of WSF 2007:
 - Logistics
 - Social Mobilization
 - Resources
 - Youth
 - Media and Communication
 - Content and Methodology
 - Culture
- To provide the physical infrastructure for WSF 2007
- To provide logistical support for WSF 2007 including accommodation, transport, interpretation facilities, programmes, security, visa facilitation, media centre, cultural events, etc.

- Document activities and events of WSF 2007
- To carry out organization development interventions to strengthen SODNET and ENDA and organizing committee's human resource, and management systems and structures in order to efficiently and effectively implement the programme

VIII. ACTIVITIES

- **The strategic activities**
 - **Coordination and Administration:**
 - Enhance capacity of the secretariats by hiring more full time staff members for 1 year each
 - Tender for and supervise the architectural design and construction of the Forum venues
 - Procure the necessary equipment and material for the Forum
 - Engage the services of volunteers and progressively increase their number as the Forum date approaches
 - Engage in team building and training of volunteers
 - Strengthening participatory governance systems and consultations
 - Establish a formal management of information system
 - Mobilization of the African social movements
 - Fund raising
 - Mobilization of cultural actors in East Africa and around the continent
 - Mobilization of communication actors in East Africa and around the continent
 - **Social Mobilisation**
 - Provide technical and financial support to national; regional social forums in Africa
 - Facilitate 10 thematic network meetings around the continent
 - Organise 3 regional preparatory meetings with the media community around the continent
 - Conduct a comprehensive mapping of social movements in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda
 - Design a mobilization strategy for each country
 - Hold a targeted number of regional mobilisation meetings with social movements throughout Africa
 - Hold sectoral and thematic consultations with social movements and the civil society networks in Kenya and elsewhere in Africa.
 - Network development and networking
 - **Strengthening Governance and Institutional Operations**
 - Hold regular meetings of the WSF 2007 Organizing Committee and its various commissions
 - Hold regular consultations of the African Social Forum Council and the international Council of WSF.
 - Hold frequent consultations with key government institutions e.g. Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Immigration, Police department, Ministry of Youth, Nairobi City Council, Kenya Airports Authority etc.
 - Regularly make purchases of required office supplies and miscellaneous equipment.
 - Purchase and maintain a back up power generator in view of frequent power outages in the office.
 - Set up a participatory process in order to elaborate an inclusive WSF 2007 program

IX. OUTPUTS

The following outputs are envisaged:

- Effective governance and management organs for WSF 2007
- Financial resources for the WSF
- Motivated team of permanent members of staff
- A well-trained and motivated team of volunteers (number to be pegged on need)
- A 12-month work plan for process leading to WSF 2007 in Nairobi
- Physical infrastructure for holding workshops, seminars, hearings, processions, concerts and other activities attendant to WSF 2007
- Effective interpretation in as many languages as are reasonable.
- Well equipped international media centre
- Enhanced capacity of SODNET and ENDA as focal points organizations to be able to efficiently and effectively backstop the process
- Strong and high calibre participation of African social movements and networks in WSF processes before, during and after Nairobi 2007
- Strong and high calibre participation of African media and culture communities in WSF processes before, during and after Nairobi 2007
- Training materials for the consultants
- Stationery, equipment and photocopying facilities
- Travel and accommodation support for Eastern and african organizing committee and commission members
- Registration system
- Program of activities
- Documented (paper, electronic, audio, visual) memory of WSF 2007

X. DIVISION OF LABOUR

A memorandum of Understanding (Annex 3) has been drawn between the WSF 2007 Organising Committee and the The African Social Forum Council Secretariat, which states the responsibilities as follows:

ASF Council Secretariat has the following responsibilities:

- a. Sensitisation, mobilisation and facilitation of participation in WSF 2007 of social movements from Africa (outside Eastern Africa), especially in countries where social movements have had weak or no active participation in the WSF process,
- b. Organisation and facilitation of discussions on thematic issues to feed into the content and thematic articulation for the WSF 2007,
- c. Facilitation of attendance of ASF Council members of meetings leading to and at WSF 2007 in Nairobi

The Organising Committee for the Nairobi 2007 World Social Forum shall play the following roles/have the following responsibilities:

- a. All aspects of organisation, logistics and procurement for WSF 2007 in Nairobi;
- b. Sensitisation, mobilisation and facilitation of participation in WSF 2007 of social movements from Eastern Africa;

- c. Facilitating information flow about the Nairobi WSF 2007 process to interested social movements and other actors, ASF Council and IC members (including its commissions, Brazilian and Indian facilitating Groups and International Working Group);
- d. To act as a coordinating/facilitative point for the International Working Group;
- e. To animate and regularly update the WSF 2007 website;
- f. In discussion with the ASF Commissions and IC Content and Methodology Commissions, follow the consultations and to prepare the Nairobi WSF 2007 programme.
- g. In consultation with the Content and methodology commissions of the IC and ASF Council, plan the opening and closing ceremonies;
- h. To compile final report on activities and cause financial audit of all funds received by the WSF 2007 Organising Committee and disseminate the said reports to all funders, the IC and ASF Councils.

XI. SCHEDULE

The activities will be implemented over a thirteen-month period, starting February 2006 (See Annex 1 for April-November Plan). Since December and January are critical months, the plan for November 2006 – March 2007 will be drawn after mid-term evaluation in August 2006.

XII. BUDGETS

The global budget of the World Social Forum 2007 is KSh 485,471,748 or US\$ 6,839,557. This budget is composed of two items. One is for the Eastern African Organizing Committee (KSh 402,725,750 or US\$ 5,673,792). The other one is for the African Social Forum Council (US\$ 1,165,765).

The two aspects of the budget will be managed independently but in a consultative manner so that the overall objective of making WSF 2007 a success is attained. Where there is need of transferring any resources between Nairobi and Dakar to respond to a distress situation, this will be done in a transparent and rational manner. As elaborated in the MoU, each centre will be fully responsible for resources. Resources raised locally e.g. from registration, stall rent etc. will be allocated according to felt need and in a consultative manner.

Detailed budgets are attached.

Mean Exchange rate as at May 8, 2006:

USD 1.00 = KSh 70.98
 EURO 1.00 = KSh 90.38
 GBP 1.00 = KSh 132.07
 SEK 1.00 = KSh 9.70
 NKR 1.00 = 11.60
 DKKR 1.00 = 12.12

ANNEX 1

Memorandum of understanding on roles and responsibilities for the organization of the 2007 World Social Forum

The following memorandum of understanding is reached between the Secretariat of the Council of the African Social Forum (represented by ENDA Third World, Dakar, Senegal) and the Secretariat of the Eastern African Organizing Committee of the World Social Forum 2007 (represented by SODNET, Nairobi, Kenya):

The two parties have agreed as herein below:

1- The Organizing Committee of the World Social Forum 2007 is facilitated by the following:

- Eastern African Organizing Committee for WSF 2007
- The African Council through its Facilitating Committee

2- Vision : The two parties share a vision of a World Social Forum as an open space for the promotion of pluralism and diversity premised on reflective thinking, democratic debate and exchange of ideas leading to a permanent process of seeking and building alternatives.

3- Values

The two parties subscribe to core values of justice, integrity, equality, solidarity, transparency, inclusiveness and openness.

4- Mobilization for the success of WSF 2007. The two parties commit to work together in a cooperative spirit with the view to harnessing and synergizing African and world energies and intellectual, material and cultural resources to ensure that the WSF 2007 in Nairobi is a success.

5- Roles and Responsibilities :

5-1 The Secretariat of the Council of the African Social Forum shall play/have the following roles/responsibilities :

- 5-1-1** Sensitization, mobilization and facilitation of participation in WSF 2007 of social movements from Africa (outside Eastern Africa), especially in countries where social movements have had weak or no active participation in the WSF process,
- 5-1-2** Organization and facilitation of preparatory discussions on thematic issues to feed into the Content and thematic articulation of WSF 2007,
- 5-1-3** Facilitation of the consultation process leading to Nairobi 2007 and of the participation of members of the Council of the African Social Forum in preparatory meetings leading to the 2007 Forum,
- 5-1-4** Facilitation of Pan-African processes (social mobilization ...) that will have a bearing on the success of WSF 2007,
- 5-1-5** Facilitating of the participation of African social movements, networks and organizations to the WSF 2007 in Nairobi (outside Eastern Africa),

5-1-6 Mobilization of actors of African culture and facilitation of their participation in WSF 2007 (outside Eastern Africa),

5-1-7 Mobilization of African and international actors of communication and facilitation of their participation.

5-2 The East African Committee shall play/have the following roles/responsibilities:

5-2-1 All aspects related to organization, logistics and procurement for the 2007 Forum,

5-2-2 Sensitization, mobilization and facilitation of participation of social movements from Eastern Africa in the WSF 2007.

6- Resource Mobilization and Utilization :

6-1 The parties will develop a joint resource mobilization proposal and budget clearly indicating resource needs for each party with respect to the roles and responsibilities herein stated above.

6-2 Financial resources so raised will be directly channeled to the party concerned inasmuch as they are earmarked for activities to be conducted by that party in accordance with the memorandum.

6-3 Where a partner prefers to make grant to the account of only one of the parties, that party shall be obliged to remit the amount due to the other party in full and in a timely manner. The receiving party shall inform the other party and account for such resources as per agreement accompanying the disbursement of said resources.

6-4 The Secretariat of the Council of the African Social Forum shall be responsible for the administration of resources allocated for the following activities:

6-4-1 Sensitization, mobilization and facilitation of participation in WSF 2007 of social movements from Africa (outside East Africa),

6-4-2 Organization and facilitation of preparatory discussions on thematic issues to feed into the Content and thematic articulation of the 2007 Social Forum

6-4-3 Facilitation of the consultative process leading to Nairobi 2007 and of participation of members of the Council of the African Social Forum in preparatory meetings leading to 2007 Forum.

6-4-4 Facilitation of Pan-African processes (social mobilization, ...) that will have a bearing on the success of WSF 2007.

6-4-5 Mobilization of actors of African culture and facilitation of their participation in WSF 2007

6-4-6 Mobilization of African and international actors of communication and facilitation of their participation

6-4-7 Costs related to planning, coordination and fundraising activities of the Secretariat of the African Social Forum

6-5 The East African Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the administration of resources allocated for the following activities:

6-5-1 Sensitization, mobilization and facilitation of participation of social movements from Eastern Africa in WSF 2007 (for avoidance of doubt, these comprise social movements from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia and Tanzania).

6-5-2 All procurements related to the structure and infrastructure for WSF 2007 in Nairobi (these will include but not limited to : architectural and physical infrastructure of the venue, translation equipment, computers and other equipment, rent for various venue spaces, youth camp activities, preparatory meetings, staff and volunteer costs of the Secretariat, documentation and publications, publicity and communication and costs related to travel and accommodation for invited speakers from East Africa).

6-5-3 Costs related to planning and coordination activities of the Nairobi Secretariat.

6-6 Each party shall elaborate a system for transparent and prudent management of financial resources, assets and other inventories for the WSF 2007.

6-7 The parties will maintain close communication with regard to financial surpluses or deficits; under funded or over funded activities and reach understanding on how to deal with them.

6-8 Each party will open a bank account exclusively designed for transactions related to the Nairobi World Social Forum with clear oversight framework.

6-9 The two parties will maintain permanent communication and work together with regard to international mobilization and fundraising.

Given under our hands and signed this Memorandum of understanding on date of 01/06/2006

**For the Facilitating Committee
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