Polycentric World Social Forum 2006

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You can register your activity for the WSF 2006!
More than 300 activities have been registered for the Polycentric WSF 2006, which will be held in Bamako (Mali), Caracas (Venezuela) and Karachi (Pakistan), on January 2006. The deadline to register activities is October 31st. It is important that organizations do not register on the very last minute, since the system is usually slow and unsteady due to a great deal of accesses. Below, you will find how to register. If you have any doubts, have a look at the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

a) register as an individual (www.wsf2006.org)
b) Right after, register your organisation
c) After, you will be able to fill in a form about the activity(ies) your organisation will hold on WSF events (options Bamako, Caracas or Karachi) or for the process (option General). Right after, you register your organization, click on the menu on the left in Add activities. After that, fill the form with the required information.
d) If your organisation doesn't have all the activity(ies) information needed, you may return to the form afterwards and update it. In order to do so, click on Edit activities. Right after, see on the board the activity title that you want to modify and click on Edit. Make all the modifications and then click Submit, at the end of the page.

Attention: you must modify the form using the same language you filled in the original form. That means: if you have chosen the English interface in your registration, every time you change something you must choose the English interface.

Who can register an activity?
Only organisations can register activities, individuals are not allowed. There isn't any specific information available about the criteria for cultural activities. Up to now, only organisations or collective groups can register cultural activities.

Which is the deadline for activities registration?
The deadline is on October 31st 2005. After this date, it will still be possible to edit all the fields in the activities registration form.

Which are the languages available at the registration tool?
Right now, the tool is available in English, Castellano/ Spanish and French.

Where can I search registered activities?
The list of registered activities is available on the website: http://www.wsf2006.org/org_activity_list.php.
Attention: to see all registered activities, you must click on the list and use either the arrows on the keyboard or the list's scroll bar (not the navigator's) in order to visualize the full list.
I registered my organisation at the website www.wsf2006.org. Does that mean my organisation is automatically registered for the WSF 2006 in Caracas, Karachi and/or Bamako?

No. The registration of organizations, their delegates and for individuals who are not part in any organisation should be done in each polycentric WSF event website, which are still under construction: Caracas (www.forosocialmundial.org.ve), Bamako (www.fsmmali.org) or Karachi (www.wsf2006karachi.org). The tool (www.wsf2006.org) is only for activities registration and preparation for the 3 events.

WSF Programme
Bamako (Mali) 19th January 19th to 23rd, 2006

1. War, safety and peace
2. Globalized liberalism: apartheid in worldwide scale and impoverishment
3. Marginalization of the continent and its peoples, migrations, violation of economic, social and cultural rights
4. Aggression against rural societies
5. Alliance between patriarchalism and neoliberalism and marginalization of women’s struggles
6. Culture, media and communication: critical thinking and reconstruction, symbolic violences and exclusions
7. Destruction of ecosystems, biological diversities and control of resources
8. International order: United Nations, international institutions, international rights/law, reconstruction of the South front
9. International trade, debt and social and economic policies
10. Alternatives that will allow advances in democracy, social progress and respect for peoples’ sovereignty and international law

WSF Programme
Caracas (Venezuela) January 24 to 29

THEMATIC AXES:

1. Power, politics and struggles for social emancipation

2. Imperial strategies and peoples’ resistance

3. Resources for and rights to life: alternatives to the predatory model of civilization

4. Diversities, identities and worldviews in movement

5. Work, exploitation and reproduction of life

6. Communication, culture and education: alternative and democratizing dynamics
Right to information and communication in order to strengthen citizenship. Resistance to the concentration of ownership of the media. Social agenda in communication for building alternatives. and Media communication and oral communication: resistance and alternatives to hegemonic communication. Democratization of access to new technologies. Social appropriation of communication and information technologies, and on-line resistance (internet and mobile telephone systems). Artistic production and de-commodification of culture. Socio-cultural movements as forms of peoples' resistance. Linguistic diversities and critical languages. Right to education and student struggles. Anti-hegemonic educational models and experiences of popular education.

TRANSVERSAL AXES:
- Gender
- Diversities

WSF Programme
Karachi (Pakistan) previously planned to take place from January 24th to 29th, 2006, was delayed in 2 months.

A. Imperialism, militarization and armed conflicts in the region and peace movements
i. Peace Initiatives; India- Pakistan, Burma-Thailand, Palestine-Israel, Iraq, Iran-West + US, Afghanistan
iii. State entrenched violence and other militaristic tendency.
iv. Militarization of state and society.
v. Armed insurgencies.
vi. Nuclear disarmament, demilitarization.

vii. Humanism and peace.

viii. Colonization of civil society by armed forces/military
ix. Affected by war and nuclear tests.
x. Terrorism and sectarian violence.
xi. Local disputes as conflicts.
xii. Insurgencies

xiii. Small arms and light weapons proliferation.
xv. Social policing by religious parties/groups
xvi. Rise and promotion of ethnic and sectarian groups by states
xvii. Impact of 9/11 on global societies, regional and local forces
B. Natural resources Rights, peoples’ control & privatization, and Trans-boundary disputes
i. Natural resources: Water, Gas, minerals, fishing, grazing, forests, Petroleum, other natural resources.
ii. Privatization, closure of industries, retrenchment of labor and curtailment of labor rights.
iii. Water distribution and conflicts.
iv. Land rights.
v. Control over resources (natural, revenue/fiscal, human resources,)

C. Trade Development and globalization
i. Trade-WTO SAPTA; Asia-pacific Issues, Trade Free and Trade Union Free Zones.
ii. IMF and WB and other IFI’s control of economies.
iii. GM technology and non-organic food production and distribution.
iv. Post modern age analysis of globalization.
v. Regional common trade.
vi. Impact of neo-liberal and globalization policies
vii. Growing poverty and inequalities (among regions, provinces and classes), rural poverty and rise of extreme poverty

D. Social Justice Human Rights and Governance
i. Democracy; de-Institutionalisation of Political systems, Support of Military govt/regimes.
ii. Poverty, Children, Women, Minorities and Human rights issues.
iii. Fundamental rights of expression, speech.
iv. Political victimization.
v. Rights of divided families especially India and Pakistan.
vi. Socialism as an alternative to capitalism.
vii. People’s friendly health policies and inventions.
viii. Issues of social justice and governance.
ix. Child and women trafficking and sexual exploitation.
x. Prisoners across borders.
xi. Labor rights right to work in trade free zones.

E. State and religion, pluralism and fundamentalism
i. Distortion and indoctrinization of history.
ii. Religious intolerance and oppression against minority community.
iii. State, religion, fundamentalism, tolerance and minorities.
iv. Religious fundamentalism and its promotion.

F. Nation, nationalities and ethnic and cultural identifies
i. State entrenched violence and other militaristic tendency.
ii. Nation, Nationalities, State and Identities.
iii. Culture as expression and political statement.
iv. Media as an instrument of corporate forces.

G. Development strategies, poverty unemployment and displacement
i. Women in conflict zone.
ii. Displaced people; internally conflicts and mega projects.
iii. Socialism as an alternative to capitalism.
iv. Development strategies, mega projects and displacement.
v. Poverty reduction strategies and approaches.
vi. Development Assistance and Conditionalisation
vii. Land rights.

H. Peoples’ movements and alternative strategies
i. People movements, livelihood, rights based and self-determination.
ii. Fisher folk, challenges and problems.
iii. Indigenous people and rights.

I. Women, patriarchy and social change
i. Women in conflict zone, prisons and immigration.
ii. Honor killings and women as victim of militarism.
iii. Militancy and violence: women and children.

J. Environment, ecology and livelihoods
iv. Role of IFIs and degradation of environment
v. Pollution of water bodies and land
vi. Dams and barrages

Problems of mega cities (Infrastructure, environment, transport, housing, violence, uncontrolled influx of population.

Transversal themes
- Imperialist globalisation
- Patriarchy
- Casteism, Racism and Social Exclusions
- Religious sectarianism, Identity Politics, Fundamentalism
- Militarism and Peace

Which are the polycentric WSF 2006 events contacts?

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In order to clarify doubts about registration of activities, please check the FAQ page (http://www.wsf2006.org/faq.php) or write to the e-mail: programa@forumsocialmundial.org.br.