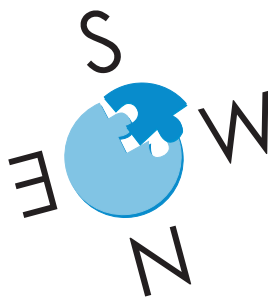


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### 1. Background

After all the events in the world of international institutions in recent years, particularly in 2005 and in 2006 to date, we believe that it has already been 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 these dialogues -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

**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 Caliori – **(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)** *Int’l Catholic Movement of Intellectual & Cult. Affairs*  
Cyril Ritchie – **(CONGO)** *Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with UN*  
Roberto Savio – **(IPS)** *Inter Press Service*  
Sean O Siochru – **(CRIS)** *Communication Rights in 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 Secretariat of the UBUNTU Forum and the World Campaign is still in consultation with other international civil society organisations in order to achieve the most representative and balanced conference committee possible.**

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## **Conference Secretariat**

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

Marta Garrich, Manuel Manonelles, Lluís Miret, Sergi Rovira, Oscar Sahun and Josep Xercavins

## **3. Interested Governments and Groups of Government**

The governments invited to date are listed below, although the Secretariat of the UBUNTU Forum and the World Campaign is still in consultation with other governments in order to obtain the most “representative” and balanced participation possible.

### **Governments and groups of government that have already been invited and with which the Secretariat is still in consultation:**

**Germany; Brazil\*; Canada; Chile\*; Spain\*; Finland\*; France\*; G77 (South Africa)\*; India; Japan; League of Arab States (SG)\*; Mexico\*; Alliance of Small Islands States; New Zealand; Sweden\*; Switzerland\*; Tanzania**

Those governments and groups of government that have shown their intention to participate are marked with an asterisk (\*). People to whom their governments have delegated their representation are listed below:

<b>Ms Marjatta Rasi</b>	<b>Under-Secretary of State for International Development Cooperation and Policy of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; <u>Finland</u></b>
<b>Dumisani Kumalo</b>	<b>G77 Chairman and permanent ambassador of <u>South Africa</u> to UN; <u>G77</u></b>
<b>Mourad Ahmia</b>	<b>Executive Secretary of the Group of 77; <u>G77</u></b>
<b>Amre Moussa</b>	<b>Secretary General of the League of Arab States; <u>League of Arab States</u></b>
<b>Luis Alfonso de Alba</b>	<b>Ambassador, Permanent Representative to UN office in Geneva and President of the Human Rights Council; <u>Mexico</u></b>

## **4. Other Levels of Governance Interested**

Other possibly interested political actors are being invited:

- From the field of **UN International Organisations** or related to them:

- UN Millennium Campaign, FFD -Financing for Development-, IAEA -Internacional Atomic Energy Agency-, UNCTAD, NGLs, ...

- From the field of **other governmental actors and international associations of governmental actors:**

- Local governments: United Cities and Local Governments, ICLEI –International Council for Environment Initiatives-, ...  
- Associations of parliamentarians: IPU -Inter-Parliamentary Union-, from the European parliament -EP-, from the Pan-African Parliament -PAP-, ...  
- Regional associations: EU -European Union-, ...

- From the field of the **most international political actors:**

- The South Centre; the GPF -Global Progressive Forum-; the IS -Internacional Socialista-; the US Democratic Party; ...

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## 5. Objectives

### 5.1 In General Terms related to Politics

Firstly, we need to engage in dialogues with multiple stakeholders, as well as those who are mobilized, and so make the most of the opportunity to have **them put forward their views of the main weak points in the current system of international institutions as regards global democratic governance and, consequently, their visions of the corresponding reforms to this system that are the most crucial for us to undertake and the level of their urgency and/or necessity.** The conference will thus be able to contribute to the analysis of the points of consensus, of understanding and of common focus in this reform.

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, these dialogues should offer a suitable space for analysing one of the possible items on the agenda of the second stage of the World Campaign for the 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 necessary to attain the desired reforms; in the short-term, we should take advantage of the dialogues held to at least define and provide the tools for a simple model to continue them.**

Naturally, an international conference of this nature must also contribute –linking with the first paragraph of this section- 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 and methodological base proposals of the reform.**

### 5.2 In General Terms related to Contents

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 question: **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 question: **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?**

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## 6. Second Draft Programme Proposal – the Dialogues

### MONDAY 20

9 am – 11 am: **Plenary Dialogue: Opening and general views on a new architecture of the system of international institutions**

What are the main weak points in the current system of international institutions (SII) as regards global democratic governance? What are the key reforms to this system that we need to undertake in relation to these weak points? What is our desired vision – in the medium and long-term – of the SII for the 21st century?

**Possible speakers (Ps):** Juan Somavía; Federico Mayor; G77; G. France; IPU; United Cities and Local Governments

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

11.30 am – 1 pm: **Plenary Dialogue: General views on a new global democratic governance solving the world's 21st century problems**

What is our desired vision – in the medium and long-term – of the SII for the 21st century? and/or What answers would we give to the questions in the earlier debate depending on the main problems raised, for example: poverty, gender equality, environmental issues, decent employment, peace, security and the regionalisation of the world?

**Ps:** G. Finland; G. Chile; WEDO (June Zeitlin); ICFTU&WCL; WFM (William Pace); Millennium Campaign; PAP

**MGR:** Roberto Savio (IPS) & Gemma Adaba (ICFTU&WCL)

2 pm – 3.30 pm: **Parallel Dialogues**

<b>SELF ORGANISED MEETINGS AND DEBATES</b>	<b><u>Q&amp;A from the standpoint “of world’s regionalisation”</u></b>	<b><u>Q&amp;A from the standpoint “of other levels of governance and civil society”</u></b>
	<b>Pp: Bill Pace; UE; G. Chile</b>	<b>Pp: A. Lee; PAP; EP; T. Hill</b>
	<b>MGR: Lene Shumacher (WFM)</b>	<b>MGR: Jorge Nieto (CICD)</b>

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

What are the necessary reforms and how and when should they be implemented to ensure that governments in developed countries, the BWI and the private sector put in place the appropriate measures and undertake the actions required to fulfil the commitments, accords and decisions of most of the conferences and summits of the UN, including the MDG (text of the 2005 World Summit)? What are the rules and standards for multilateral trade relations and how and when should they be implemented and who by in order for them to really be a factor for sustainable human development? What are the genuinely useful measures required in order to achieve these goals and how should we introduce them in the General Assembly itself, the ECOSOC and other multilateral organizations, such as the IMF, the WB and the WTO?

**Ps:** Oscar de Rojas; Susan George; M. Khor; BWP; NOVIB-O.; G. Brazil; G. Sweden; UNCTAD; EP

**MGR:** Aldo Caliarì (CIDSE) & Fatma Alloo (DAWN)

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## TUESDAY 21

### 9 am – 11 am: **Plenary Dialogue: Peace, Human Rights, Human Security and Disarmament**

What should the policies on world disarmament and on ending the arms trade be, how and when should they be re-established and who should be responsible for doing so? How can we guarantee the re-affirmation of our commitment to actively protect and promote human rights, the rule of law and democracy (text of the 2005 World Summit)? What truly useful reforms and measures are required to achieve these goals and how should we introduce them in the Security Council, the newly-created Human Rights Council and the General Assembly itself?

**Ps:** IAEA; League of Arab States; G. Mexico; G. Spain; IPPNW; IPB; Roberto Bissio (SW)

**MGR:** Poul Ortega (PAX ROMANA) & C. Ritchie (CONGO)

### 11.30 am – 1 pm: **Plenary Dialogue: Short-term Reforms**

Which specific processes of reform are more likely to see a consensus form around them? And which of these processes are more open to joint work by the various types of actors who participate in these dialogues and are more achievable in the short term? What approaches should be taken to establish relations and joint work between these actors in order to set these processes in motion? The reform of the ECOSOC in relation to the IFIs? Issues around FfDs and innovative FfDs? The re-absorption of the WTO by UNCTAD? Governance of the Internet? The universalisation of the ICC? A new environmental agency?

**Ps:** G. Switzerland, G. Tanzania, UE, J. Foster, Candido Grzybowski, Sean O. Siochru, ICLEI

**MGR:** Miquel de Paladella (GMC) & Renata Bloem (CONGO)

### 2 pm – 3.30 pm: **Parallel Dialogues**

<b>SELF ORGANISED MEETINGS AND DEBATES</b>	<b><u>Q&amp;A from the standpoint “of FfD and innovative FfD”</u></b>	<b><u>Q&amp;A from the standpoint “of multi-stakeholder work”</u></b>
	<b>Pp: G. Brazil; J. Foster; Ted van Hees</b>	<b>Pp: Eduardo Estevez; LEA; United Cities and Local Governments; IPU</b>
	<b>MGR: Vicente García Delgado (CIVICUS)</b>	<b>MGR: Sara Longwe (FEMNET)</b>

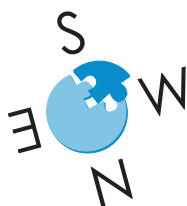
### 4 pm – 6 pm: **Final Plenary Dialogue: How can we advance towards a Global Democratic Governance? - Closure**

How can we build an international social and political movement capable of setting in motion a process or processes of reform of the system of international institutions? What should the characteristics of this movement be? How can this process be set in motion and what should its characteristics be? How and when should a world commission to work for the reform of the system of international institutions be built? What should be done to achieve this and who should be responsible for doing it? On the usefulness of these dialogues: can we as a minimum define and provide the tools for a simple model to continue these dialogues?

**Ps:** G77; G. France; DP of USA; GPF & SI (Poul Rasmussen); South Center; Federico Mayor

**MGR:** Josep Xercavins

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