

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM MONTRÉAL, AUGUST 9-14, 2016

ANOTHER WORLD IS NECESSARY, TOGETHER IT BECOMES POSSIBLE!

Objective

The WSF 2016 wants to bring together between 50,000 and 80,000 people in downtown Montreal in the summer of 2016, including 5,000 representatives from local and global civil society organizations, to participate in over 1,500 activities. Between 120 and 140 countries should be represented.

Values

The WSF 2016 is designed as a collective and human process which is based on five core values: inclusion and openness, transparency, horizontality, self-management and independence. It is addressed to all citizens and activist organizations who believe that another world is not only possible, but especially necessary.

Formula

The WSF is a gathering which includes a multitude of self-managed activities. Thus, the content of the WSF, what is going on, what is said, what it offers and what it holds, is the initiative of the participants themselves.

What is the World Social Forum ?

The World Social Forum (WSF) is the largest gathering of civil society that seeks solutions to today's problems. It is a place for the convergence of social movements, free expression of alternatives, citizen exchanges, artistic events, claims and inspiration, concrete commitments, and the development of networking strategies for actions to promote international solidarity, social and environmental justice, social economy, participatory democracy, and the recognition of the equal dignity of all.



The WSF 2016 will make a mark on history as the first event of its kind to take place in a Northern country. Beyond the North-South divide and facing the context of global crisis affecting all of humanity, actors for solutions from all continents must act together.

The WSFs in the world

2001	Porto Alegre (Brazil)	2007	Nairobi (Kenya)
2002	Porto Alegre (Brazil)	2009	Belem (Brazil)
2003	Porto Alegre (Brazil)	2011	Dakar (Sénégal)
2004	Mumbai (India)	2013	Tunis (Tunisia)
2005	Porto Alegre (Brazil)	2015	Tunis (Tunisia)
2006	Bamako (Mali), Caracas (Venezuela) and Karachi (Pakistan)	2016	Montreal (QC-Canada)

Coming together to build a better world for future generations

The WSF 2016 will implement a unique working method to stimulate solidarity and common action. This methodology is based on three fundamental principles that guide 10 methodological objectives of the WSF 2016.

First of all, the WSF is an open process whose function is to facilitate, beyond the 2016 event, the meeting and collaboration of organizations and individuals around the world who are working to build another world;

Second, participation in the WSF is a chance for all social transformation actors, beyond the exchanges and discussions, to develop or strengthen common sustainable actions and to disseminate sources of inspiration.

Finally, beyond the time of assembly, the WSF event allows for the creation of a strong symbolic space which materializes in an original occupation of spaces that give visibility to practices heralding other possible worlds.

10 methodological objectives of the WSF 2016

1. Promote convergences between organizations
2. Encourage citizen engagement
3. Link and action
4. Make the alternatives visible
5. Give meaning to the World Social Territory
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WSF 2016 CALENDAR						
MONDAY AUGUST 8 J.0	TUESDAY AUGUST 9 J.1	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10 J.2	THURSDAY AUGUST 11 J.3	FRIDAY AUGUST 12 J.4	SATURDAY AUGUST 13 J.5	SUNDAY AUGUST 14 J.6
9am-6pm: Urban planning assembly - Registration - Installation of the Inter- continental Youth Camp	9am-6pm : registration	9-11:30am : Self-managed workshops	9-11:30am : Self-managed workshops	9-11:30am : Self-managed workshops	9-11:30am : Agora of initiatives for Another World	9-11:30am : Initiatives strengthening meeting
	11h30am-1pm : Lunch break					
	2-4pm : Creative Activity	1-3:30pm : Self-managed workshops	1-3:30pm : Self-managed workshops	1-3:30pm : Self-managed workshops	1-5pm : Agora of initiatives for Another World	1-6pm : Back to the Future
	4-6pm : Manifestive Opening March	3:30-4pm : Break				
		4-6pm : Action Convergence Assemblies	4-6pm : Action Convergence Assemblies	4-6pm : Action Convergence Assemblies		
6-11pm : Grand Opening Event	6-7:30pm : Grand Conferences	6-7:30pm : Grand Conferences	6-7:30pm : Grand Conferences	6-7:30pm : Grand Conferences	7-11pm : World Social Creativity Event	9pm-1am : Volunteer Party
	7:30-8:30pm : Lunch break			8:30pm-1am : Cultural Programming		