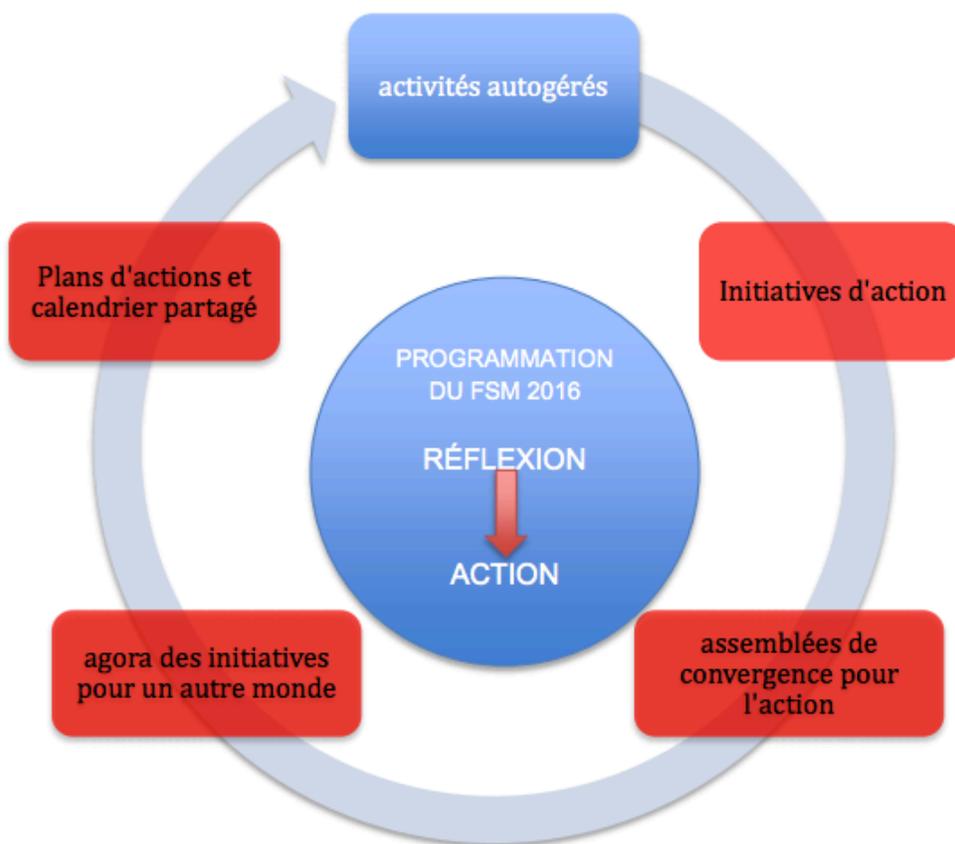


At the WSF 2016: a methodology to go from reflecting to acting

The WSF 2016 offers movements, organizations, collectives and group participants a methodology that valorizes a convergence towards actions that lead to social and ecological changes. From a diversity of self-managed activities that will allow everyone to present their analyses, demands and propositions, this methodological process proposes to elaborate action plans that will be placed on a shared calendar. This will be done while respecting the Charter of Principles of the WSF. This process implies forming action initiatives, preparing assemblies of convergence for action and holding an agora of initiatives for another world.



The action initiatives (July 1st to August 13th)

GOAL: Present numerous propositions of actions to contribute to changing the world

A large diversity of actions are necessary to change the world (awareness-raising, education, legislation, resistance, protest,...). The WSF is a space where this diversity of actions is rendered visible and where the efforts of expression and convergence, when taken upon oneself, may deploy themselves.

To render more visible "how" to get to this other possible world and to better inform the participants who wish to commit themselves, the WSF 2016 collective proposes to the group participants to publish on the website of the WSF 2016 their "initiatives of action and of social and ecological change", from a form that will be available online at the beginning of July. These initiatives may preexist at the WSF 2016 or emerge during the event. In both cases, the groups put forward at the WSF to reinforce, to broaden, to replicate, to rally these initiatives together, to look for alliances, resources and support in the public action.

In the online form, the bearers of initiatives (speaking for coalition of movements, organizations or groups) will be invited to precise the: goal of the actions that they propose, their scale (local or global), their level of support (list of groups and coalitions that support them) and the key dates of their action plan.

The assemblies of convergence for action (August 10 to 12)

GOAL: To rally largely around initiatives of action

These assemblies of convergence allow to present, amend, precise and complete initiatives (campaigns, boycotts, petitions, calls, mobilizations...) carried by groups. These assemblies aim to broaden the coalitions of civil society that work in related fields and wish to act together. They are a step to build or reinforce an international network of actors of change that give themselves priorities of action. These assemblies will be organized during three days, from 4 PM to 6 PM. One assembly may take place all along the three days.

The assemblies of convergence for action are proposed by group coalitions that wish to encourage convergence along unifying themes or campaigns that are deemed important. These groups propose these assemblies directly via the WSF 2016 website and become their facilitators. They may put in work dialogue processes in order to identify unifying assemblies. These assemblies must be proposed by coalitions of at least 5 groups from 2 continents.

The assemblies are open for all and they may produce declarations mentioning in a more or less appealing way the initiatives of action that they put forward. These assemblies must end with the writing of a report explaining the initiatives of action promoted within it (see previous point). An accompanying methodological document specifying the goals of the assemblies of convergence and suggesting methodologies and animation tools will be done to help the facilitators of the assemblies.

The working group responsible of the program will communicate with the organizers of the self-managed activities in order to invite them to join the assemblies of convergence put forward, or to propose new ones if no theme corresponds to their issues. This working group will also stimulate bringing together the assemblies which the themes are related in order to initiate joining together/linking (some initiatives may be similar, others may be the local extension of a global campaign...).

The agora of initiatives for another world (August 13)

GOAL: Stimulate the linkage between initiatives and the commitment in shared action plans

The Agora of initiatives that will take place on Saturday has three functions:

1. To inform the large public of the initiatives discussed during the WSF 2016's assemblies of convergence or the self-managed activities and to commit the participants to these actions (to go from a spectator to an actor of change) ;
2. Stimulate joining together initiatives;
3. To promote the action plans and to list them on the shared calendar.

The Agora will take place at Jarry Park. It will allow to present the initiatives discussed during the WSF 2016 and to bring the participants together around action plans. All the bearers of initiatives are invited to meet the other bearers to consider linking and bringing together the actions put forward. The goal is to make links and to eventually merge actions pursuing the same goals, but in distinct themes. The idea of this agora is to result in plans of action that are unifying and that go past thematic cleavages and sectoral struggles.

The agora will allow participants to produce photos and brief videos that will spread all across the world the energy surrounding the WSF 2016 and will launch the dynamic following the WSF 2016, which will begin on the next day. The Agora will be concluded by a festive event at Jarry Park in relation with *Projet Écosphère*. The local population that usually attends these places during the weekend will be invited to participate at the Saturday agora (through a campaign that will be conducted prior with the associations of the districts, social networks and local displaying), in a festive and friendly way, in particular thanks to the organization of a giant and festive potlatch with travelling shows.

Action plans and shared calendar (August 14- December)

GOAL: to consolidate the action plans put forward during the WSF 2016 and to share the world social calendar of actions

The bearers of initiatives will be invited to share them with all the participants of the agora to end with the elaboration of shared action plans through dialogue and cooperation. This process, which would have been initiated during the assemblies of convergence, will thus be broadened to the total participants of the WSF gathered during the agora. These plans allow aggregating the different initiatives in strategies of action planned in time.

In respect to the diversity of initiatives and movements characterizing the WSF, the goal is not to result in an action plan that is unique and encompassing, but to stimulate the emergence of multiple action plans that are interrelated. The key dates of these different action plans will be shared on the World Social Calendar of Actions, a collective work that will be built by all the participants during the event.

On Sunday, August 14, the Action Plans and the Calendar will be presented to the media by the WSF Collective. It will then be consolidated and put forward on the website of the WSF until the end of 2016. This day will be a day of festivities (*Retour vers le Futur* show at Jarry Park), mobilization by groups and operational meetings (of networks and of the IC). The meetings of consolidation of the networks, held in different rooms offered by Montreal associations, will allow organizations who wish to deepen their action plans to do so. The International Council of the WSF will also be held on the first day of the meeting. The Night of the *Alternantes* will conclude the day.

The proceeding of the final moment of the WSF 2016 (August 13-14)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	SUNDAY, AUGUST 14		
9 AM to 1 PM: Agora of initiatives for a better world: dialogues around initiatives and the building of action plans	1 PM to 5 PM: Festive promotion of the action plans (<i>Retour vers le futur</i> show and press briefing (Jarry Park))	9 AM to 5 PM: Meetings of the consolidation of networks	9 AM to 5 PM: Meeting of the International Council of the WSF
1 PM to 3 PM: Giant and festive potlatch with cultural animations and photo sessions			
3 PM to 5 PM: Collective appropriation of action plans and the building of the shared calendar			
7 PM to 11 PM: Festive event at Jarry Park	9 PM to 1 AM: Night of the <i>Alternantes</i>		