



What's new?

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Editorial

The process of debate and sharing of the proposals within this stage of the Alliance has taken several aspects: setting up electronic forums, which are multi-cultural spaces for debate and exchange on thematic or socio-professional; the writing of proposals, leading to the first versions of booklets; thematic, collegial or geocultural meetings; the preparation of continental assemblies in June and the organization of a World Assembly in Lille (France), at the invitation of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation in December. Some of the issues and proposals of the Alliance were shared with other initiatives and networks during the first World Social Forum.

Pierre Johnson

Update on the World Assembly

Lille (France), December 2-11, 2001



Invited by the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation (FPH), 400 people from different walks of life and different parts of the world, messengers from myriad groups and movements, will meet for one week at Lille, (France) from 2nd to 11th December 2001. They will seek to formulate **perspectives for the 21st**

century, translated in the **Dossiers of Proposals**, and a **Charter**. They will symbolize the chance for another type of globalization, one with a human face and a new form of world governance based on dialogue between all the actors composing society and different cultures.

Practical preparation of this assembly is being organized step by step. The Lille-Monde 2001 association was created in Lille for the logistical organization of the meeting (in coordination with the fph members in Paris). It will try to involve the population of the region Nord-Pas-de-Calais (north of France). Its president is Nicole Delebarre, its secretary Brigitte Jorge.

A partnership has been settled with the Valenciennes university (50km from Lille) to mobilize some students for preparing the welcome of the participants in Lille city, where they are hosted and in the workplaces.

With regard to the festive moments of the assembly, it is planned to integrate the cultural associations of the region and the youth of the Lille's districts.

To enter in resonance with the Continental Assemblies of June 2001, an **opening session** with drum rhythms has been proposed. Contacts with political institutions, the academic environment and social movements of the **North of France** follow their course.

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First Americas geocultural meeting

February 21-24, 2001, Cochabamba (Bolivia)

The first regional meeting of preparation of the American continental assembly of June at Quito (Ecuador) took place from February 21st to 24th at Cochabamba in Bolivia, on the theme «social movements and interculturality.» Gathering close to 40 representatives of indigenous people, farmers, unions, urban people and NGO movements that came mainly from Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, but also from Venezuela, from Colombia, from Chile, Brazil and France. Parting from the experiences of each country and each movement, the participants worked on the construction of concrete alliances and common projects.

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Caravan #7

Issue 7 of **Caravan** was released in February, with a dossier on **Tourism**, prepared by Dora Valayer, director of Transverses association, which takes care of information on responsible tourism.

This issue also contains a supplement with a calendar of the main meetings of the Alliance in 2000-2001.

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Update on the proposal files and charters



The list of thematic proposal files for which a first version has been written is now longer. These draft versions are available for: *Global Governance* (English and French), *World Trade Organization* (integral version in French and English and summarized version in French, English and Spanish), *Art and society* (Portuguese, English and Spanish), *Soils* (French and English), *Environmental Education* (French), *Information and Communication Technologies* (French and Spanish), *Time and Sustainable Development* (French), *Biodiversity, GMOs and privatization of life* (French, English and Spanish), *Forests* (Portuguese, French and English).

Other thematic workshops of the Alliance are also preparing proposal booklets for the meetings of the 2000-2001 Assembly. There is a total of about 40 thematic workshops in the Alliance. The *Territorial Authorities Charter* has been translated into Chinese. It will be published «China's Mayors» magazine in May with a presentation text of the dynamics of the alliance and the World Assembly.

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Quebec 2001

The Second Peoples' Summit of the America will be held at Quebec (Canada) from April 17th to 21st, simultaneously to the Summit of the American Heads of State that will continue the negotiations on the Free trade Zone of America. The Summit will organize forums on the following themes: women and globalization; human rights; environment; disengagement of the state and fair wealth redistribution; agrarian issues; communication; education; unions issue. This summit will also provide the framework for two meetings of the Alliance: the North American meeting preparatory for the continental Quito (Ecuador) Assembly, and the first meeting of the Unions college.

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First World Social Forum

participation of the Alliance

Porto Alegre (Brazil) - January 25-30, 2001



The first World Social Forum gathered in Porto Alegre, Brazil from the 25th to the 30th of January thousands of organizations' representatives and social movements from all over the world. The aim was first to counterbalance the World Economic Forum which is held once a year in Davos (Switzerland).

Though this forum attracted mainly South-Americans and Europeans speaking latin languages, we can observe it was a success in terms of participation, and as a symbolic moment during which the necessity of another globalization was expressed. The dynamics of debate and exchange in workshops in the afternoon propitiated formal and informal links, the reinforcement or initiating of international networks. Some proposals contributing to sketch another globalization began to emerge. These emerging dynamics could be reinforced during the next forums.

The Alliance for a responsible, plural and united world, and the Family Farming and Globalization network (known as APM) contributed to this event, with authentically international delegations (Africa, America, Asia, Europe), but also with suggestions in terms of organization and visibility of the proposals emerging from the debates, that were appreciated. Among the topics proposed by the Alliance for the workshops were socio-economic issues (Women and Economy, International Trade, Social Money), environmental issues (Sustainable management of water, soils and natural resources, Education and environment), «Interculturality», «Governance, citizenship and social movements». The APM network facilitated workshops on the following topics: Formation of social leaders, Land reform, Food security, GMOs and rejection of the privatization of life.

Firewords:

Journalists meeting

Bangalore (India) - December 2000

The Firewords network, set up by Siddhartha and Pipal Tree (India) to contribute to a socio-cultural alternative in the world of the media, gathered about thirty journalists and writers coming from all Asia as well as America and Europe in Bangalore (India) from December 7th to 10th, 2000. This working meeting permitted to do a critical overview of the editorial content and the commercial drifts of the «mainstream media», and to propose an alternative: to create a worldwide network of journalists wishing to contribute to another globalization of information, to structure their exchanges of articles and materials by the opening of a Web site during the year 2001, and on a longer term, to create an alternative press agency publishing quality articles and investigations on issues little or badly covered by conventional media: human rights, development, analysis of the social, educational and geopolitical challenges of globalization, citizens' movements... Since the meeting, the discussions are ongoing on an electronic group, and a Web site will be open (from Bangalore) this year.

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Academics and Peace in Central Africa

The Congolese Network for Promotion and Defense of Human Rights and of Academic Freedoms, an ally of Central Africa, works intensely since December 1997 for the promotion of a culture of peace in academic contexts. It would like to organize with other allies of the Great Lakes and Central Africa region a seminar on Youth and Peace. Interested allies should contact directly RECODELAC.

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New electronic forums

Several thematic workshops, debating the challenges of today's world in a given area, and colleges debating the responsibilities and the contribution of a socio-professional milieu to those challenges, opened an electronic forum since the beginning of the year, as a tool permitting to lead a large and multi-lingual debate on these issues. These debates at a distance, often prepare a real meeting, and operate mainly by electronic mail, with the support of a facilitation team, that facilitates the progress of it.

Thematic forums

Values & Culture Pole

Social Control of Science : maitriscience@maitriscience.org

Humanity & Biosphere Pole

Soils : torba@forums.alliance21.org

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Energy : energies@echo.org

Environmental Education : a-envireduc@funredes.org

Socio-Economy of Solidarity Pole :

14 forums, 16 workshops

see Web site : <http://www.socioeco.org> pour liste de thèmes

Governance & Citizenship Pole

State & development : pol-dev@forums.alliance21.org

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Colleges forums

Women : women@forums.alliance21.org

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Artists : forumart@uol.com.br

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Academics : univ@forums.alliance21.org

Geocultural forums

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