

The WSF 2008 Week of Actions in the World

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Saturday 26 January is the World Social Forum Global Day of Action. More than 600 actions and events are being planned on or close to the day, in every continent; they range from defending housing rights in Omsk in Siberia and protesting anti-military bases actions in Aotearoa/New Zealand to dozens of local social forums, protests, gatherings and celebrations of resistance [from: Nicola Bullard]

Reference to relevant articles posted in other sections of ESSF website can be found below. This list will be regularly updated.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

[Via Campesina takes part in The Global Day of Action on 26 January](#)

Africa

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AMERICAS

[Jubilee South/Americas joins in the Global Day of Action against Imperialism and Neoliberalism](#)

United States

[Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign \(PPEHRC\) Holds Actions Across the USA for the Global Day of Action on January 26, 2008](#)

[Poor People's Caravan & Movement Assembly - Atlanta, GA](#)

ASIA

Korea:

[WSF 2008 Global Days of Action & Mobilization in Korea](#)

India

[India: Maharashtra organisations observe global week of action culminating in float parade in Mumbai on Jan 26th](#)

[Mumbai: WSF supporters bring adverse effects of globalisation to the fore](#)

[Women in Mumbai observe global week of action](#)

Indonesia

["Another Indonesia is Possible: Indonesia Without Neo-liberalism"](#)

[People's Movement Against Neocolonialism-Imperialism "Another Indonesia is Possible: Indonesia Without Neoliberalism"](#)

Philippines

[US Troops Out of the Philippines!](#)

[Filipino Activists Join Global Week of Action, Reject the Davos Agenda](#)

[Global Day of Action in the Philippines](#)

Sri Lanka

B. Skanthakumar: [A Better Sri Lanka is Possible!](#)

EUROPE

[No to Corporate Europe – Yes to Global Justice!](#)

Belgique

Bruno Colmant, Jérôme Ollier : [Belgium: Make Capitalism History. Global day of Action 26 Jan — The president of the Stock Exchange versus Jérôme O.'s action](#)

Catalonia

[The Catalan Social Forum, a success!](#)

France

Sven Giegold, [Do we need a post-altermondialism? report from the WSF 2008 in Paris](#)

Italy

[Italy and WSF 2008: Arci in action](#)

Russia

[The World Social Forum Day of Actions in Russia](#)

[The longest Day for Housing Rights without borders — in the Far East of the Russian Federation](#)

Sweden

FoE and Via campesina, [International Campaign for Common Welfare 2008 - 2009](#)

The Netherlands

[Marking WSF Global Day of Action in the Netherlands](#)

MIDDLE EAST

Palestine-Israel

Summary: the world in brief

ALGERIE :

Rencontre maghrébine sur le thème: "L'altermondialisme : mythes et réalités".

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1749>

ALLEMAGNE :

There will be a Stuttgart Open Fair 2008 linked to the WSF Global Action Day:

<http://www.wsf2008.net/de/node/1152>

Mobilizations will take place in Frankfurt:

<http://www.wsf2008.net/de/node/1448>

A seminar on climate change will take place in Wuppertal

<http://www.wsf2008.net/de/node/2601>

ARGENTINE :

In Buenos Aires, a debate about Sexuality and Public Space:

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1583>

AUTRICHE :

There will be a Carnival of Solidarity in Vienna and a conference on the reform treaty in Linz.

BELGIQUE :

The Belgian Social Forum is organizing a guided tour of "a different Brussels", inviting people to visit the city while meeting its movements and associations. A whole week of mobilization is planned and includes interactive activities like videoconferences:

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/1038>.

BRESIL :

In Belem, a large carnival parade will take the streets. In Rio de Janeiro, an alternative fair and free concert on the beach will gather famous performers with artists from the favelas

<http://www.wsf2008.net/pt-br/node/2344>

In Sao Paulo, a cultural and politic event is being planed

<http://www.wsf2008.net/pt-br/node/1235>

In Curitiba, the beginning of Mercosul Social Forum :

<http://www.wsf2008.net/pt-br/node/1198> and a Critical Mass bicycle celebration.

Other cities like Natal, Goiana, Belo Horizonte and Pelotas will also have activities.

CAMEROUN :

Fight Against Swindlers on Internet: <http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/1605>.

CANADA :

Organizations in Quebec are organizing a week symbolically linked by the image of snow and fire, under the idea of "La neige brule" <http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/1139>

CHILI :

In Santiago de Chile, a citizens demonstration
<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/2297>

COLOMBIE :

The WSF local committee is focusing the activities on the struggle against poverty and exclusion and a large concert will happen in Bogota <http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1717>

CONGO :

The journey will coincide with several local social forums, one of them in Kinshasa. Three other provinces have also expressed that they will carry through some activities.

COSTA RICA :

En San Jose, actividades académicas y culturales sobre el tema del Agua, su conservación e importancia para la vida
<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1570>

CUBA :

A public demonstration and a press conference will launch the call to the IV Asamblea General de los Pueblos del Caribe (IV APC) in Havana

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1275>

EL SALVADOR :

In San Salvador, el sábado 19 de enero de 2008 celebraremos el día de acción sobre el foro social mundial, el cual servirá también de promoción del día 26 de enero del 2008, el 19 lanzaremos la iniciativa a cada organización para desarrollar eventos en sus comunidades.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/2182>

ESPAGNE :

Madrid: performance and debates for a just peace in the middle East and defense of human rights and the international law. Defense also of public services and environment.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1159>

Andalucia: encuentro de movimientos sociales :

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/2416>

Canarias: se ha hecho un llamamiento a la participación en el Enero 26, y avanza la preparación de actividades en las islas en el marco del Día de Acción Global. moclaspalmas gmail.com.

Galice : Social Movements Assembly at the History and Geography University, in Santiago de Compostela.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1812>

Catalogne : Civil society organizations will organize the first Fòrum Social Català (FSCat) on 25-27 Jan. On the 26th, in the Hall of Barcelona University will host a big screen video projection with direct links to movements all over the world

<http://www.wsf2008.net/ca/node/1115>.

ETATS-UNIS :

A major action in Atlanta, the Poor People's Caravan and Movement Assembly, will bring together thousands of voices demanding change.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1882>

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance has called on all the member groups to do actions across the country.

In San Francisco, an exhibition of the Emergency Biennale of Chechnya is one of two public projects the Global Commons Foundation is producing for the WSF in San Francisco. The exhibition will open on January 25th at the California College of the Arts, Playspace gallery.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2668>

There will be actions at the border of Mexico and the US against the fence the US has plans to build along the border. Those active against the fence have named it the "wall of death".

In New Orleans, actions will demand the Right to Return, and solidarity actions will take place in different states for Gulf Coast/Katrina Survivors and local housing struggles.

And the AFSC, Jobs with Justice, AFL-CIO are planning various actions with their members.

In Vermont, a major gathering for workers, students, educators and health care providers to build a movement for workers' rights, livable wages, economic justice, quality healthcare for all and global solidarity.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2081>

In Indiana, citizens in the South Bend/Michiana region will begin discussions of whether/why/and how to organize a Social Forum in our region.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1128>

FINLANDE :

All activities of the WSF action days in Finland are taking place under the WSF banner of "Another World is Possible", more specified by the themes of "Neoliberalism" and "Civic Action".

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2162>

GRECE :

On January 26 at 12:00 the Greek Social Forum organizes a rally at Syntagma square (center of Athens) against neoliberal globalization.

HAITI :

Nous organiserons une conférence de presse le vendredi 18 janvier 2008 et des interventions radio-télévisées tout au cours de la semaine

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/2290>

INDE :

Women's groups are planning a conference and a march.

In Maharashtra there will be a protest by indebted farmers and their supporters.

In Mumbai a float parade is planned. Delegates also reported that they would try and organize a response to the global call in west Bengal and UP.

INDONESIE:

Farmer groups are responding to the call from Via Campesina, an international movement of peasants, small- and medium-sized producers, landless, rural women, indigenous people, rural youth and agricultural workers.

IRAQ:

The Hiwar (means "dialogue" in Kurdish) Centre in Erbil is coordinating activities that will take place in Erbil, Dohuk, Suleymania and other towns of the Iraqi Kurdistan. In Erbil there will be a panel between laical politicians and activists, islamists, trade unions, NGOs and the local civil society on the meaning of the WSF as an open political space. The Hiwar Centre will also produce material in Arabic on the WSF that will be posted on websites of Iraqi networks for Human Rights and Nonviolence. The Iraqi Nonviolent Movement LAONF expressed interest in organizing decentralized actions in some central and southern towns of Iraq.

Celebration in a school in Iraq:

Celebration to support the nonviolent campaign and to have some changes in our life cause Iraqi children have more suffer after the occupations. Iraqi Women League, in Najaf.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2492>

Ball replacement Gun toy project:

In Samawa city, each kid that has gun toys I will replace that with a ball.

That's my project from my pocket money to help Iraqi children to forget a violence and start a new

live in new Iraq

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2692>

VEEN organization (children rights org) in Mosol (Bashiqa district) on Jan 26th - Seminar about children rights

In BAGHDAD, a Baghdad Group of Intellectuals will distribute and write about the WSF dossier in some news papers

ISRAEL:

The Alternative Information Centre is interested in organizing an event against the occupation of Palestinian territories, or at least spreading information in Israel on what is going on in Palestine on that day.

ITALIE :

Several events will take place in Rome, Florence and other regions around issues of peace, disarmament, racism, xenophobia and solidarity economy

<http://www.wsf2008.net/it/node/921>

Venerdi 25 gennaio, alle ore 21.00, presso il Consorzio Zenzero (Via Torti 35r Genova) ARCI Genova organizza la presentazione genovese della campagna "Un futuro senza atomiche".

<http://www.wsf2008.net/it/node/2617>

JAPON :

To protest the coming G 8 meeting to be held in Hokaido, a campaign starts in the end of December and will continue through January 26th.

Trade unions, non-governmental organizations and a wide variety of social movements will come together to focus on issues including labor rights, caste, migration, peace, and human rights.

On January 26 at 9:00am, there will be a global action in downtown area of Tokyo, Arakawa Ward.

<http://2008.jan26.jp/>

<http://www.wsf2008.net/ja/node/1260>

(South)DU SUD :

There will be a week of action involving various social movements from the 21st to 25th. Each day there will be focused on one major theme. <http://action126.net/>

<http://www.wsf2008.net/ko/node/1737>

LIBAN :

Beirut International Resistance Social Forum will take place from 26 JANUARY /02 FEBRUARY /2008.

MALI :

Journée des Sans : Meeting sur le thème : "Halte à la conspiration en Afrique" :

- les APE (Mouvement des Sans Voix)
- les privatisations (témoignages grévistes de la mine d'or de Morila)
- l'immigration (Mouvement des sans Voix et Association des Maliens Expulsés)

Conférence de presse

Projection de film : DVD NOVOX et sur Thomas Sankara et Patrice Lumumba suivi de débat

Marche à Bamako (à confirmer)

Programme : <http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/3673>

MAROC :

Participation des membres du Manifeste Euro-africain aux journées de mobilisation qui se dérouleront à Bouznika au Maroc le 25,26 et 27 Janvier 2008.

MAURITANIE :

The Maghreb Social Forum will take place in Mauritania and the African Council is organizing support for widespread initiatives connected to the Global Day of Action.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/1397>

Débat La citoyenneté : Droits et Devoirs. Nouadhibou.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/2282>

MEXIQUE :

Panel discussions, lectures, forums and workshops; pronouncements and denunciations of the major social movements, farmers, workers, students etc.; concerts, theatre, dance, music, etc.

26 th: March - Another World is Possible.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/es/node/1078>

PAKISTAN:

Pakistan Social Forum is planning for the year 2007-08: events, messages and mobilization (WSF "Action Week" on 19-26th January 2008).

PALESTINE:

Another Voice Campaign will organize actions to ask for international solidarity for Gaza, and are planning an event in Ramallah to denounce all deaths of Palestinians in Gaza as a result of the siege.

The Palestinian grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign and The National Committee for the Commemoration of the Nakba endorse the Global Call for action promoted by the World Social Forum and call upon all people of conscience to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian, Iraqi, Iranian, Lebanese, Syrian and Afghani people who daily face occupation and military threats.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1148>

PHILIPPINES:

The Stop the War Coalition - Philippines, will hold a protest action at the US embassy in Manila and will also participate in other events and actions planned by various groups in the Philippines as part of the Global Week of Action and Mobilization. This will include events at a People's Camp to be held on January 24-25 and a mobilization on January 26.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2403>

PORTUGAL:

Setúbal - Concentração na Praça do Bocage - 14 horas, Bancas, Exposições, Animação Cultural:

<http://www.wsf2008.net/pt/node/2449>

Preparatory meetings are taking place at the P. Carlos Alberto nº 128 A, no Porto.

<http://pimentanegra.blogspot.com/2007/12/reunio-preparatria-para-o-dia-de-aco.html>

ROUMANIE :

The 'Romanian Ecological Action' Foundation (Fundatia 'Actiunea Ecologica Romana' - Fundatia AER) and the 'Association for the Development of the Romanian Social Forum' ('Asociatia pentru Dezvoltarea Forumului Social Roman' - AD FSR) organize the European Symposium 'Another World is Possible' on 26th of January 2008 in the city of Rimnicu-Vilcea.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2509>

ROYAUME-UNI :

London: Direct action picket to stop new coal-fired power station.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/tr/node/2441>

SRI LANKA:

A national convergence of peoples' organisations, struggles and campaigns will take place in Colombo on Saturday 26 January from 9am - 5pm at Vihara Mahadevi Park (venue to be confirmed) as part of the Global Day of Mobilisation and Action.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2616>

SUEDE :

Fair Trade-products, short films about solidarity, enviroment and WSF non stop, music, study circles preparing ESF in Malmoe.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/2728>

We will create a small social forum in the center of Stockholm, Sweden the 26:th January. There will be seminars, workshops and debates with politicians, activists, former Guantanamo prisoner etc etc.

In the night there will be a party. "If there is no dance, it's not my revolution..."

<http://www.wsf2008.net/eng/node/1124>

SUISSE :

"The Other Davos" a counter- World Economic Forum conference. 8e édition de la conférence alternative au WEF dans le cadre du Global Action Day du Forum social mondial.

Samedi, 26 janvier 2008, Volkshaus, Stauffacherstrasse 60, Zurich

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/2153>

The Genevoise Federation of Cooperation will organize from Jan 24 to 26 the second Solidarity Crusade to the Meyrin Forum.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/fr/node/1815>

TURQUIE :

Mobilizations are planned to take place in the cities of Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

<http://www.wsf2008.net/pt-br/node/2237>