

Popular Movements' Press Release Statement

World Meeting of Popular Movements October 27, 28 and 29th

Various movements representatives of the most postponed and excluded, along with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, with the explicit support of Pope Francis, impulse the World Meeting of Popular Movements to be held from October 27 to 29th, 2014 in Rome.

We are very glad of this unique opportunity to let their voice be heard, to have the opportunity to give visibility to the excluded, in the Vatican itself. We are deeply grateful to Pope Francis for this possibility, a new sample of his permanent support and proximity not only to the injustice we, the excluded, suffer but also to those that organize ourselves and fight it back.

The Meeting is primarily aimed at organizations and movements of the excluded. We expect the participation of 100 delegates from different backgrounds, those backgrounds bring together: a) the precarious workers, temporary workers, migrants, and those involved in the popular sector, informal and/ or self-employed, without any legal protection, workers rights or recognized union; b) landless peasants and indigenous people or those at risk of being expelled from the countryside because of agricultural speculation and violence; c) people living in slums and informal settlements, the marginalized, the homeless, the forgotten without adequate urban infrastructure. Unions, social and human rights organizations will participate as well, due to their joint efforts accompanying the processes of organization and struggle of the above sectors.

Many bishops and other church workers from several countries are also invited, in order to stimulate dialogue and collaboration with the Church. The meeting will be conducted in Spanish, French, English, Italian and Portuguese. The meeting will conclude with an international body promoting coordination between popular movements with the support and collaboration of the Church.

The work is divided in three days:

- a) The objective of the first day is to know today's reality, struggles and thoughts of popular movements. It will be held at the Salesianum.
- b) The objective of the second day is to appreciate Pope Francis' teaching on how to move forward and together towards an authentic human development. Will be based at the Old Synod Hall.
- c) The third and final day will be devoted to taking concrete commitments to coordinate the excluded organizations and their collaboration with the Church. It will be hosted at the Salesianum.

The main objectives are:

- [To share Pope Francis social thought, especially items that he bring in his Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" and discuss it from the perspective of popular movements.
- [To develop a synthesis of the vision of popular movements around the causes of the growing social inequality and exclusion, increasing deeply worldwide, mainly the exclusion of land, labor and housing.
- [To reflect collectively on the organizational experiences of popular movements as forms of solution for the above injustices dialoguing through our practices, forms of interaction with institutions and future prospects.
- [To propose popular alternatives to address problems -war, displacement, hunger, poverty, unemployment, insecurity, exclusion- generated by the financial capitalism, military arrogance and the immense power of transnational companies from the point of view of the poor, with the prospect of building a peaceful society, free and fair.
- [To discuss the relationship of Popular Movements with the Church, and how to move forward in creating an instance of articulation and ongoing collaboration.

Among others, the organizations that will participate in the Meeting are:

Anamuri -Asociacion Nacional de Mujeres rural e Indigenas
 Articulação Dos Povos Indígenas Do Brasil (APIB) - Brasil
 Asian Social Institute (ASI) and CBSCoop Cooperative – Philippines
 Asociación De Trabajadores Del Campo (ATC) - Nicaragua
 Asociación Democracia Real Ya (Indignados) - Spain
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 Asociación Nacional De Recicladores De Colombia (ARB) - Colombia
 Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Agropecuarios (ANTA) – El Salvador
 Associacao Dos Peradores E Trabalhadores Do Sector Informal (ASSOTSI) - Mozambique
 Associação Juízes para a Democracia - Brasil
 Association des Marchés Economiques Locaux du Recyclage (AMELIOR) – France
 Associazione Trentini Nel Mondo Onlus - Italy
 Banca Etica – Italia
 Biffins - Francia
 Bigkis Lakas Pilipinas (Fishermen) - Philipines
 Border Agricultural Workers – US/Mexico Border
 Central de Movimentos Populares (CMP) - Brasil
 Central Única dos Trabalhadores Minas Gerais - Movimento Sindical de Maestros (CUT)
 Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas (Frayba) - México
 Centro Memorial Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (CMMLK) - Cuba
 Centro Sociale Leoncavallo - Italy
 Children and Youth in Action for Sustainable Future (CYASF) - Philippines
 Comité De Unidad Campesina (CUC) - Guatemala
 Condederacion De Trabajadores Por Cuenta Propia CNTCP - Nicaragua
 Conf. Nacional De Mujeres Campesinas Indigenas Originarias Bartolinas Sissa – Bolivia
 Confederación de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular (CTEP) - Argentina
 Confederation Paysanne (CIFTCI-SEN) - Turquia
 Conseil National De Concertation Et De Coopération Des Ruraux (CNCR) - Senegal
 Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas (COPINH) - Honduras
 Consejo Coordinador Obrero Popular (COCOPO - MLN) Mexico
 Consejo Nacional por el Cambio - Bolivia

Coord. Nac. de Org. de Mujeres Trabajadoras Rurales e Indígenas (CONAMURI) - Paraguay
Coordenação Nacional De Entidades Negras (CONEN) - Brasil
Corriente Villera Independiente (CVI) - Argentina
Enhe Bizkaia (Euskal Herria)– Spain and France
ETC Group
European Coordination Via Campesina
Faith In Community Scotland - Scotland
Farm Workers Association Of Florida - USA
Federacion Nacional De Recicladores Del Ecuador - Ecuador
Federación Argentina de Cartoneros y Recicladores (FACyR) - Argentina
Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativas de Viviendas por Ayuda Mutua (FUCVAM) - Uruguay
Forum Des Alternatives - Morocco
Frente Nacional Comunal Simón Bolívar (FNCSM) - Venezuela
Genuino Clandestino – Italy
Grain
Hermandad Obrera De Acción Católica (HOAC)
Homeless Peoples Fedreation - Philippines
Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Associations- Camboya
Industrial Workers Of The World (IWW) -
International Coordination Of Young Christian Workers (ICYCW-CIJOC) - France
Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne Internationale (IYCW) Aisbl
Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat - India
Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat - Waste Pickers Collective (KKPKP) - India
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Karnataka State Farmers Union (KRRS) - India
Kenya National Alliance Of Street Venders And Informal Traders (Kenasvit) - Kenya
Korean Women Peasants Association - Korea
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La Junta - Perú
Levante Popular Da Juventude - Brasil
Liga Operária Católica -
Malawi Union for Informal Sector - Malawi
Minga Informativa de los Movimientos Sociales (ALAI) – Latinoamérica
Mouviman Peyzan Papay (MPP) - Haiti
Movimento De Mulheres Camponesas (MMC) - Brasil
Movimiento de los Trabajadores Rurales Sin Tierra (MST) - Brasil
Movimiento De Trabajadores Excluidos (MTE) - Argentina
Movimiento Indígena-Campesino De Chiapas - Mexico
Movimiento Nacional Campesino Indígena (MNCI) - Argentina
Movimiento Nacional De Trabajadores Cristianos (MMTC) – Rwanda
Movimiento Nacional Empresas Recuperadas (MNER) - Cooperativa Subpga – Argentina
National Coordination of Peasants' Organizations (CNOP) - Mali
National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) – USA
National Slum Dwellers Federation - India
National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) - South Africa
Network for Political and Social Rights - Grece
New Zealand Council of Trade Union - New Zealand
Parlamento Xinka - Guatemala
Plataforma Afectados Por La Hipoteca (PAH * co-fundador a título personal) – Spain
Proceso de Comunidades Negras (PCN) - Brasil
Re-Food 4 Good - International
RIMAFLOW, Fabbrica Recuperata - Communia Network - Italy
Shack Dwellers International (SDI)
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Shack Dwellers International/Zimbabwe Affiliate - Zimbabwe
Shehab Institution – Egypt
Sindicato Mexicano de Electricistas (SME) - Mexico
Slum Dwellers International
South African Federation of the Urban Poor - South Africa
South African Waste Pickers Association - South Africa
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Spirit Of Youth Association For Environmental Services (Zabaleens) – Egypt
Syndicate Of Informal Workers (Homenet Eastern Europe) - Bulgaria
The French Organizations Droit Au Logement/No-Vox - France
Truth Foundation - South Korea
Tunisian Forum For Economic And Social Rights - Tunisia
Turkish Peasant Confederation (CIFTCI-SEN)- Turquía
União Nacional de Camponeses (UNAC) - Moçambique
Union Of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) - Palestina
United Steelworkers - Canada
Youth Organization of The Kurds - Siria
Zambia Homeless And Poor People's Federation - Zambia
Zimbabwe Smallholder Farmer Forum (ZIMSOFF) Zimbabwe

We hope this Meeting will mark a milestone in the articulation process of popular movements strengthening a transformative perspective, empowering the poorest sectors and making visible the popular view about the serious problems humanity is facing.

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