



Plenary of the Organising Commissions Towards the VII World Social Forum on Migrations

"Migrants: Building Alternatives against the Disorder and Global Crisis Of the Capital"

EVENT REPORT

On February 20th, 2016 at 3:30 pm, inside the Zumbi University auditorium, it takes place the Plenary of the Commissions for the FSMM 2016, gathered in order to present the progress in the Forum organization process and also to sign the agreement with the Sao Paulo City Hall that formalizes its political and financial support of the event.

Opening:

Head table: Luiz Bassegio (Continental Secretary for the Cry of the Excluded social movement and FSMM adviser), Salete Valesan Camba (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences - FLACSO/Brazil, Paulo Freire Institute and FSMM representative), Rogério Sottili (Special Secretary for Human Rights of the Brazilian Presidency of the Republic) and Eduardo Suplicy (City Secretary for Human Rights and Citizenship in Sao Paulo).

- *Luiz Bassegio:
- Emphasizes that the real protagonists of FSMM ought to be migrants. "We have committed ourselves so that 50% of the Forum participants are migrants."*
- *Salete Valesan:
- Remembers that the WSFM is born from the WSF and that the migratory issue, due to its complexity, used to demand a specific space within the WSF. "Since 2005, we've started looking at this issue that calls us today for reflection and action, demanding the right to live in the place of our free choice, unlike now, when people migrate in such a compulsory manner. They are migrating because they are forced to leave their seats. "*
- *Eduardo Suplicy:
- Emphasizes that the city of Sao Paulo is composed of immigrants. "The families of Sao Paulo citizens as themselves descend from immigrants of many different countries. Therefore, it is important that the Sao Paulo city facilitates the arrival of immigrants from any nationality and provides housing, education, health care and thus the right to a life with dignity. " He expresses the City Hall commitment to keep supporting a migrations agenda in Brazil and especially here in the Sao Paulo city always from a paradigm based upon Human Rights.*



- *Rogério Sottili :*
 - *Stresses the importance of FSMM to Brazil in the current world conjecture.*
 - *Thanks immigrants and Paulo Illes for having helped building a new look in the city on the migratory issue and towards human rights. Sottili also spots the changes in his political understanding of this subject in the last four years.*
 - *"We want a society where migration is seen as something completely natural, which is part of the dynamics of society, rather than as a barrier or as a deterrent to ensure the rights of the migrant population. A world without borders, that values differences and cultures. "*
 - *That's why, it points out, the FSMM is so important. According to him, it will be a moment to articulate, debate and exchange experiences so as to consolidate an international political force that fights for the rights of immigrants.*
 - *So, to perform such an action is central to Sao Paulo. "Sao Paulo is a national reference, many struggles have arisen here and inspired Brazil. So we want to delve a migration issue of service model completely ruled on Human Rights. "*
 - *The FSMM shall have all the support of the Sao Paulo Municipality, and also of the Federal Government, which has already appointed Beto Vasconcelos.*

- *Aída García Naranjo (Women's Minister in Peru)*
 - *Salutes the commissions members presently reunited.*
 - *Sees the FSMM importance at a time when we experienced the worst global migration crisis since 1945.*
 - *Skype connections failure interrupts transmission.*

At this point, it is signed the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipal Bureau for Human Rights and Citizenship of the Sao Paulo City Hall and the 2016 World Social Forum on Migrations Technical Secretariat ". This document represents the support of the City to the Forum. Eduardo Suplicy and Luiz Bassegio both sign. [Note: the VII FSMM will be held from July 7th to 10th, 2016 at the Zumbi University].

Presentation on the Forum progress:

Luiz Bassegio:

- *Luiz briefly explains what is the Forum and which objectives it pursues, as well as aspects of its structure (International Committee, Local Committee, Commissions, etc.)*



- The Forum is a plural, non-governmental or confessional space where civil society, social movements and, above all, immigrants themselves are the leading figures.

- The Forum must be understood as an ongoing process, which opposes the dominant thinking and seeks to gain an extension of effectively recognized rights for migrants around the world.

Presentation of the Working Commissions (further info on powerpoint material):

1. Programming Committee
2. Documentation Committee
3. Committee on Media and Social Networks
4. Mobilization Committee
5. Commission for Culture and Entrepreneurship
6. Finance Committee

(It was requested to the Media and Social Networks Commission a video of about one minute for the crowdfunding campaign on Catarse).

Presentation of the thematic axes:

- The systemic crisis of the capitalist model and its impact on migration.
- Resistance and alternatives from the subjects migrants.
- Migration, the rights of mother nature, the climate and the North-South disputes.
- Human rights, housing, decent work, political participation and social movements.
- **Proposal for a new axis: Right to the city, social inclusion and citizenship of immigrants (a proposal by the Global Platform for the Right to the City).**
PROPOSAL APPROVED.

Until the Forum, there is a schedule of activities for all committees, including a second plenary on March (16) and a meeting of the CI / FSMM via Skype.

Some key dates prior to the Forum will be: International Workers' Day, International Women's Day and the International Refugee Day. Those dates are expected to develop activities related to the migration axis so as to build new partnerships and strengthen the



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Debate with participants in general:

- *For the Mobilization Commission - There are several organizations that can be called to the FSMM 2016, such as the Brazilian Women United, student groups, LGBT groups ...*
 - *For the Culture Commission - It is important that in addition to cultural performances, participants of the FSMM have experiences, meaning that they can incorporate the activities.*
 - *What it is that unites us in this FSMM?*
 - *In fundraising, whom do we appeal to?*
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- *The buses that will be chartered to participate in the Forum should not only from the Southeast or neighboring countries, but also the Northeast, a region that historically has suffered the consequences of internal migration in Brazil.*
 - *How do you get the real role of migrants in the Forum? How do we identify them and call them to participate? Without disregarding the churches and social movements, migrants have to be the true protagonists.*
 - *See how to advance in the construction of truly participatory methodologies. The quality of a methodology proposal, from the perspective of how it advances in facilitating the participation of migrants, can be an approval criterion for activities to be held during the Forum.*
 - *Standardize on a form the record of the proposed activities: a. Title of activity, b. Goals, c. Public goal, d. Methodology, e. Teaching resources*
 - *Give prominence to the feminization of migration.*
 - *Where is the analysis of the current immigration crisis in Europe?*
 - *Each thematic axis should have one specific team.*
 - *The conclusions of the 2016 FSMM have to be built from the debates that will take place at the Forum.*
 - *Each Commission must disclose its contact info more clearly.*
 - *It has to be determined which Commission (Media and Social Networks or Documentation) will cover the event. It can also be a joint effort, as long as it is well organized.*
 - *The Mobilization Commission needs contacts to organize the volunteers.*
 - *Participate in the commissions must be encouraged because there is plenty of work ahead.*
 - *There are some questions from participants about how it will be guaranteed the participation of those migrants who do not yet speak Portuguese well.*
 - *There will be a very important subscription act in the Forum with homeless migrants living in SP. These migrants will be encouraged to present their reality and their demands. There will be a campaign for registrations until March, 2nd.*
 - *Culture is a good way to sign up on the Forum.*



- *The Finance Commission shall establish how the FSMM 2016 partnerships could provide a manual about the kind of partnerships that currently exist.*
 - *Forum must discuss the positive migration.*
 - *The issue of immigrant women should be reviewed, it lacks visibility to their problems. No "transversal" axis.*
 - *It is necessary to think of a strategy to approach the migrants. Often, these people find it difficult to engage because of their work situation, their migratory status, etc. How do we overcome these difficulties?*
 - *There are some migrant networks in Rio Grande do Sul and it would be interesting to contact them to participate in the Forum.*
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- *It was suggested to the Finance Commission the idea of promoting a scheme "joint application". With this, people with more financial capacity would afford the registration of someone with fewer resources.*
 - *For the Finance Commission - The FSMM 2016 will occur between Thursday and Sunday. During these days, migrants have to work. It would therefore be necessary to establish an allowance to promote their maximum participation.*
 - *It begins a debate on the question of whether or not a new axis on the reality of migrant women should exist. As the debate gets "hot", it is suggested that the various proposals be sent to the Secretariat to sum them and seek a consensus, because axes have been internationally defined and there cannot be a new one without prior consultation. Contact E-mail: contato.fsmm2016@gmail.com*