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Post-ISF reflection session on the World Social Forum

Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 - 6 pm

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Come and join us !

Dear friends,

I am writing on behalf of CACIM (India Institute for Critical Action : Centre in Movement), to cordially invite you to a post-ISF reflection session this coming Wednesday, November 29 2006, at ISI (India Social Institute), at 3:30 pm.

The November 29, 2006 meeting

We are calling this meeting to take full advantage of fresh memories on the part of those who attended the India Social Forum from November 9-13. This becomes even more important in view of the fact that the event was held in Delhi and a large number of us were closely involved with the organising the event itself or events at ISF in some way or the other.

The meeting on November 24 2006 will have participation from those who were closely involved in the ISF process, have engaged with the process for long and continue to do so and come from a wide range of backgrounds and points of view to reflect on the ISF and on the World

Social Forum process more generally and as an idea. We would also like to invite those who could not attend the ISF due to one reason or the other but are keen to know what happened at the Forum.

We have planned the meeting not as a lot of speeches but as some brief presentations on the basis of which we will draw out certain particular issues and where all those present will then have a chance to take part in breakout groups (smaller group discussions). We want to make the meeting as common and participatory as possible.

While we want anyone who is interested to come, once again we especially invite all those who have attended the ISF to please join us and to come prepared to briefly share with us your reflections on what took place there. And we also invite all those who may have been at any of the other world meetings this year, either Karachi, Bamako or Caracas, and all those who have been at other Social Forums, either the World Social Forum at Mumbai in January 2004 or the Asian Social Forum in Hyderabad in January 2003, or any of the other regional or national events over these past years.

ISF at New Delhi is the third Social Forum in India after Hyderabad (2003) and Mumbai (2004) and the process would be entering in its 5th year. We hope it would be an interesting session on Wednesday. Please do come. We look forward very much to having you with us.

With warm greetings -

Madhuresh

For CACIM

Some of the pointers for reflections :

1. What do you feel has been the value of the India Social Forum, and of the World Social Forum process in general, in contributing to strengthening a process of putting forward alternatives to neoliberal globalisation, war, patriarchy, casteism, and communalism ?

2. What has been the specific value of

organising the India Social Forum in Delhi, the political centre of the country at this particular juncture when UPA government is in power in the name of aam aadmi agenda.

3. How has holding the WSF events in Hyderabad 2003, Mumbai in 2004 and now in Delhi 2006 strengthened social movements and civil processes in India, South Asia, and the region more generally ? How do you see this journey of WSF in India ?

4. What are the lessons we can learn from this edition of the Forum, for the forthcoming events and such initiatives and for work related to the World Social Forum process more generally ?

5. Do you agree with the observation made by some people who were at Delhi, and also in relation to Social Forums held elsewhere in the world, that the WSF is becoming just one big talk shop ? If so, why and how do you agree ? And if you do not agree, then why not ? And in either case, what future do you see for the WSF ?

6. How was attending the India Social Forum in Delhi important for the work that you do ?

7. Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi, WHAT NEXT ???

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