

Alliance for a responsible, plural and united world

# World citizens assembly

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Regional Group

## WEST AFRICA

Themes chosen by the participants :

- 1/ Sustainable development, economics, science and technology
- 2/ Local and global governance
- 3/ Ethics, responsibility and humanism
- 4/ Ethical, religious and community conflicts
- 5/ Education and communication

Account of the continental African meeting in Dar-Es-Salaam, preceded by the African caravan for peace and solidarity which collected ideas and experiences...

- At the end of the meeting, an African charter for peace and solidarity was produced and the idea of an African network for peace and solidarity was launched.
- An African charter for a partnership between inhabitants and local communities in Africa was made up for 'Africities' in May 2000.
- Farmers World Forum in Yaounde next Mai.
- African parliament of the young in Nairobi in October 2002

1/ Sustainable development, economics, science and technology

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- Local development : land, water, soils, energies, financing.
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- Science and technology for sustainable local development.
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- Industrial ecology for local development.
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- Alternative systems of production and consumption when confronted to rare resources and a fragile environment.
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- To struggle against the poverty and unemployment of the young.
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- To develop health systems for all.
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- Cancellation of the debt.

2/ Local and global governance

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- Transparency, responsibility and participation at all levels of the governance
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- Management of the relationship between the societies and their environment
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Partnership between the public and the private sector

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To re-found the State

- To control the consequences of international cooperation
  - Genuine regional integration

3/ Ethics, responsibility and humanism

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To develop an ethic of responsibility

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To promote political, economical, cultural and social rights for the dignity and well-being of populations.

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To struggle against all kinds of discrimination and exclusion : slavery, xenophobia, segregation, and so on...

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Acknowledgement and reparations for the damage and harm due to slavery and colonization.

4/ Conflicts and a culture of peace

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The respect of the unity and diversity of cultures

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To promote the respect and tolerance between cultures

5/ Education and communication

- An education for all that prepares the persons and societies to face the challenges of the Africa of the XXIst century :

. to democratize education

. to teach how to learn in order to understand and undertake projects

. to teach peace and citizenship

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Free media for world understanding, democratic control and citizen action

**ACTION PROGRAM**

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To set up a regional workshop on industrial ecology and local development (tragedy)

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To identify, back up and reinforce existing information resources in order to set up a dynamical information-exchange system (CRI)

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To set up an active school for peace whose goal is research, training and intervention during conflict-ending processes (Messan)

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To set up pressure groups for the cancellation of the debts, economical policies, transparency, State refounding, and so on...

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To backup and reinforce sub-region integration processes from the base.

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To organize a yearly university dialogue (west Africa universities) with an 'essays fair' (research works)

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The creation of an observatory for financial transparency and against the impunity of bribery crimes, embezzlements, and so on...

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To organize a meeting for the restitution and comprehension of Lille's works.

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To promote African cultures through the new means of communication