

Dear friends and comrades,

We are writing in reference to the global day of action for the rights of migrants, refugees and displaced people scheduled for december 18, 2011. This event was recently endorsed by the World Social Forum in Dakar. First, we would like to recap the steps taken to promote this initiative. The event was proposed first at the World Social Forum on Migrations in Quito on october 2010. Then the ARCI Association presented a seminar called "Toward a world strike for the rights and dignity of migrant workers, and against racism and for justice".

Building on the experience of other transnational struggles such as May Day 2006 in the U.S. and March 1, 2010 in Italy and France, the objective of the seminar was to build an initiative so that the international anti-racism and for immigrant rights could be better represented as a global movement given the fact that our enemies and their policies are likewise transnational.

At the seminar participated different organizations which presented a motion supported by acclamation at the Assembly of Popular Movements of the Fourth Social Forum for Migrations in Quito (Ecuador) on october 11, 2010 (text attached).

According to the text of the resolution approved in Quito, these organizations are committed to working so that the World Social Forum in Dakar also pass a resolution to support the world-wide struggle.

Last february 2011 there was in Dakar, among others, an convergence assembly where we reaffirmed the need to carry out events to demand the right to migrate and not to migrate, and to remain in one area and not be forcefully displaced. This will be an event that would allow us to be recognized as a global movement, giving visibility and strength at the international level for the demands and matters created by migration.

Based on the discussion that took place at the assembly, to the proposals established by the Letter for Migrant Rights (voted in Gore on February 6, 2011) and other proposals presented in the World Social Forum, we elaborated a motion proclaiming december 18, 2011 as a global day of action against racism, for the rights, equality and dignity of migrant workers, refugees and displaced people (we attach the final resolution of the World Social Forum in Dakar).

As you can see the text is general enough to allow each country to structure the mobilization based on their own local demands. It was impossible to prepare a set of specific demands given the different situations that apply to each locality. Besides, every local initiative will decide in an autonomous way what character will the mobilization take (rally, cultural event, strike, caravan, etc). Given that december 18 this year is a sunday, in some countries this is not the best date to hold an event, so the local events can take place around the december 18 date. What is important is that all events are linked under the call for global action.

Now it is necessary to solve the organizational matters discussed during the Forums of Quito and Dakar. To this respect we propose the following:

WEB SITE

It is necessary to start publicity for the initiative. There we should build a web site as soon as possible. This web site should be the introductory presence of our initiative, and it must contain all proposals written up to now, and indicate the places around the world where people are preparing events and links to the associations that have endorsed the global day of action.

It would be useful to build Committees to Promote December 18, 2011 and that the activities of those committees be reflected on the web site. The site would be place where supporting organizations can include and pomote their material (documents and videos) about the activities and local struggle carried out by immigrants.

We make a call then to all organizations: se need somebody who can crate the website. Please let us know if someone can do this. Remember that this entire process depends on our own resources.

We have established an email for the central communications of the organizers of the december 18 2011 event: 18.12.11globalmigransactionday@gmail.com

LOGO AND SLOGANS

We also need to create a logo and a slogan to identify the event world-wide. We thought that it would be best to set up a contest for it. Therefore it is needed from all organizations to contact their creative and graphic artists. All ideas should be sent to the email above.

The organizations who are sponsoring the event will evaluate the presentations and will choose one.

PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND EXCHANGE

We believe it is important to organize meetings and moments to exchange ideas toward the event of december 18, 2011.

Hopefully, at least once during summer we could find a place for an international meeting so we can discuss and evaluate how the organizing is developing. We are therefore asking that you propose events that are coming up where we could meet.

This is the methodology and frame of work we propose. All suggestions are welcome. We ask all of you to make this process a real collective and international process.

A global day of action for the rights of migrants, refugees and displace people is possible: forward to december 18.

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