

**WSSE - WORKGROUP ON A SOLIDARITY SOCIOECONOMY
ALLIANCE 21 FOR A RESPONSIBLE, PLURAL AND UNITED WORLD**

**THE WORKSHOP ON A GLOBAL VISION OF
A SOLIDARITY SOCIOECONOMY
- DRAFT WORK PLAN -**

INTRODUCTION

The Workshop on VISION was created to play an integrative role in the WSSE, since it comprehends all aspects and dimensions of socioeconomic activities that are based on solidarity and on a cooperative relationship between socioeconomic agents. It encompasses themes like *development, self- and co-management, labor emancipation, empowerment, democracy, the role of Society and the State, sustainability, people's governance, solidarity collaborative networks, solidarity productive chains, competition versus cooperation, the firm's economic efficiency versus the systemic socioeconomic efficiency, economic relations between masculine and feminine, etc.*

Participants include activists and academics from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America of different backgrounds and professions, some of whom have been collaborating with each other or participate in solidarity networks for years. The founding members made explicit that the Workshop on VISION should include grassroots workers who are living a solidarity economy in their daily practice and can contribute to the Workshop's conceptual construction.

The Workshop on VISION recognizes other groups and networks working on a Solidarity Economy and intends to facilitate the dialogue with them and among them. Since the VISION is related to a critique of the existing capital-centered development paradigm and the establishment of a people- and eco-centered development paradigm, it has a transversal nature and must interact with all other workshops in the WSSE, and other Workgroups and Colleges in the Alliance 21. Particularly concerned are Gender and the Economy, Integrated Development Projects, Subsidiarity, International Regulations, Social Money, Social Responsibility, Equitable Trade, Social Responsibility, Agriculture, Global Governance, Environmental Justice and Ecological Debt, Poverty and Livelihood, Stockholders, Entrepreneurs, Fisherpeople.
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The VISION Project 2004-2005

MAIN GOAL

To establish a creative dialogue between different ways and methods of conceiving and developing SSE, in the WSSE, in the Alliance21 and with other networks as a means to facilitate the empowerment of persons, communities and peoples for the purpose of becoming the subjects of economic and technical

development as a basis for the development of their own individual and collective attributes and potentials.

SPECIFIC GOALS (SP)

- A. Distinguish between the universal basic values that should guide every SSE practice and the concrete ways and methods of building those practices, which should be respected in their diversity and uniqueness, and should build synergies through interaction with each other in the form of always broader and more encompassing collaborative networks.
- B. Offer theoretical and conceptual instruments for renewed economic practices of women and men workers.
- C. Contribute to the design of local, national and global legislation that foster new systems of governance based on people's participation.
- D. Promote SSE as part of the agenda of social movements and other civil society organizations and networks, and to collaborate with social groups and networks around the world already working on a SSE.
- E. Contribute to the promotion of the right of local communities to an ethical and sustainable livelihood and to their local knowledge and on associative control over local consumption, production, financial and trade systems.
- F. Contribute to awareness raising of lavish consumers by linking their consumption and life style patterns with the food insecurity and growing destruction of ecosystems.
- G. Mutually strengthen transversality among all Alliance21 workshops, as well as other groups working on solidarity socioeconomy-related issues, through knowledge sharing and information exchange.

VISION Work Plan 2004-2005

	ACTIVITY	Responsible	Deadline
MEETINGS, RESEARCH AND DEBATE			
	1. Meetings		
	<p>1.1 MUMBAI - Meeting during the WSF-04 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) discuss the draft action plan (2) define a possible list of names that will constitute the Core Group (3) establish the list of key themes to work under the VISION OF A SOLIDARITY SOCIOECONOMY thematic umbrella. 	Marcos, Chilo, Ben and Humberto	January 2004
	<p>1.2 Meeting of the Workshop on VISION CORE GROUP. The meeting should have around 10-12 participants, with adequate gender, professional and geographical diversity. Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Discuss the Workshop on VISION strategy in the context of the WSSE general strategy (2) Discuss and approve the action plan (3) Confirm division of responsibilities, timetable and interaction with other WSSE/Alliance21 allies and social movements. 	Marcos, Chilo, Ben and Humberto	April 8-9, 2004 in Rio de Janeiro or April 26-27, 2004 in Paris
	<p>1.3 Final meeting of the Workshop on VISION Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Gather and discuss the products of the Workshop on VISION (2) Evaluation of Workshop dynamics, implementation of Action Plan and interaction with other WSSE/Alliance21 allies and social movements. (3) Plan next steps. 	CORE GROUP	October 2005
	2. Research and debate workshops		
	<p>2.1 First workshop: Nature and reach of a solidarity socioeconomy</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Is the vision of a solidarity</p>	<p>Who will take the responsibility: * for each workshop? * for each</p>	September 2004

	<p>socioeconomy best expressed as a way to mitigate the social problems generated by neoliberal globalization? Or does it have the potential and vocation to build the foundation of a humanitarian globalization, of an equitable, participatory and sustainable form of development, geared towards the rational satisfaction of the needs of each and every citizen on Earth in a way that is intergenerationally responsible?</p> <p>2.2 Second workshop : Development and modes of appropriation, management and redistribution</p> <p>How to recognize the plurality of modes of appropriation, management and redistribution of material wealth? What other concepts and modes of development are compatible with a Solidarity socioeconomy?</p> <p>2.3 Third workshop : SSE, human-environmental rights and education for conflict and for solidarity</p> <p>In what conditions does the Solidarity Socioeconomy (SSE) reinforce and affirm the political, socioeconomic, cultural and environmental rights of persons and peoples? What particular mode of education is capable to develop in human beings the knowledge and capabilities related to empowerment to deal with conflict and with building harmony in “managing their own houses” (eco, Greek = house; nomy, Greek = management, care)?</p> <p>2.4 Fourth workshop : SSE - wealth, ethics and people’s governance</p> <p>Social responsibility and ethics as the foundation of economic activity. Reconsider wealth: for a pluralistic and systemic evaluation of productive activities. How to make the economy truly democratic and in solidarity (role of local/global planning, government, public policies)?</p>	<p>preparatory working document? * for each meeting report?</p>	<p>November 2004</p> <p>March 2005</p> <p>May 2005</p>
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	<p><i>* Note : Workshop preparation and implementation should involve participants of other WSSE Workshops, of other Alliance21 Workgroups and Colleges, and of social movements</i></p>		
	3. Research and Writing		
	3.1 15 WSSE Proposal Notebooks: drawing Vision approaches and elements from the notebooks and the Findhorn documents.	Create a team responsible to facilitate this process and prepare a summary working document	September 2004
	3.2 Conceptual cartography: Mapping the main concepts of a SSE, based on the list of key themes, presenting one or more current definitions to amplify the discussion. This will involve interaction with national/global networks and with social movements.	Create a team responsible to facilitate this process and prepare a summary working document	September 2005
	3.3 Interviews: with grassroots SSE workers (cooperative and associative partners and with agents of family agriculture - women and men workers, members of self-managed production, trade, finance and consumption groups, community traders and others) about the themes being researched, from the perspective of their own practice.	Each Workshop on VISION participant is responsible for three interviews, based on questionnaire already sent out. CORE GROUP responsible for facilitation and final document	June 2004
	3.4 Connections between the Vision and the SSE indicators: collaborate with the WSSE Indicators Workshop in translating the Vision into concrete socioeconomic and environmental indicators.	Create a team responsible to facilitate this process and prepare a summary working document	June 2005
	4. Participation at international conferences		
	4.1 WSF Mumbai	Marcos, Chilo, Ben and Humberto	January 2004
	4.2 Americas Social Forum Quito	Needs planning	March 2004
	4.3 European Social Forum	Needs planning	?
	4.4 WSF Porto Alegre	Needs planning	January 2005

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES			
	5. Electronic forum, website and publications,		
	5.1 Coordination electronic forum and linking other websites	Marcos, Jaerson, Chilo, Ben, Humberto, (African), (North American)	<i>Ongoing</i>
	5.2 Coordination VISION page in WSSE website	Jaerson with Franck	February 2004
	5.3 Thematic workshop reports and interviews document	Special teams. CORE GROUP coordinates final products.	June 2004
	5.4 Collective research and discussion: writing of a 15-page text presenting the summary findings of the Workshop on VISION	All VISION participants. CORE GROUP responsible for draft and final text.	Draft: December 2004 Final: October 2005
	6. COFUNDING		
	Collaboration with Oriol and the EGA in the Cofunding effort	CORE GROUP	<i>Ongoing</i>