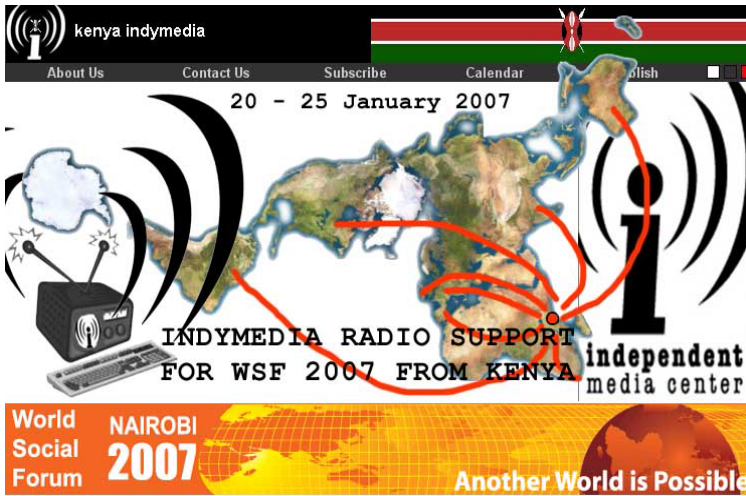


Indymedia radio support for WSF 2007 from Kenya

This project has taken off, with your help it will get a lot bigger: Turn on, Tune in, speak out...



Several IMC members are traveling to Nairobi, Kenya this month to support an Indymedia convergence during the seventh annual [World Social Forum](#) which runs January 20-25th. Media activists from Africa and around the world will be reporting in the World Social Forum, providing hands-on media production workshops, building two low-power radio stations in Kenya, and creating dialogue and cooperative production across borders.

Other IMC members are not traveling to Nairobi but are staying at home to support the network by attempting to widen the discussion with the [Global Listening Nodes](#) project: a proposal to Syndicate content from different nodes in social centers and other alternative media outlets during the WSF and combine it with content from Nairobi also. A kind of global collaboration on both virtual and physical. *Basically getting more social centres and other spaces to open up during WSF as local nodes around planet for people to go to to firstly listen to stuff live from kenya, but also maybe where they could have 2 way systems: being able to participate in forum without physically being there.*

But the journey of the WSF has not been without its [criticisms](#).

Some claim that the [Charter of Principles](#), which form the core of the WSF process, are not always adhered to with the result of alternative fora being created, as happened for the [2004 European Social Fora](#) in London. Worse still is frustration with the entire social forum process, as happened at the [2002 Argentinian Social Forum](#) because *"Radical perspectives were not included within the forum's debate."* But this year old and new [African IMC](#) 'istas are working hard to attempt to take the WSF story to the next stage, and for that they are looking for ever more solidarity and collaboration.

Past IMC WSF coverage : 2006: [Venezuela](#) | [Bamako, Mali](#) | [Pakistan \(Znet\)](#) : 2005: [Porto Alegre, Brazil](#) : 2004 : [Mumbai, India](#) : 2003 : [Porto Alegre, Brasil](#) : 2002 : [Porto Alegre, Brazil](#) : 2001: [Porto Alegre, Brazil](#)

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The World Social Forum is an annual gathering of participants in social movements for global justice, timed to coincide with the World Economic Forum.

The World Economic Forum is a meeting of business and political leaders in Davos, Switzerland, which is converted into a military security zone during the meeting, making demonstrations and coverage by Independent Media nearly impossible. Participants at the World Economic Forum are overwhelming European or American and male; non-governmental organizations such as Friends of the Earth and Public Citizen have been excluded from meetings after raising concerns, and Greenpeace withdrew after finding the group uncooperative on issues such as climate change.

The World Social Forum is held in the southern hemisphere each year and largely made up of participants in social movements in response to the poverty, inequality, war, sexism, and state suppression generated by policies pushed by participants of the World Economic Forum, the World Trade Organization, and other forces of global capital.

Rallying around the call of "Another World Is Possible," the World Social Forum has placed social justice, gender equality, peace, and defense of the environment on the agenda of the world's peoples. World Social Forums have collectively expanded the democratic spaces of those seeking concrete, progressive alternatives to imperialist globalization.

Regional Social Forums meet throughout the year to support this work. Everyone is invited to the US Social Forum, June 27 through July 1, 2007 in Atlanta Georgia and the Midwest Social Forum. Our local School for Designing a Society will be traveling to the US Social Forum this year. There have also been various other local Social Forums, European level, national level.

Historically Indymedia has had a close relationship with the World Social Forum (WSF), as the Indymedia network of volunteer-run Independent Media Centers grew out of the same movement against neo-liberalism and for global justice that led to the WSF. The [Indymedia network](#) now includes over 170 Independent Media Centers on every continent but Antarctica. The Indymedia network has helped spread the world from the WSF from 2002 onwards, ensuring that an Independent Media Center is available at each WSF to allow diverse voices from the Forum to be heard.

This World Social Forum IMC will be focused on not only on reporting on the WSF, but on skill-sharing and solidarity between Indymedia and global justice activists. There will be workshops on web distribution of stories, audio production, radio station building, print publishing, silk screening, and consensus based decision-making. Another goal is to consolidate the energy of local activists in Kenya to resume and energize the formation of a permanent IMC in Kenya.



"Independent Media in Africa continues to be a challenge. While large parts of the populations in Africa still do not have access to democratic and independent media, they are lacking specifically access to more interactive media like the internet that enable not only to receive news but also to produce news globally. That's why local, private and pirate radio stations or a free radio action and even small-scale newspapers form a strong force of independent media in many African countries. Devoted media activists maintain them. The WSF gives a great opportunity to continue networking between these local activists as much as

discuss chances and possibilities to increase the use of the internet for networking and eventually producing more African news for within and beyond Africa," says Fabian, one of the organizers on the ground in Nairobi. And so, trying to create free software alternatives of producing low-band web radio.

Watch [Kenya Indymedia](#) as the stories unfold : www.kenya.indymedia.org

