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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Technical Organizing Secretariat has taken note of the information circulating regarding the organization of the 17th edition of the World Social Forum in Benin.

Following the correspondence received from the competent authorities, discussions have been initiated and are ongoing in a spirit of dialogue. The Technical Secretariat commends the readiness of the Beninese authorities to seek satisfactory solutions for all through these exchanges and remains confident in their successful outcome.

The Secretariat invites all members, partners, and organizations to refrain from any speculation and dissemination of unverified information, in order to preserve peace and serenity.

The Secretariat will regularly update members, partners, and all stakeholders on the development of the situation, as these discussions continue to solidify.

The Technical Organizing Secretariat of  
the World Social Forum 2026.



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