

Candidacy WMPA to be president of the committee :
Rights of indigenous people, autonomy, territories, States

Committee: **Rights of indigenous people, autonomy, territories and states**

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• *Organization :*

Association « Solidaridad Canaria », founded in 1976 (CIF G352693380).

• *Personal experience on the issue :*

- Personal studies of the issues of people in developing countries
- Work with *Solidaridad Canaria*, in the environment of the Amazigh and North-Africa, on various themes about their culture and way of life. Niger : Touaregs of Agades and Air, Saharaoui and Canarian political prisoners.
- Meetings and encounters of the World Amazigh Congress (CMA) in Morocco, Canada, Lybia and Tunis.
- Participation: WCAR of Durban 2001, World Social Forum in Brazil 2009.
- Preparative work in Morocco for the 3rd Encounter of the WMPA
- IIIrd world encounter of WMPA
- Meetings and constitution of WMPA-Canaries, and organization of the next WMPA Board meeting in September 2011 in the Canary Island.

• *Program for action you planned for the thematic group*

It is synthesized in 2 points :

1. **To intervene in the promotion, protection and prevention of human rights and fundamental freedom.** These rights and freedom have been conquered by the society of the nations of the world for everyone, and at the individual and collective scale, by contributing with our organization to fill, in the future, all the gaps that are left, for a world of justice, security and dignity in human relationships to be real at all levels, and in particular, for the *Mountain Communities*.

To begin, to contribute to the effective elimination, within the existing states, of all forms of violation of human rights and fundamental freedom, we will act against :

- all form of racial discrimination, classist or colonialist,
- all form of domination or foreign occupation,
- against arbitrary restriction to the free circulation of goods and people,
- the negation of the rights of people to decide for themselves and to have the full sovereignty on their wealth and natural resources.
- in the same way, we will act to make our support and active defence being extended to all the system of principles of the United Nations in favour of Peace and International Security, and in the border regions, in conflict or not.

The system of legal instruments developed by the United States in the last 60 years is a sufficient starting point to inspire and support, in front of the civil and institutional opinion of all the nations, our defence of *Mountain Communities* wherever they are, in each corner of the planet, either they belong or not to the WMPA. For that, it appears unnecessary to detail

at this point the collection of International Instruments related to the defence and protection of human rights and fundamental freedom to which we refer: they appear on the website of the High Commissioners for Human Rights of the ONU (www.ohchr.org).

Thus, in its action – protected in the conventions of human rights agreed by the States that are part of the ONU – our vice-presidency should be able to:

- a) Freely examine all the questions related to the sphere of its title “Rights of indigenous people, Autonomy, Territories and State”-, whether reported by the affected ones or reported by the directive organs of the WMPA, in order to send back a report to the WMPA plenary board for the established effects;
- b) Freely receive testimonies and obtain all the necessary information and documents to carry out the above cited examination and report to the plenary board;
- c) Freely address to the public opinion and through means of communications in order to inform about its opinions, initiatives and recommendations, in accordance with the decision of the plenary board;
- d) Freely meet and establish working groups to fulfil its objectives;
- e) Freely meet with the affected people or with related organizations that contact the vice-president and maintain a coordination with the entities committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and of fundamental freedom in the sphere of their title;
- f) Freely receive and send all forms of communications, through any mean, related to its activities with any entities and individuals;
- g) Establish contacts with NGO coincident with the objectives of the thematic group and with the general aim of the WMPA, to amplify our mutual roles in the institutional and civil action in all places of the world.

2. Assume the program of sustainability and human development summarized in the program *Río + 20* ; the current objectives are a *green economy* in the context of sustainable development, and *eradication of poverty*:

- Ensure a renewed political commitment with the sustainable development;
- Continuously assess the advances and deficiencies in the application of commitments already decided in the Agenda 21 ;
- Confront to new and emerging challenges, and promote the advances in the institutional frame for the sustainable development.

• *How do you plan to do the animation of the thematic group?*

Via Internet –e-mails-, basically, to have a continuous and fluid contact. But the starting point would be punctual meetings, *in spring and autumn*, and alternately on each side of the Atlantic. One in America and another one in Europe-Asia-Africa: each one in mountainous areas, close to an airport of first order (Frankfort, Istanbul, Caracas, Las Palmas etc.).

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• *Which support do you expect from the technical committee ?*

Mainly support for the coordination. It would be interesting to have meetings in *winter and/or summer* to collect and frame the themes and the issues, by region, group of regions or by massif or group of massifs, in order to conceive a guide for action as well as programs and concrete plans to develop.

• *How do you plan to internationalize the work of the thematic group ?*

- Thanks to two annual meetings on each side of the Atlantic the group and organizations of the ONU, as long as it is possible.
- Thank to the creation and the management of a blog specific to the thematic group, hosted or not within the official WMPA's website
- Punctual actions with the medias to spread information about the issues that are part of our plans, programs and actions.

• *Do you have key persons, specialists of the issue, you plan to work with ?*

- Lounes Belkacem, élected at the Regional Council of Rhône-Alpes in France and president of the CMA
- Support from the staff from the centers of social services in the municipalities of Valsequillo, Telde et Agüímes; and from the councilor in international relations of the insular council of the Canaries

Provisional budget :

<i>Type of expense</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Daily activities, logistic	1.500 €
Travels	3.800 €
Other expenses	700 €
total	6.000 €

<i>Intakes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Official Subsidies and input from individuals	
- « » -	
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- « » -	6.000 €

