

1st (Inter-)National Preparatory Meeting for the Fight Against the G20

"Wake up, humanity. There is no more time."
Berta Cáceres

The G20 summit – reuniting the 20 most geopolitically influential countries in the world – is approaching at a tremendous pace. It will take place on November 30 and December 1, 2018 in Argentina. Last year, the Alternative Peoples' Summit "WTO Out - Building Sovereignty" saw dozens of social movements, political organizations and diverse collectives coming together to express their rejection of the policies promoted by the World Trade Organization. This time, we raise our voices to make it clear that wherever the great forums of global power go, the resistance from peoples defending their rights will follow.

The authorities of the 20 States that share the global hegemony announced that their goal is to "address the great global challenges and seek to generate public policies that resolve them". However, it is precisely these governments and their policies which are the main culprits of the deep civilizatory crisis that we are currently experiencing and the very same issues they now claim they want to solve.

The G20 is not only the Summit at the end of the year; it is a process that includes more than 60 previous meetings where ministers, delegates and sherpas of member States will discuss the central themes of their agenda: labour market and functional education for its needs, infrastructure for "development", that is, for the accumulation of capital and the so-called "food security", or in other words, the industrial and technological production of food. Throughout the year, there will also be a multitude of meetings and "summits" of the so-called Engagement Groups (Buisness20, Woman20, Labour20, Think20, Science20, Youth20, Civil20), which are official spaces created for the purpose of channelling the participation of non-state actors and are all part of the G20 process through which, once again, the world powers come together to decide on the fate of all peoples.

Consequently, this requires a strong response from those fighting everywhere against a predatory model that dispossesses, excludes, destroys, raises walls, criminalizes and assassinates. We want and believe in another world where decisions are not made based on the investors of big capital, the financial market and infinite economic growth, but on the wellbeing of peoples and nature.

-Echoing the final declaration of the Peoples' Summit of last December, we call for the continuation of resistance to the present offensive of international capital, defending and reaffirming peoples' right to self-determination. We invite all movements, organizations and popular groups of Argentina, South America and the world to participate in the 1st Preparatory (Inter-) National Meeting for the fight against the G20 that will take place on Saturday May 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the city of Buenos Aires, on the eve of the 1st meeting of the foreign ministers of the G20.

We will discuss the central points of our agenda in the fight against the G20 and define the activities to be developed during the entire year, and especially during the culmination of the summit of the 20 heads of state at the end of November. We will evaluate possible alliances and moments of convergence. This action and strategy meeting will be preceded by a workshop on the G20 to address its history, its politics and its impact - and the popular protests focusing on what happened in 2017 in Hamburg, It will take place on Friday, 18/5 from 2 to 8 pm.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE TWO DAYS:

Friday, 5/18 - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location to be confirmed

Workshop on the G20 - its history, its policies, its impact and popular protests with a focus on what happened in 2017 in Hamburg.

Saturday 19/5 - 10a.m. to 6 p.m. Location to be confirmed

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Current status of the official G20 and organization of activities from grassroots movements

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Work in Commissions (Communication, Organization and Logistics, Political Relations (Inter-national), Training and Activities during the year

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Plenary of debate and definition of plan of action

LET'S BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, NOT WALLS!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY!

INTERNATIONALIZE THE STRUGGLE, INTERNATIONALIZE HOPE!

**LET'S UNITE OUR CREATIVITY TO PUT AN END TO A SYSTEM THAT EXCLUDES, EXPLOITS,
DESTROYS, CONTAMINATES AND KILLS!**

LET'S RAISE OUR VOICES AND OUR BODIES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE G-20

AND IN FAVOUR OF LIFE!

G-PEOPLES TO POWER!

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to argentinamejorsintlc@gmail.com. We are waiting for you!



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