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We’re delighted to welcome you to the 5th World Forum on Human Rights. With the lasting commitment of local and regional authorities – Nantes Métropole, Pays de la Loire Region, Department of Loire-Atlantique, the City of Nantes – as well as their local association partners and their networks through UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), the Nantes Forum has become a key event in the international calendar. For more than ten years now, thanks to the visionary initiative of Jean-Marc Ayrault and Pierre Sané, the Forum has been a platform for the sharing of information and good practices, a laboratory for long-term thinking as well as action on the ground. The event brings together human rights actors from every continent, be they politicians, international organisations, NGOs, civil society representatives, independent experts or researchers.

The forum will open with a tribute to Stéphane Hessel who was one of those citizens of the world who took part in our debates with a degree of courage, energy and faith in the future that those who met him in Nantes at previous forums will never forget. His cheerful affability and natural benevolence went hand in hand with unshakable convictions on a range of issues - freedom, dignity and secularism to name but a few -, convictions he had no hesitation in drumming out with authority. Far from dwelling on the past, he who was one of the leading witnesses to the glory of the French Resistance, the tragedy of the death camps and the founding years of the UN, concentrated his energies entirely on future challenges, inventing a new global perspective in the field of Human Rights, reconciling the absolute need for development with protection of the environment, working alongside friends such as Michel Rocard and Edgar Morin.

Beyond friendship and admiration, it suffices to say we will miss the lucid and exacting views he had on the themes we will be discussing throughout this 5th Forum. The Forum has already tackled head-on the challenges of the global recession from the point of view of Human Rights, the risks of undermining the social pact with the widening gulf between rich and poor and, globally, the threats of poverty and terrorism. Globalisation, which has constantly continued to gather pace since 2008, needs to go hand in hand with reinforced solidarity. What we need is sustainable development whereby man isn’t simply a commodity and the earth isn’t transformed into an industrial wasteland.

By placing Human Rights at the heart of public policies, the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City – the fruit of protracted international consultation and an awareness-raising campaign driven in part by SPIDH Nantes - Pays de la Loire - offers principles, methods and concrete objectives to reconcile democracy and citizens, “on a human scale”.

A new global governance is also set to emerge to implement the “three pillars” of the United Nations, namely international security, Human Rights and sustainable development. In the face of immediate emergencies, regional crises and humanitarian disasters, development can only come through peace, security through democracy and justice through solidarity.

With its welcoming and open spirit, together with its philosophy of pluralism and tolerance, listening and mutual respect, the Nantes World Forum should be seen as an opportunity to invent the future, whereby the primacy of Human Rights does not boil down to an egotistical calculation, a pledge or group demand, but rather a quest for that which is common to all men and women around the globe, a tireless drive towards “a better world with greater freedom”.

Before ending, I would like to thank the permanent secretariat team - led by Franck Barrau - for their tireless efforts to ensure this latest Forum does justice to the reputation of Nantes and lives up to all your expectations.

Emmanuel DECAUX
Professor of international law at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas
President of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments
Since it was first held in Nantes, in 2004, the World Forum on Human Rights has been a platform for dialogue, listening and sharing between activists, NGO managers, researchers, local authority representatives, politicians and engaged citizens.

By bringing these actors together once again, this 5th forum will be another opportunity for collective reflection, paving the way for the construction of a new approach to human rights via the appropriate concerted action.

Sixty-five years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the struggle to enforce individual and collective freedoms remains absolutely paramount. The work conducted in the field of slavery, for example, focusing on the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery in Nantes, represents a historical commemoration but it also reflects today’s ongoing struggle against modern forms of enslavement.

Beyond this struggle, we are now facing new issues that go hand in hand with changes in our society and in the way we produce and consume. Hence, for example, the right to a healthy environment, access to water and the protection of our natural resources represent just some of the themes that now need to be given greater priority during our reflection processes.

And given their proximity to citizens, towns and cities have a crucial role to play. Designated European Green Capital 2013 by the European Commission, the City of Nantes and Nantes Métropole (Urban Community of Nantes) are delighted and proud to contribute positively to the action of Human Rights defenders. Be it in this field or in the field of sustainable development, international action undertaken at State level can only serve any purpose if it is supported on the ground by local authorities and civil society.

It goes without saying that nobody can possibly have all the answers to each of these questions. Dialogue and reflection remain the keys to inventing the ways and means to promote these new rights. We are convinced that thanks to the quality of speakers and calibre of debates at the 5th World Forum on Human Rights, the event will be an essential step along the road to achieving our ambition.

Patrick RIMBERT  
Mayor of Nantes

Gilles RETIÈRE  
President of Nantes Métropole
Today, Human Rights and sustainable development form the cornerstones of contemporary government policies throughout the world. These two principles demand a radical reform of approaches and the implementation of a new type of governance, capable of federating common initiatives around a collective ambition. The realisation of this ambition is neither illusory nor utopian. But it requires a far greater focus on public-spiritedness, peace, solidarity and social cohesion.

It is through the implementation of exemplary policies designed to serve the men and women who live in their territories, as well as their commitment to defending fundamental rights that local authorities will enable these objectives - crucial to the future of our planet - to be attained. In Rio back in 1992, Johannesburg in 2002 and then once again in Rio for the Rio + 20 conference last year, States recognised the importance of the role played by towns, cities and local governments in supporting and achieving sustainable development objectives.

The aim is not to do everything in the name of all but rather to turn to the stakeholders who are the most credible and effective, with the greatest understanding of local contexts and realities. Whilst 130 Heads of State attended the Rio summit, the thousands of company heads, activists, NGOs and associations who work on the issue now represent a global coalition for change. And our local communities perceive this on a daily basis in the initiatives they either support or lead in partnership with local stakeholders on the ground.

Beyond this, and even first and foremost, our individual responsibility as citizens, in terms of what we consume, what we buy and what we do with our waste, for example, is a major component of this mobilisation.

But sustainable development is not simply a matter of developing policies aimed at protecting natural resources or adopting a long-term vision safeguarding the rights of future generations. It also requires inclusive governance, whereby the economic and social rights of all are taken into account.

This principle will surely offer the very real prospect of seeing the living conditions of populations around the world improve.

The fight against poverty, development cooperation and aid, problems of access to water and hunger are just some of the problems and issues requiring responses.

These are the dimensions we are trying to incorporate into our policies locally (agriculture, renewable energies, sustainable economy, the elimination of discrimination, etc.) and at international level. I’m thinking here, in particular, about the cooperation between the Pays de la Loire Region and Burundi, the central themes of which are food and the environment. These themes will also dominate the agenda of the 5th Forum and rightly so, such is the urgency of the situation, here and there.

It is only by merging all initiatives that we will be able to rise to the global challenge before us. It is up to us, therefore, to reconcile social progress and economic dynamism with the preservation of our ecosystem and solidarity.

I sincerely hope that the work we accomplish at this 5th Forum will be another step in the right direction and help bring down, wherever possible, the human and political barriers obstructing the road to the advent of universal Human Rights.

Jacques AUXIETTE
President of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council
Today, the economic crisis and social need are the primary concerns of populations around the globe. As citizens of this world, it is our duty, therefore, to construct the foundations for a fairer and more sustainable future. In order to ensure a balance when meeting economic, social and environmental needs, the development processes implemented in our countries must necessarily incorporate the principles of human equality.

For this to be possible, we require global awareness and the commitment of everyone. Hence the 5th World Forum on Human Rights will be focusing on this idea of the collective struggle that lies before us.

The aim of the Forum is to highlight the experiences lived around the world and place concrete proposals likely to improve Human Rights in cities at the heart of local policies. And since France is one of the few countries to translate Human Rights by "Droits de l'Homme", mainly for historical reasons, the Department of Loire-Atlantique has, once again, opted to place women's rights in the spotlight.

Here, as elsewhere, gender discrimination remains deeply rooted in all spheres of society. And yet the issue of gender equality is neither one of "convenience" nor is it a "subsidiary" issue to be tackled once issues of economic growth have been resolved. The promotion of equality between men and women is integral to a country's inclusive and sustainable development. The issue is social, economic and civic. It is a matter of democracy.

It is the experience that societies in North African countries, such as Morocco and Tunisia, partners in the Department's decentralised cooperation initiatives, are living and defending today. It is for this reason that I wanted to invite their representatives to speak at the forum to share with you the crucial issues we're working on together.

I firmly believe that developing relations between nations provides a springboard for perspectives for action designed to establish equal rights and social progress in all countries, and that these perspectives are the foundations of freedom, justice and peace.

Philippe GROSVALET
President of the Loire-Atlantique Departmental Council
Towards the definition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Major Groups Meeting
at the 5th World Forum on Human Rights.

The 5th World Forum on Human Rights is one of the highlight events of the Nantes, European Green Capital 2013 programme. Almost a year after the Rio+20 conference on sustainable development, the forum will be taking the opportunity to take a closer look at sustainable development in the context of Human Rights, bringing in all the actors concerned on an equal footing: representatives of local, regional and national authorities from around the globe, as well as the relevant NGOs and associations, national and international organisations, from the world of academia and the economic sector, etc. The idea is for the Nantes Forum to contribute in its own way to the definition of the Sustainable Development Goals the UN wishes to establish for 2015.

The outcome document of Rio+20 paved the way for the creation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to complement the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which expire at the end of 2015 and for which a new post-2015 agenda will have to be set out. These new goals will guide future social and environmental action on the ground. The challenge before us, therefore, is to define what our future development approaches will be up to 2015, the date towards which the various international agendas and programmes (SDGs, post-2015 MDGs the UN's Habitat World Summit, Habitat III, Habitat on human settlements) converge.

The United Nations asked for multi-stakeholder participation in the drawing up of these SDGs, and defined nine categories of representatives for the purpose. The so-called Major Groups are as follows:

- Business and industry
- Children and youth
- NGOs
- Local authorities
- Workers and trade unions
- Indigenous peoples
- Women
- Scientific and technological community
- Agriculture

The aim here is to create an alternative framework of world governance based on direct relations between local structures, professional, cultural and social organisations, companies, NGOs and people. Such interactions could disseminate information, fuel action, generate initiatives and identify solutions.

Hence, at the 5th World Forum on Human Rights in Nantes, representatives from the nine major groups will take part in a workshop on Wednesday 22 May, to start the collective reflection on SDGs.

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**Official Opening**

**Sustainable Development / Human Rights: a common struggle?**

The official opening evening will be an opportunity to start the debate by considering the question stated in the title of the 5th World Forum on Human Rights: Sustainable Development / Human Rights: a common struggle?

It is widely held belief that sustainable development is absolutely crucial to the preservation of the biosphere. It is defined as the quest to find the balance between the three interdependent aspects of human society - environmental, economic and social - that needs to be achieved in order to avoid the global decline of humanity on a planet that has been bled dry.

But, beyond this definition, it seems useful to consider the substance of sustainable development and its relationship with Human Rights. Can the latter be absorbed in the "modernity" of the concept of sustainable development? Beyond differences between an economic approach focusing on needs, and a legal approach, founded on individual and collective rights, does a convergence linked to the need for the freedom of man not exist?

And if so, how - from local to global level, from Nantes to the United Nations, within local authorities, national governments, companies and NGOs - is this convergence reflected?

The following personalities will be asked for their views on the issue:

- Dominique BAUDIS, France's Human Rights Defender.
- Christophe CLERGEAU, 1st Vice-President of the Pays de la Loire (France) Regional Council.
- Félix DODDS, author, futurist and activist, former Executive Director of the Stakeholders Forum of the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development Rio+20.
- Geneviève GARRIGOS, Chair of Amnesty International – French section.
- Philippe GROSVALET Chairman of the Loire-Atlantique Departmental Council.
- Bakary KANTE, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, representing Mr. Achim STEINER, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (United Nations).
- Gilles RETIERE, President of Nantes Métropole, Mayor of Rezé (France) and/or
- Patrick RIMBERT, Deputy Vice-President of Nantes Métropole, Mayor of Nantes (France)
- Pierre SANE, Joint Chair of the Global Compact Human Rights working group (UN), President of Imagine Africa International (IAI).

This opening evening will be an opportunity to offer symbolic support to the struggle of the Syrian people against the bloody tyranny of Bachar EL ASSAD in partnership with A white wave for Syria and alongside Amnesty International France, OXFAM and CCFD Terre Solidaire (Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development).

A special posthumous tribute will be paid to Stéphane HESSEL, who attended the Forums in 2006 and 2008, in the presence of his wife Christiane HESSEL CHABRY.
Note: themes 1 and 2 will be examined at the same time on this day.

**Theme 1**

**What development and what economic model(s) for a more human and fairer world?**

The concept of *Human Development*, which appeared for the first time in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report in 1990, underlines the absolute need to place people back at the heart of the development process. The type of development whereby the objective is not defined purely in terms of national or individual income but rather in terms of enabling everyone to access opportunities, make choices and exercise their freedom.

This is an ambitious yet simple objective: it is a question of assessing people's well-being over the long term - the "sustainable" aspect - and thus bringing about the development of individuals and communities, by and for the people concerned, in the legal, economic, social, and environmental fields. This clearly raises the question of rights and their effectiveness.

Hence, with the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Labour Office regarding the international legal landscape, this plenary session will examine these various dimensions by drawing in particular on the examples of Nigeria (right to a healthy environment), research from the Lascaux programme (restricting globalisation to improve food safety), policies aimed at tackling poverty (particularly in the urban environment), and the right to information without which there can be neither informed conscience, nor justice in the face of the excesses of a dominant economic liberalism. The session will then go on to highlight the solutions for sustainable human development.

**SPEAKERS(S)**

*Moderator*

Thierry GUIDET, Editorial Director for the journal Place publique (France)

*Rapporteur*

Mouloud BOUMGHAR, Professor of public law at the University of Amiens (France).

*Speakers(s)*

Nnimmo BASSEY, Coordinator of Oilwatch International, network campaigning against the reckless exploitation of fossil fuel resources, Director of the Environmental Justice think tank Health of Mother Earth Foundation (www.homef.org); *Environmental protection as a Human Right: the example of the Niger delta.*

François COLLART DUTILLEUL, Professor of law at the University of Nantes, member of the University Institute of France, Director of the European LASCAUX research programme (Law-Food-Land); *What restrictions on globalisation to improve food safety?*

Christophe DELOIRE, Director General of Reporters sans frontières (Reporters without Borders) (France); *Freedom of expression and the right to information with a view to sustainable development:*

Natan ELKIN, Coordinator of the employment, tripartite consultations and indigenous peoples team - International Labour Standards Department - ILO Geneva (United Nations); *The recommendations of the International Labour Office regarding compliance with labour law in the context of the unprecedented rise in unemployment and precarious work throughout the world, particularly in Europe.*

Bakary KANTE, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, representing Mr. Achim STEINER, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (United Nations); *International conventions and environmental law*

Yann QUEINNEC, activist and former Director of the NGO Sherpa (France); *Protecting and defending populations who are victims of economic crises.*
Tackling urban poverty: policies and experiences of towns/cities to counter the negative effects of the economic crises on the most disadvantaged populations

Proposal of the City of Barcelona (Spain), Chair of the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) Committee of Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights

Global urbanisation continues to accelerate unchecked. According to United Nations (UN) forecasts, the world urbanisation rate is set to increase significantly over the coming decades, reaching 59.7% in 2030 and 69.6% in 2050; established and new urban centres will absorb the majority of future demographic growth. Combined with the current economic and financial crisis, this phenomenon brings into sharp focus problems relating to poverty (shanty towns, access to health and transport, etc.), particularly for the most disadvantaged populations, such as the unemployed, young people, immigrants, single-parent families and the elderly. The purpose of this workshop will be to present and discuss local policies and initiatives implemented by local authorities or by associations to tackle the consequences of the economic crisis and support the most vulnerable populations.

**SPEAKERS(S)**

**Moderator**
Mr. Carlos Derman, Deputy Mayor, city of Guarulhos (Brazil), Vice-Chair of the Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights committee of the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments).

**Rapporteur**
Michele GRIGOLO, post-doctoral researcher at the centre for social studies (CES), University of Coimbra (Portugal), member of the scientific committee of the UCLG Inclusive Cities Observatory

**Prospective speakers(s)**
Elisabeth BALL, Vancouver municipal councillor (Canada): Health and vulnerable populations.
Eduardo María MAIZ OLAZABALAGA, municipal councillor responsible for social action and housing, Bilbao (Spain): Housing
Mila SOKOLOVA, Head of the Department of Social Services, Blagoevgrad (Bulgaria): Job seekers and the elderly.
Patricia HUYGHEBAERT, Programmes Manager-Social Policies and Citizenship Department and Marc LÉVY, Scientific Director of GRET (French development NGO): Rights and development: beyond perspectives, what practices on the ground?
François DUCHAMP, Project Officer children's rights in France, Unicef France.
A representative of Mexico City (Mexico): The Community Programme for Neighbourhood Improvement (PCAO).

Multinationals and their responsibility in the field of human rights: a matter of urgency!

Proposal of the Citizen Forum for Corporate Social Responsibility, an Amnesty International France Initiative, with Sherpa, CCFD -Terre Solidaire, the Rives association (international networks for the promotion of higher education) (France).

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is defined by the European Commission as "the responsibility of enterprises for their impacts on society". It therefore requires companies to take responsibility for the impacts (economic, social, ecological and cultural) of their activities on society. The international framework has evolved recently with the adoption of guiding principles relating to companies and Human Rights by the United Nations. These new principles encourage companies to respect human rights in all their activities and urge them to carry out impact assessments prior to the launch of any project. However, these principles are not binding. They do, nevertheless, establish reference standards that national governments can now incorporate into domestic legislation. In France, one option
for doing this in practice would be to make parent companies responsible for the activities of their subsidiaries and subcontractors, in France and abroad. This legal stumbling block is one of the factors preventing victims of pollution in Nigeria from obtaining justice following the consequences of mass pollution in the Niger delta.

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator

Walter BOUVAIS, founder and Editorial Director of Terra Eco magazine (France)

Speakers(s)

Sabine GAGNIER, Amnesty International France, Coordinator of the business and human rights team.

Nnimmo BASSEY, Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action (ERA – Nigeria).

Catherine GAUGARD, Advocacy Officer, CCFD Terre solidaire (France).

Yann QUEINNEC, activist and former Director of the NGO Sherpa (France).

Pierre VICTORIA, director of sustainable development at Véolia Environnement (France).

Philippe NOGUÈS, Member of Parliament for Morbihan, member of the commission for Sustainable development and town and country planning, former Deputy Mayor of Inzinzac-Lochrist (France).

Hubert DE BRÉMOND D’ARS, Safety and Ethics Director, Total Exploration and Production.

Environmental protection as a Human Right

Proposal of Despina SINOU, University of Paris 13 (CERAP, Centre for Administrative and Political Studies and Research).

What about the growing recognition of the Human Right to a healthy environment, supporting the promotion of sustainable development? The fact that a healthy environment has acquired the status of a fundamental right is the concrete reflection of a public policy of collective interest expressing new forms of solidarity not only within States but also on a local level and on an international scale (protection of the marine environment and coastal zones, protection of the ozone layer, protection of biodiversity). A healthy environment now represents a social and ethical value, as well as a collective responsibility shared not only by national governments but also all political, economic and social stakeholders. How do these stakeholders approach the issue and how do they manage to translate it into concrete action through public policies?

SPEAKERS(S)

Chair, critical assessment and recommendations at end of session:

Michel PRIEUR, Emeritus Professor, University of Limoges (France).

Speakers(s)

Christel COURNIL, Lecturer in public law at University of Paris 13, and Catherine FABREGOULE, Lecturer in public law at the University of Paris 13: Introduction. - An overview of the issue of global environmental changes and Human Rights (establishing a link, challenges and players).

Maria Francisca IZE-CHARRIN, former Head of the Research and Right to Development Division and the Division of Field Operations and Technical Cooperation, Office of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights, Chair of the Board of Directors at Waterlex:

José BENGOA, Professor, University of Santiago, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (Chile): The impact of environmental changes on the rights of native populations.

Anne-Sophie TABAU, Lecturer at the University of Paris 13: European Union policy options to support the link between climate and Human Rights.

Despina SINOU, lecturer at the University of Paris 13: The issues associated with the formal recognition of the right to water and sanitation at international and European levels.

Valérie CABANES, lawyer, spokesperson for the European citizens’ initiative "End Ecocide in Europe": The European Citizens’ Initiative for a law against ecocide.

Rhoda ASIKIA IGE, Lecturer, University of Lagos Akoka (Nigeria): The right to a pollution-free environment.
The law and land grabbing in developing countries: the examples of Benin, Mali, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and Costa Rica.

Proposal of the LASCAUX (University of Nantes) European research programme.

What forms of land grabbing exist? How do land law and investment law combine to allow land grabbing? What kind of solutions - particularly legal - and what avenues for action can be considered to overcome this phenomenon?

Using five case studies and five different contexts, researchers and representatives from society will shed light on these issues. This workshop, led by the Lascaux research programme, will be also be an opportunity to promote dialogue on the various forms of land grabbing, their causes and effects and the attempts by society to tackle it.

**Speakers(s)**

- **Moderator**
  - François COLLART DUTILLEUL, Professor of law at the University of Nantes, member of the University Institute of France, Director of the European LASCAUX research programme (Law - Food-Land): 
  - Frédéric MOUSSEAU, Policy Director at the Oakland Institute (USA / France): The transformation of customary law in Papua New Guinea - despite being constitutionally recognised - for the purposes of registering and selling land to foreign investors.
  - Alhousseini DIABATE, PhD student in the faculty of law and political sciences at the University of Nantes, member of the Lascaux Applied Research Group (GRAAL / USJPB) - University of legal and political sciences of Bamako (Mali).
  - Simon BODEA, General Secretary of the Syndicat national des paysans du Bénin (SYNPA / Synergie Paysanne - farmers' organisation), coordinator of the Alliance for a consensus and fair private and state-owned land code, chairman of the Agro-Ecology Federation of Benin.
  - VU Quoc Ngu, journalist with Vietnam Panorama and blogger (Vietnam).
  - Edgar FERNANDEZ FERNANDEZ, researcher at the Collegium de Lyon, research fellow at the Western Institute of Law and European Studies (IODE) at the University of Rennes 1 (Costa Rica).

New modes of finance, production and consumption: towards a more human and fairer development?

Is there a link between the fight against poverty and the transition towards a green economy? If, by green economy we mean: the protection of common natural resources, the implementation of new technologies that are resource-efficient - or indeed that are capable of producing more than they consume - and "reasoned" modes of consumption. Will this green economy create - at least in the long term - new jobs and, as a consequence, a higher rate of economic growth? Will this contribute to a reduction in poverty? Or do we have to prepare for a fundamental change to our way of life, the way we work, produce and consume, an economic model that bears little resemblance to the one that dominates today. In other words, a form of "degrowth"? And what if the first step involved reducing inequalities?

**Speakers(s)**

- **Moderator**
  - Andrée TERRIEN, director of the Coopérative d'installation en agriculture paysanne (Cooperative for setting up in small-scale farming) CIAP (France).
  - Philippe BAQUÉ, journalist, author of La Bio, entre business et projet de société (Organic, between business and a society project) subject to confirmation. Subject to confirmation.
  - Patrick DEPYL, Social Responsibility Director, GDF-Suez: "The necessary societal approach to the energy revolution" (reduction in the energy divide).
  - Vincent DULONG, Director, Bolivia Inti – Sud Solei (France)
  - Aurélie DUTHOIT, Executive Officer , Babyloan (solidarity finance)
  - Sébastien RÉTIF, MISAS - Solidarity children of Senegal association (France); the Boîte à watts energy project
  - Mikaël SCHNEIDER, Ecoscience Provence - Nicolas Hulot Foundation Do Tank (France): Inclusive trade.
Indigenous peoples: an alternative development model?

Decreasingly shut off from the world and yet still relatively misunderstood or indeed ignored, indigenous peoples are trying to preserve ancestral knowledge and ways of life in harmony with nature, sometimes against the short-term interests threatening their lands. What are these lifestyles directly linked to Nature or Mother Earth, referred to by some as *Pachamama*? What lessons can these peoples bring to the rest of the world: development models but also governance models that sometimes reconcile the aspirations of individuals and peoples with sustainable human development? Given the gradual recognition of immaterial heritage of humanity, what legal and political tools exist to protect it? This workshop will focus on the richness of these cultures but also offer some legal insight into current conflicts and legal procedures opposing the indigenous populations of Latin America and certain companies and States. The workshop will also touch on the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

**Moderator**


**Speakers(s)**

Laure BARTHAU, Mboja’o project Air Indigène Association (France).

Humbert Fernando CANTU RIBEIRA, PhD student University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas, coordinator of the project on CSR and Human Rights of the National Commission on Human Rights of Nuevo Leon State (Mexico)

José GUALINGA or a representative of the Quechua people of Sarayaku (Ecuador)

Jean-Paul GUEVARA, Ambassador to France of the Republic of Bolivia (Bolivia). Subject to confirmation.

Victor Hugo JJION, technical advisor to CONIAE (Confederation of Indian nationalities of Ecuador)

Eric JULIEN, Tchendukua association (Colombia / France).

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Cidefe* seminar: Alternative currencies.

*Centre for information, documentation, research and training of local councillors and civil servants*

Training programme open to the public attending the Forum.

During these times of economic and financial crises, complementary and solidarity currencies are developing. More than 5 000 exist throughout the world and there are already fifteen such currencies in France. Each represents an alternative means of exchanging goods and services, outside traditional monetary circuits. These currencies incorporate a human and local dimension to the exchange process, whilst excluding speculation and personal gain. Given the multitude of local initiatives in this area, how can their impact be measured? What are their current limitations and development factors?

**Speakers(s)**

Massimo AMATO, Associate Professor at Bocconi University, Milan (Italy).

Ms Marie FARE, researcher in currency mechanisms, University of Lyon; working group on *Currencies under debate*.

Jean-Paul PLA, Toulouse city councillor and one of the creators of the local currency *Sol-Violette*.

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With more than 32 years of experience, the Cidefe sets out to be as useful and effective as possible to train, inform and support local elected officials for the purposes of exercising roles in elected office. But their services are also aimed at all regional and local authority stakeholders: personnel, associations, foundations, unions, researchers and citizens. Founded on the principles of Popular Education, it asserts itself as a common, inclusive and inventive body, a place of reflection rooted in an alternative vision of the world hinged around defining pillars: human rights, sustainable and inclusive development, participatory democracy.
Theme 2
What equality between human beings in times of crisis?

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, according to the first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. But whilst, in principle, the mere fact of being born human affords each person the same rights and dignity, the same cannot be said of the reality of social relationships. While difference is inherent to humanity (sometimes leading to inequalities), civil, social and material inequalities are an integral part of most human societies. And, depending on whether you are born powerful or destitute and at one location or another on the planet, the exercise of your rights will either be facilitated or, conversely, hampered by a multitude of factors, the worst of which is doubtless the determination of the most advantaged to retain their advantages and privileges over the rest of humanity. In spite of any spirit of brotherhood. And today, in the context of the global crisis (economic and financial, social, environmental, moral, etc.) we now live in, at the start of the 21st century, the growing inequalities in terms of income and, above all, net worth, continue unabated, with the indisputable impoverishment and spiralling insecurity of increasing numbers of people - including sections of the population in the Western world -, whilst the profits of the global financial industry have never been so high. In developed countries, we are talking about decades of social progress that could potentially be undermined thereby causing tensions in society that - and history has proved it - could become the captive of extremes and the enemies of freedom. And while average living standards continue to improve, the gap between employees (who live principally by hiring out their skills) and those who profit from their financial, intellectual and/or relational capital, widens inexorably. This gulf, at the bottom of which often flounders the hope of a healthy and protected environment, is an obstacle along the road to sustainable development. Yet Human Rights remind us both of the common ideal established by humanity at the end of the Second World War and the way it can be attained...

Moderator
David ELOY, Editor-in-chief of Altermondes magazine (France)

Rapporteur
José BENGOA, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (UN/Chile)

Speakers(s)
ANAND S., Director of Navayana, a publishing house involved in the fight against the caste system, member of Ashoka (India): Indigenous populations; racial, ethnic and socio-cultural discrimination.

Delphine BOUFFENIE, municipal councillor for the city of Nantes, Vice-President of SPIIDH (international permanent secretariat of human rights and local governments) Nantes – Pays de la Loire and the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) committee for Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights (France): Local authority action against discrimination.

Jean-Marie FARDEAU, Director of Human Rights Watch France (Paris office – France).

Régis de GOUTTES, member of the United Nations Committee for the elimination of racial discrimination, member of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, Senior Advocate-General at the Cour de cassation (France): Fighting the dissemination of racial and ethnic hate and xenophobia.

Yiorgos KAMINIS, Mayor of Athens, former Citizen's Advocate of the Greek Republic (Greece): The protection of migrants in a world of crisis: the example of Greece.

Patrice MEYER-BISCH, manager of the Interdisciplinary Institute of Ethics and Human Rights Chair, UNESCO, University of Fribourg (Switzerland): Culture (why? for whom? and how?) at the heart of sustainable development.

Mandira SHARMA, lawyer and human rights activist, founder of Advocacy Forum (Nepal): Equality between men and women and access to justice for all.
WORKSHOPS

The rights of women and girls throughout the world, a prerequisite for sustainable development

Proposal of the Department of Loire Atlantique

How can we envisage "sustainable development" when a significant proportion of women throughout the world are unable to obtain and enforce their most basic of rights: rights to the protection of their physical and psychological well-being, civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights? The inequalities are striking and they are not confined to developing countries!

- Do the living conditions and/or obligations and restrictions imposed on women and girls in the private domain not run contrary to the very meaning of "sustainable" development?
- To what extent do the various international conventions, ratified and signed by numerous countries, have an impact or otherwise on the rights of women and girls?
- In a context of global crisis, it has become apparent that the rights of women and girls have taken a step backwards, both in terms of the reality on the ground as well as the political and social importance attached to them. How, in such a context, can we find the political, human and financial resources to continue to promote the emancipation of girls, from childhood through to adulthood? What levers can be activated over and above mutual solidarity between women?
- What alliances can be brought into play between developed and developing countries to advance the universal question of women’s rights?

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator
Elisabeth HOFMANN, lecturer and researcher at the University of Bordeaux III; member and former coordinator of Genre en Action (Gender in Action), an international French-speaking network on the theme Gender and development; responsible for the Unesco Chair team on the training of sustainable development professionals.

Speakers(s)
Jacqueline CADIO, President of the Loire-Atlantique Solidarity Women association (France).
Zakia DHIFAOUI, teacher and Human Rights activist (Tunisia).
Rkya MOUJOUD, director of the Union of Women's Action, Agadir (Morocco).
Cintia PIRES, lawyer and therapist at the Noos Institute (NGO) in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).
Mandira SHARMA, lawyer and human rights activist, founder of Advocacy Forum (Nepal):
Fatoumata SIRE DIAKITE, Mali’s former Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, President of the Association against the trafficking of women
Amina SOUSSI, President of the La Voix de la femme (Voice of Women) association, Madhia (Tunisia).

Cultural rights, factors of equality and development

Proposal of Trempolino (Nantes – France), of the Interdisciplinary Institute of Ethics and Human Rights Chair, UNESCO, University of Fribourg (Switzerland), of UCLG (Agenda 21 of Culture) and and the City of Nantes (France).

It should be recognised that every human right, as a vehicle of capacity (work, health, freedom of expression, education, etc.) is a factor for sustainable development; among all these rights, the function of cultural rights deserves particular attention: as rights providing access to the appropriate cultural resources, they encompass the capacities required to exercise all the other capacities, the knowledge necessary to live within ones environment, to produce food, develop healthcare, choose the best education or best political system. When the cultural dimension is not simply left out of development processes, it is often presented as a fourth pillar. Yet it appears that it lies at the very heart of the principle of the balanced development of all resources, human and non human.
1. Seeking the resources required for equality through cultural diversity

Prior to the declaration of UNESCO on cultural diversity in 2001, diversity was considered to be a danger for universality and equality; now it is viewed as its breeding ground: it is through the diversity of “cultural eco-systems” that we should be seeking the resources required to enforce equality between people and promote their environments.

**Speakers(s):**

Jean-Louis JOSSE, Deputy Mayor of Nantes, responsible for Culture (France).

Patrice MEYER-BISCH, Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Institute of Ethics and Human Rights Chair, UNESCO, University of Fribourg (Switzerland).

2. Cultural and political development factors, what negotiations?

Recent developments in cultural rights within the Human Rights system, particularly at the United Nations, pave the way for new avenues for political action at all levels of democracy, to support the rights and freedoms of all, especially freedoms more cognizant of their responsibilities.

How can citizens grasp international and national laws without, despite themselves, distorting the very sense and intrinsic values; and, quite the contrary, develop their potential? How do initiatives link regional rationales and specific or sector-related problems? How do the rationales of individual freedom and independence fit with collective values and the necessary dynamic balance of cultural, ecological, economic, political and social systems?

**Speakers(s):**

Jean BERTHINIER, Deputy Mayor of Villeurbanne, responsible for local Democracy and the fight against discrimination (France).

Hélène COMBE DE LA FUENTE MARTINEZ, holder of the partnership Chair in Sustainable Human Development and Regions, Chief Representative of the Observatoire de la décision publique - public decision-making observatory (France).

Marianne PRODHOMME, Deputy Mayor of Angers, responsible for Culture and Solidarity (France).

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**For inclusive education**

Proposal of the Association des paralysés de France (APF- Association of Paralysed people of France) with the City of Parma (Friendly Cities project).

**Written transcription of debates.**

The right to education for all children is set out in article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. Despite this, millions of children are deprived of this right, particularly the disabled, who represent one third of all those who do not go to school. But is it a question of “integrating” disabled children or, rather, finding ways to “include” all children, a concept that sits at the opposite end of the spectrum to the traditional model of integration? Integration refers to the situation whereby citizens adapt to the society they inhabit; conversely, inclusion refers to a situation in which society adapts to its citizens, all its citizens. Inclusion is both a process and an objective that cannot be reduced to the issue of tackling inequalities and discrimination. Inclusion concerns all citizens. It’s an alternative way of viewing society, the concept of living-together. Inclusion is about choosing a society that is designed for everyone and is adapted to everyone, irrespective of differences: “Advancing towards an inclusive society represents the very foundation of sustainable social development (…)” (International Conference on Education UNESCO, 2008). So, how can we develop high-quality and inclusive education, the ultimate aim of which is to rid the world of all forms of discrimination and promote social cohesion: street children, Roma children, disabled children; all have a right to this inclusive education, adapted to their specific needs.
What protection for migrants in a context of crisis?

With the RIVES association (International networks for the promotion of higher education / France).

Whilst economic globalisation is based on the free movement of goods and the deregulation of international financial transactions, the free movement of people - despite the fact that it is written in the United Nations Human Rights Charter - comes up against increasingly restrictive national and regional migration laws, exposing numerous migrants to ever more complex and dangerous environments. Moreover, the financial crisis undermining the economies of some Western countries, particularly in Southern Europe, has led to an upsurge in xenophobic and racist expression. At worst, political parties from the extreme right have supported - when they have not actually provoked it - physical violence against immigrants, which in some cases has involved murder. In such a context, this workshop will focus on the causes of migratory movements - economic migrants, climate migrants, "internal" migrants, refugees, stateless people, etc. - looking at the real impact of these phenomena in the countries of origin and destination countries, as well as the policies to be implemented - including locally - in order to respond to these challenges with a view to development, integration and enforcement of migrant rights.
Access to justice: an obligation for the protection of peace and the environment

With the contribution of: Avocats sans frontières (Lawyers without borders) (France), the Secours Catholique charity (France and the Democratic Republic of Congo) / Coherence Rio+20 (France)

Given the extent of rights violations, access to justice and the fight against impunity are essential to ensure human equality and social cohesion. The growing numbers of public health and workplace health (asbestos) scandals, as well as crimes committed - sometimes during armed conflicts - to appropriate natural wealth have provoked victims into rising up to enforce their rights and incriminate those responsible. Current debates on sustainable development have begun to turn to the existence of the crime of ecocide and, hence, the responsibility of humans for damage caused to the balance of the biosphere, compromising the satisfactory conditions for man's existence today, but above all, tomorrow... This workshop will thus examine the means of access to justice, particularly as defined by the Aarhus Convention (1998), as well as existing rights enforcement bodies, whose role is to ensure rights are enforced in a just and equitable manner depending on the nature of the crimes committed.

**SPEAKERS(S)**

**Moderator**

Antoine SONDAG, Head of International Studies and Research with the Secours Catholique charity (France).

**Speaker(s)**

François CANTIER, lawyer, Honorary President of Avocats sans frontières / Lawyers without Borders (France).

Deogratias MULINGI Diocesan Commission "Justice and Peace", Bukavu, coordinator of the national observers' mission deployed by the Catholic Church in the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and Maniema during the presidential and parliamentary elections of November 2012 (Democratic Republic of Congo).

Kirsten MEERSSCHAERT, Coordinator for Europe of the International Criminal Court Coalition (coalition of 2500 civil society organisations from around the world).

Alfredo PENA VEGA, Scientific Director of the International Research Institute on civilisation: The Tribunal for crimes against nature and the future of humanity http://www.tribunal-nature.org/

Patricia SAVIN, Lawyer, member of the French National Bar Association (France).

Jean-Paul TEISSONNIERE, lawyer for the Asbestos Victims Association (France).

Marta ZOGBI, Project Manager Defenders of Human Rights and the Environment, Friends of the Earth.

Habitat: from exclusion to innovation?

With: The Les Cré’Alters association, Nantes Intercultural Documentation Centre, the Les Badauds associés association (France)

Certain populations – sometimes for ethnic and community motives - are the victims of exclusion and discrimination, preventing them from exercising their rights (to housing, access to education for their children, to work, etc.) and undermining social cohesion and the "living happily together" principle. Presenting initiatives - sometimes unconventional in their approach - designed to combine the fight against exclusion with the promotion of sustainable development and social integration, this workshop will set out to examine the discrimination that continues to plague certain populations as well as the projects in place to tackle it, be it via the construction of eco-friendly social housing (Eco’r’home Project) or raising awareness of eco-responsible behaviour aimed at marginalised populations.
**SPEAKERS(S)**

**Moderator**
Gaëtan BOURDIN, Director of Les Badauds associés (France).

**Speaker(s)**
- Pierrick BEILLEVAIRE, co-director of IN SITU - Architecture and Environment (Nantes - France).
- Aïcha BOUTALEB, President of the Centre interculturel de documentation (Intercultural Documentation Centre) / CID - Nantes (France).
- Rémi ECOMARD, habitat project officer at ADGVC 44 / Association départmentale Gens du voyage citoyens de Loire-Atlantique (Loire-Atlantique Departmental Travellers and Gypsies Association France).
- Florian JEHANNO, Les Cré’Alters association (Nantes – France).
- Louis-Marie LE ROUZIC, PhD student CRDEI - Centre of European and International Research and Documentation -, University of Bordeaux Montesquieu (France).
- Bernard PLUCHON, sociologist, Director and Trainer at FNASA / the French Federation of Organisations in Solidarity with Gypsies and Travellers (France).
- Michal SLADEK, "People in need" project officer (Slovakia).

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**Test your citizenship in 30 questions!**

**Simulation and debate on citizenship exams for naturalisation**

*Proposed by the Dynamiques citoyennes en Europe (citizen dynamics in Europe) - programme (France)*

At the beginning of 2012, France examined the introduction of a citizenship test prior to naturalisation. Several neighbouring European countries have adopted such exams, designed to assess applicants’ knowledge of the host country's history, values and society. Wrongly or rightly perceived as a tightening up of the conditions for acquiring nationality, these citizenship access procedures raise questions regarding the way they operate and their purpose.

In order to inform the public about the existence and content of these tests, the Dynamiques Citoyennes en Europe (DCIE) research programme is organising a citizenship test to be conducted under real conditions at the Nantes World Forum on Human Rights. The test will cover the themes included in the exams taken by applicants in three countries (France, Spain, the United Kingdom) in order to underline the differences in vision as regards access to citizenship. The purpose of this simulation, which will be followed by a debate, is also to raise citizens’ awareness by allowing them to go through the process confronting people applying for naturalisation.

*The Dynamiques Citoyennes en Europe (DCIE) programme, financed by the Pays de la Loire Region, brings together the research work of several laboratories at the Universities of Nantes, Angers and Le Mans. Its objective is to establish a multidisciplinary network of researchers examining trends in the field of citizenship and its manifestations in Europe.*

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**To what extent are women's rights and gender equality fundamental to social progress?**

*Proposal of the Department of Loire Atlantique*

The example of the changing role of women in Tunisia and Morocco and the recognition of their role by the whole of society. Whilst the majority of them are active players in the development of their country in the fields of child protection, disability, the fight against conjugal violence and all forms of exclusion, women are little - if at all - represented in political and economic decision-making bodies. The combats they lead struggle to find a lasting place in the policies of their countries. And yet women have always been actively engaged in the process of change.

- What is the position of women in Tunisia and Morocco? What changes were observed during and after the Arab Spring?
• How do women, either alone or through their organisations, succeed in having their position in society recognised? What support and political networks do they have recourse to?
• What is their role today? How is their expertise in various sectors of society (economic, political, social, etc.) taken into account in the construction of local and national policies?
• To what extent do initiatives led by women find resonance at international level?

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator
Marina GUSEVA, Manager at the consultancy firm, ENEIS Conseil.

Speakers(s)
Zohra BIBOU, Coordinator of the Agadir social platform (Morocco).
Jacqueline CADIO, President of the Loire-Atlantique Solidarity Women association (France).
Philippe GROSVALET, President of the Loire-Atlantique Departmental Council (France). Subject to confirmation.
Amina SOUSSI, President of the La Voix de la femme (Voice of Women) association, Madhia (Tunisia).
Omar OUCHCHIK, Chairman of the commune of Ait Amira, Chtouka Ait Baha province (Morocco).
Fabienne PADOVANI, Vice-President of the Loire-Atlantique Departmental Council, responsible for equal rights, young children, families and international solidarity (France).
Najat VALLAUD-BELKACEM, French Minister for women’s rights, Government spokesperson (France). Subject to confirmation.

International solidarity and youth participation: youth volunteers for Palestine

Round table chaired and led by: CEMEA (training centre for active education methods), Pays de la Loire, FAL 44 (secular association federation), France Volontaires.

Using the testimony of ten young people on civic service from the Nantes region who spent ten weeks in Palestine, together with contributions from elected officials from Palestine (Abu Dis) and the municipalities of Bouguenais, Rézé and Saint-Herblain (subject to confirmation) in the Nantes region, the objective is to examine the following issues:
• Human Rights in Palestine (analysis following a ten-week stay in the country);
• What possible solidarity?
• What link between this solidarity and decentralised cooperation policies?
• Having returned from these experiences, what desire to commit further?

In the presence of:
Adel SALAH, mayor of Abu Dis (civil jurisdiction of the Palestinian authority).
Philippe PAPIN, regional councillor, vice-chairman of the Europe, International and Inter-regional Commission of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council.

Self-immolations in Tibet: why?
The Human Rights situation in Tibet

Proposal of the Tibet – Enfants de l’espoir (Tibet, Children of Hope) association (Nantes)

Lecture by Ngodup DORJEE, official representative of the Dalai Lama to the European Union (Tibet Office in Brussels).
Spotlight on the Human Rights situation in Tunisia

Having removed Ben Ali from office in January 2011 thus triggering the "Arab Spring", already "archived" on the bookshelves of history, the Tunisian people are pondering their future, caught between the religious leanings of the ruling party and the demand for a secular democracy guaranteeing complete freedom of religious, philosophical and political opinions and total freedom of expression. At a time when a new Constitution is being prepared which could determine a date for presidential and parliamentary elections, what assessment can be made of the Human Rights situation in Tunisia?

Moderator
Sabah RAMANI, Journalist, Reporters Citoyens. Subject to confirmation.

Speakers(s)
Zakia DHIFAOU, teacher and Human Rights activist (Tunisia).
Jean-Noël GAULTIER, Regional Councillor, Chairman of the Europe, International, Inter-regional Commission, with Hedia MANAI-BAUCHET, Regional Councillor Pays de la Loire Regional Council (France).
Adnane HAJJI, trade unionist and Human Rights activist, Gafsa/Redeyef Mining Basin (Tunisia).
Imad Killello, lecturer in public law, Institute of Political Studies, Grenoble, author of Les droits de la femme à la frontière du droit international et du droit interne inspiré par l'Islam : les cas des pays arabes (Women's rights at the frontier of international law and domestic law inspired by Islam, the examples of Arab countries), University Press Aix – Marseille, 2009 (France).
Prof. Mohamed Larbi BOUGUERRA, member of the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, Bait al Hikma (Carthage), member of the Nanterre Water Academy (France / Tunisia).
Hassen MOANES, assistant lecturer in public law at the University of Monastir (Faculty of economic sciences and management of Mahdia).
Ahmed REJEB SFAR, Madhia Transparence association (Tunisia).
Erige SEHIRI, journalist for the Nawat website (Tunisia).

Spotlight on the Human Rights situation in Mali

The Human Rights situation in Mali against the background of the ongoing conflict, with a view to the return of the rule of law and the re-establishment of the country's territorial integrity.

Speakers(s)
Ousmane DIARRA, Chairman of the AME (Malian Association of Deportees).
Bertrand Gallet, Director of Cités Unies France (United Cities and Local Governments France).
Oumou Sall SECK, Mayor of Goundam (the only woman mayor in Northern Mali).
Fatoumata Siré DIAKITE, former Ambassador, President of the Coalition against Trafficking in Women (CATW Africa - founder and President of the Association for the progress and defence of women's rights (APDF).
Ina SY, Regional Councillor, Secretary of the Europe, International and Inter-regional Commission of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council (France).
Adam THIAM, journalist at the Républicain newspaper, Bamako. Subject to confirmation.
Living alongside others: all the better for being different

From international to local level, from local to international level

Proposal of the Droits pour l’Humanité (Rights for Humanity) working group (Nantes, France) with the following associations and working groups: Amnesty International, CEECS, CLGBT, Collectif Romeurope, Travellers and Gypsies, GASProm, LDH, MRAP, UCIJ, etc.

The organisations present in the Rights for Humanity working group strive to enforce and promote universal rights. Against this background, together with local groups made up of organisation and citizens, they will be using examples of initiatives carried out on the ground as a basis for public debate focusing on progress, barriers and what still needs to be done. They wish to examine how the various levels - local, national and international - hinge together to enable future perspectives to be constructed.

Speakers(s)

Introduction by a representative of Droits pour l’Humanité.

Manuel DEMESTRE for Travellers and Gypsies (France).

Robert GOURAUD for the Romeurope working group, Nantes (France).

Martine LETELLIER for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Centre (LGTB) (France).

Annie RICHARD for the Unies Contre une Immigration Jetable (United against disposable Immigration) working group (France).

When citizen mobilisation works: the example of the South-African fight to secure access for all to generic antiretroviral drugs

Film/debate evening proposed by the Ubumi, Casa Africa, Médecins du Monde, Maison des Citoyens du Monde associations.

The film TAC, Taking Haart will be shown and will be followed by a debate in the presence of Philippe RIVIÈRE, journalist at the Monde Diplomatique, and Céline GRILLON, International Advocacy Officer at Act Up.

Film summary: Since the end of apartheid and the advent of democracy in South Africa, for the very first time in its history, the Rainbow Nation has offered the same rights to all its citizens, rich or poor, Black, White, Indian or Mixed Race. It is against this background and supported by their Constitution (one of the most liberal in the world), that the citizens of this young democracy - a democracy in which AIDS is rife - set about using all the means available and recently acquired rights to put pressure on their government and secure access for all to generic antiretroviral treatments. Faced with rulers who continued to turn a deaf ear to their demands, blind to the rampant contamination of South African society by the virus, faced with powerful pharmaceutical companies and the existence of patents rendering access to generics impossible, the people doing battle, following a long and sometimes desperate struggle, won their cause!
Theme 3
What territories for tomorrow? For public policies based on Human Rights, for citizenship for all and for enhanced democracy.

It is now acknowledged that local governments have a key role to play when it comes to securing effective Human Rights, locally and internationally. They play this role through the implementation of local public policies within each local authority and via the work they carry out in the context of global networks such as United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) or through their representation at regional level, for example in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. As part of an accountability drive, this demand for human rights by local governments, in a field that was originally the preserve of Sovereign States, is without doubt a demonstration of a new interpretation of Human Rights, through which their universality is becoming a day-to-day reality. This is what Emmanuel Decaux reiterated in his final report following the 2nd World Forum on Human Rights in Nantes in July 2006: “Hence a new interpretation of Human Rights is required, beyond the State, not to demonize the State, which remains the best guarantor of legal security and national solidarity, but to go further, with human rights without borders, without walls, without barriers...”. It was in this vein that the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City was adopted by the UCLG in December 2011 as a common tool available to member local authorities: it sets out action plans for each right specified. The right to sustainable urban development is one such right. The task now is to pool and collectively analyse the experiences and local policies implemented on the ground by each authority or as part of decentralised cooperation. For citizenship for all and enhanced democracy.

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator
Jean DUMONTEIL, Director of La lettre du secteur public (France)

Rapporteur
Hélène COMBE DE LA FUENTE MARTINEZ, holder of the partnership Chair in Sustainable Human Development and Regions, Chief Representative of the Observatoire de la décision publique - public decision-making observatory (France).

Speakers(s)
Yoro BA, Deputy Mayor of Dakar responsible for decentralised cooperation, representing Khalifa Ababacar SALL, Mayor of Dakar, President of United Cities and Local Governments – Africa (Senegal): Networks of cities in developing countries, a sustainable development tool.

Maud LELEIVRE, advisor responsible for relations with environmental associations, biodiversity and the protection of natural environments, office of the Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, former Chief Representative of the Eco-mayors’ association (France); subject to confirmation.

Marc PALLEMAERTS, United Nations special rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and waste (Belgium): The right to a healthy environment: a territorial issue.

Sylvie PAQUEROT, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of the School of Political Studies and member of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre / CREDP at the University of Ottawa and member of Research Network on International Governance, Globalisation and the Transformation of the State / REGIMEN (Canada): The right to water and sanitation: the role and responsibility of local authorities.

Kyung-seo PARK, former South Korean Human Rights Ambassador, Co-Chairman of the Gwangju World Forum on Human Rights steering committee (South Korea): Local authorities, Human Rights players; a universal awareness?

Bruno REBELLE, Director of Transitions, former Director of Greenpeace France and International, member of the French steering committee for the national debate on energy transition, President of Planète Urgence (France): The concerted drafting of regional public policies in the field of sustainable development.

Zhou Hongling, Director of the Xin Shidai Institute of Civic Education, Beijing (China): Mediation in environmental conflicts in China.
Europe, land of freedom and rights?

School pupils from Loire-Atlantique give their views

The European Union protects its citizens through the Charter of Fundamental Rights which legally guarantees individual and collective freedom. At a time when numerous populations around the world are the victims of wars, abuses, dictatorship and famine, the Department of Loire-Atlantique, in partnership with the Maison de l’Europe à Nantes association, wanted to question secondary school pupils from Loire-Atlantique about the way Europe - from yesterday to today and beyond into the future - treats and guarantees the fundamental rights of each of its citizens. By incorporating this initiative into the debates taking place as part of the World Forum on Human Rights, the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the Maison de l’Europe à Nantes are considering school pupils as responsible European citizens who can play a role in disseminating good practices to further the democratic process.

In the presence of Sylvie GOULARD, member of the European Parliament (Economic and Monteray Affairs Committee), co-author with Mario MONTI of De la démocratie en Europe. Voir plus loin. /Democracy in Europe. Looking further ahead (Flammarion, 2012). Open to the public attending the Forum.

For a regional approach to democracy and human rights

Workshops in two parts proposed by the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the Global Local Forum (GLF) think tank, with the contribution of the Vers la République des territoires (VRDT - towards the republic of territories) club.

1. - Does the international right to democracy exist, even at local level?

Do the respect for, protection and implementation of Human Rights - defined at international level - help to reinforce democracy? How can universal rights be implemented locally and with what impact in terms of democracy? Do local authorities contribute to the recognition of universal rights and, if so, to the emergence of a global democracy? Are local authorities in a position to take part in international negotiations relating to “global” issues such as the protection of human rights, sustainable development, etc.?

Moderator
Jean DUMONTEIL, Director of La lettre du secteur public.

Speakers(s)
Catherine LE BRIS, research officer at the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) / Comparative Law Joint Research Unit, Paris (France).
Olga JOHNSON, chief representative of the GLF (France / Benin).
Gwendal ROUILLARD, Member of Parliament for Morbihan and President of VRDT (France) or Alain HOULOU, Chief Representative of VRDT
Abdoulaye SENE, President of GLF, member and former President of the Fatick Regional Council, former Secretary General of the association of local elected officials in Senegal.

2. The Arab Spring: a new form of territorial democratic governance?

Numerous countries, particularly in the Arab world, are in the process of building democracies.

• What are the principles that guide the construction of a democratic process involving all stakeholders, from ordinary citizens, to economic players, elected representatives and civil society?
• What initiatives can be implemented to ensure that everyone can aspire to a decision-making position and play an active role in the various sectors of a democracy - political, economic, the voluntary sector?
• How can the democratic aspirations generated by the "Arab Spring" be developed within the context of local and international partnerships between citizens and elected representatives of towns and United Cities and Local Governments?

SPEAKERS(S)

Mohamed CHAREF, Chairman of the regional Human Rights Commission for the region of Souss Massa, Agadir (Morocco).

Bertrand GALLET, Director of Cités Unies France (United Cities and Local Governments France).

Hassen MOANES, assistant lecturer in public law at the University of Monastir (Faculty of economic sciences and management of Mahdia).

Fabienne PADOVANI, Vice-President of the Loire-Atlantique Departmental Council, responsible for equal rights, young children, families and international solidarity (France).

Right to water and sanitation

There are two conflicting views of water: the first sees water as a commodity whilst the second sees access to drinking water as a fundamental human right since it is necessary for life. The United Nations General Assembly has asserted the existence of a right to water and recognised the resource as a common good of humanity. For all that, the appropriation and management of water, a resource that is unevenly distributed across the various continents and even within certain regions, have turned it into an economic and political issue. In order to ensure the optimum distribution of water to guarantee access to as many people as possible locally, States are increasingly transferring their responsibilities in the field of water and sanitation to local authorities. But this transfer does not necessarily go hand in hand with financial support. Given this difficulty, politicians need to consider the methods of water distribution they wish to implement in their countries and regions: public management, private management, public/private partnerships, etc. Which models would enforce the right to water for everyone and ensure a quality service for the greatest number of people? Is it possible to set a price for water?

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator

Bernard VRIGNON, President of the Maison des citoyens du monde de Nantes (Nantes World Citizens' Centre) (France).

Speakers(s)

Prof. Mohamed Larbi BOUGUERRA, member of the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, Bait al Hikma (Carthage), member of the Nanterre Water Academy (France / Tunisia).

Javier ECHAIDE, Professor of international public law, University of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL, General Secretary of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (European Union).

Florence HIGUET, European Institute of Research on Water Policy (IERPE): Online world report on the right to water (RAMPEDRE): http://www.rampedre.net/

Victor Hugo JIJON, technical advisor to CONAIE (Confederation of Indian nationalities of Ecuador)

Alain MARBOEUF, Nanjakana Project Manager in Madagascar and Jean-Yves RETIERE, ESF (Electriciens sans frontières - Electricians without Borders) Pays de la Loire Representative (France)

Sylvie PAQUEROT, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of the School of Political Studies and member of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre / CREDP at the University of Ottawa and member of Research Network on International Governance, Globalisation and the Transformation of the State / REGIMEN (Canada): The right to water and sanitation: the role and responsibility of local authorities.

Gérard PAYEN, President of Aquafed, the International Federation of Private Water Operators (France). Subject to confirmation.

Emmanuel POILANE, Director of France Libertés - Danielle Mitterrand Foundation (France).

Patrick RIMBERT, Deputy Vice-President of Nantes Métropole, Mayor of Nantes (France).
Decentralised cooperation as an innovative tool to aid the development of local public policies promoting access to rights, democratic local governance and the rule of law.

Proposal of COSI / Forum réfugiés (Lyon, France, an NGO defending the rights of refugees and asylum seekers) with the Plateforme Rhônes-Alpes État de droit (Rule of Law Platform) and the participation of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council.

Of all the principles defended by French local authorities when they sign up to international initiatives, the promotion of Human Rights is rarely made a priority. First and foremost, this is because it is a politically sensitive area and, secondly, it is because the reinforcement of the rule of law and democratic governance is considered to be the preserve of cooperation between countries at State level, and the promotion and defence of human rights to fall within the remit of NGO missions. Now, in focusing quite naturally their international initiatives on their traditional areas of expertise (water and sanitation, health, education culture, etc.), French local authorities are helping to ensure economic, social, cultural and environmental rights are accessible to as many people as possible. As decentralised entities reflecting local democracy in a broad variety of forms, they are in a position to enter into constructive dialogue with their partners in the field of decentralisation and democratic governance, respecting the rule of law. In short, dialogue which creates the conditions favourable to access to fundamental rights. Local authorities too have a role to play in promoting Human Rights at local level in their cooperation policy. The aim of the workshop is to initiate discussions on this approach between various stakeholders and share initiatives, tools and good practices promoting effective fundamental rights in decentralised cooperation projects.

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**SPEAKERS(S)**

**Moderator**

Forum réfugiés - Cosi (Nadine CAMP or Jean-François PLOQUIN)

**Speakers(s)**

1. **The genesis and presentation of an approach for incorporating Human Rights and democratic local governance in decentralised cooperation projects:**
   
   Jean-François PLOQUIN or Nadine CAMP or Marie BELLON Forum réfugiés - Cosi).

2. **Expectations of stakeholders on the ground**

   Their perspectives on the approach; what they expect from decentralised cooperation in terms of improving access to rights and democratic local governance in their regions:

   Levon BARSEGHYAN, Journalists’ Club Asparez, NGO (Armenia); Subject to confirmation.

   A civil society partner (Tunisia). Subject to confirmation.

3. **The experiences of French local authorities:**

   Presentation of decentralised tools and practices likely to promote enhanced access to rights for populations living in partner regions. To what extent do the practices and experiences of their partners lead them to question their own local public policies at home.

   Véronique MOREIRA or Anna FIORINI, Rhône-Alpes Region (France); Subject to confirmation.

   Jean-Noël GAULTIER, Regional Councillor, Chairman of the Europe, International, Inter-régional Commission, Pays de la Loire Regional Council (France).

   Frédéric DESHAYES, Town of Romans sur Isère (France), subject to confirmation.

   Eric RECOURA, City of Grenoble, or Amar THIOUNE, Isère Departmental Council (France); subject to confirmation.
In the face of metropolitan challenges, what solutions for a right to centrality for all?
Experiences of local authorities and metropolitan players.

Proposal of the Town of Nanterre, member of the Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights committee of the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) and the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FAL-P) network.

In an increasingly urban world, peripheral urban areas are the focus of fundamental issues for metropolitan development, often marked by the reinforcement of inequalities due to social segregation and discrimination, especially against a background of systemic crisis. These areas are often polycentric in nature: they are diverse and multiform since each resident is increasingly and at the same time an inhabitant of his/her street, district, city and the world. And yet, they form an "everything" that has to be assumed as such since it is this "everything" that best reflects the necessary relationship between the history - political, social, economic, urban, cultural, sporting, etc. - of the different territorial scales and the essence of the metropolitan area today. No inclusive, democratic and sustainable project can be designed and be viable in a metropolitan region that does not take into account the peripheral areas, their local authorities, their elected representatives and their citizens, together with their identities, practices and aspirations. The objective of this workshop is to promote discussions between local authorities, researchers and players from society at large focusing on the local policies to be implemented to turn the "right to the city and the metropolis" into a reality everywhere and for everybody.

SPEAKERS(S)

Moderator
Gérard PERREAU BEZOUILLE, Deputy Mayor of Nanterre and political leader of the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FAL-P) Network.

Speakers(s)
Jean-François BAILLON, Vice-President of the Seine Saint-Denis Regional Council (France).
Patrick BRAOUÈZEC, Chairman of the Inter-municipal Association Plaine-Commune (France).
Gilles RETIÈRE, Mayor of Rézé and President of Nantes Métropole.
Abel SALAH, Mayor of Abu Dis (civil jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, a suburb of Jerusalem). Subject to confirmation.
Manfred NEUN, President of the European Cyclists' Federation (Germany). Subject to confirmation.

Presentation of an initiative in Medellín (Colombia): North-East Integral Urban Project Subject to confirmation.

Civil society and participation in public policies

Proposal of the French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI), the Institute for Research and Debate on Governance (IRG), Coopération Atlantique-Guinée 44 (an international cooperation association) and GRDR (Research and Implementation of Rural Development) (Migrations, Citizenship and Development).

Throughout the world, civil society organisations (associations, unions, cooperatives, professional groups) are playing an increasingly crucial role in finding solutions to meet the priority needs of populations. In those countries where the State is unable to provide access to fundamental services (education, water, health, etc.), these organisations work alongside local and national authorities, speaking up for those in greatest need to ensure politicians take into account their requirements. The recent events associated with the "Arab Spring" revealed to the entire world the weight of these organisations in bringing down dictatorships. Civil societies represent essential social forces in democratic processes and the development of the peace culture. But how do they operate? How do they get themselves heard by public authorities? How can their role be optimised and strengthened? Drawing on concrete examples, (Guinea, Mali, etc.), this workshop will set out to identify development avenues for increasing the influence of civil society on the drawing up of public policy.
**SPEAKERS(S)**

**Moderator**
Delphine ARNOULT, Head of the Civil Society and Participation Programme, French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI)

**Speakers(s)**

Amina Pascaline ABDULLAH MADI, administrative judge, administrative court of Toamasina, Madagascar.

Salifou KONARE, Mayor of Séga, head of the Kayes Regional Migration and Development Office (EMDK - Kayes Regional Migration and Development Space / Mali).

Yaya KEITA, Deputy Mayor of the urban municipality of Kindia and President of the Kindia joint local authorities (Guinea).

Elisabeth DAU, Programme Manager at the Institute for Research and Debate on Governance (IRG/France)

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**Human Rights Education**

Presentation of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace (France).

**Cidefe* seminar: Is "Green capitalism" compatible with protecting the planet?**

*Centre for information, documentation, research and training of local councillors and civil servants

In partnership with ATTAC (Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions for the Aid of Citizens). Open to the public attending the Forum.

The concrete results of the Rio+20 summit remain disappointing, but the significant role of local authorities was recognised there. Given the challenges associated with climate change, the destruction of biodiversity, the private appropriation of nature and natural processes, the increase in inequalities, what real progress has been made? What action is needed? What role can local authorities play as part of a coordinated global effort to place human interests ahead of financial considerations?

SPEAKERS(S)

With

Geneviève AZAM, ATTAC – France.

François COSSERAT, City of Amiens and President of the MNLE (Mouvement national de lutte pour l'environnement - French National Movement for the Protection of the Environment)


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**Agora**

7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Room 450

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**Special evening in support of Liu Xiaobo, 2010 Nobel Peace Prize winner, imprisoned in China**

In partnership with the International Liu Xiaobo Support Committee.

For the 5th World Forum on Human Rights, the International Liu Xiaobo Committee is organising a special evening in honour of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Sentenced to eleven years in prison, Liu Xiaobo, an intellectual dissident who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his "long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China", is currently incarcerated in Jinzhou prison in Liaoning province.

Liu Xiaobo is currently the only Nobel prize winner imprisoned anywhere in the world for having asked for more freedom and democracy in his country; for inviting the authorities to undertake political
reforms, for having wanted to give a voice to millions of Chinese people, victims today of an authori-
atarian oligarchy that violates human rights and monopolises economic and political powers.
During this special evening, personalities from the worlds of culture, art and civil society as well as
specialists in Chinese affairs will testify to Liu Xiaobo's long struggle for human rights in China.
Nobel Peace Prize winners will address the public via video. A message specifically written for the
Forum will also be delivered. Another appeal for global mobilisation supporting the release of Liu
Xiaobo and his wife Liu Xia, who is currently under illegal house arrest, will be launched. Photographs
of Liu Xia will also be shown at the event.

**Speakers(s)**

Emmanouil ATHANASIOU, lawyer, coordinator of the Liu Xiaobo International Support Committee (France,
Greece).
Alain BOUC, responsible for the China office of the Human Rights League (France).
Christos CHOMINIDES, writer (Greece).
Claude COLLET, pianist (France).
Ngodup DORJEE, official representative of the Dalai Lama to the European Union (China / Tibet).
Jared GENSER, Liu Xiaobo’s lawyer, Perseus Strategies (USA).
Marie HOLZMAN, specialist in Chinese affairs, Solidarity China (France).

With messages from Nobel Peace Prize winners:
Dr. Shirin EBADI, Iran, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2003.
Ms. Mairead MAGUIRE, Northern Ireland, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1976.
Ms. Tawakkol KARMAN, Yemen, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2011.

The International Liu Xiaobo Support Committee.
The International Liu Xiaobo Support Committee is made up of Nobel Peace Prize winners: Dr. Shirin Ebadi,
Ms Jody Williams, Arch. Desmond Tutu, Ms Mairead Maguire, Ms Betty Williams and Ms Tawakkol Karman
and had the active support of Mr. Vaclav Havel (†).
The Committee is also made up of the following Human Rights organisations: Christian Action for the
Abolition of Torture (ACAT), Act for Human Rights (ADH), Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), Catholic Com-
mittee against Hunger and for Development (CCFD-Terre Solidaire), Together Against the Death Penalty
(ECPM), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Freedom Now, Human Rights Watch (HRW),
Human Rights Foundation (HRF), International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), Human Rights League (LDH),
Reporters without Borders (RSF), Initiatives for China/Citizen Power for China, Global Justice Centre (GJC)
and Solidarity China.
OFFICIAL CLOSING SESSION

1. Speakers
Recap of the 5th World Forum on Human Rights by Emmanuel DECAUX with plenary session rapporteurs: Mouloud BOUMGHAR, Professor of public law at the University of Amiens (France); José BENGOA, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (UN/Chile); Hélène COMBE DE LA FUENTE MARTINEZ, holder of the partnership Chair in Sustainable Human Development and Regions, Chief Representative of the Observatoire de la décision publique - public decision-making observatory (France).

Elected official(s) representing partner local authorities.
Luis GALLEGOS CHIRIBOGA, Vice-Chairman and rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Council (Ecuador). Subject to confirmation.
Juan Karlos IZAGUIRRE, Mayor of Donostia / San Sebastian (the Basque Country/ Spain): The enforcement of Human Rights as a condition of civil peace (and sustainable development) in a Europe weakened by the economic crisis and haunted by the old demons of violence: the example of San Sebastian. Subject to confirmation.
Edgar MORIN, sociologist and philosopher (France). Subject to confirmation.
James NXUMALO, Mayor of Ethekwini Municipality, Durban (South Africa).
Albie SACHS, former Director of the National Executive of the African National Congress (ANC) and judge at the Constitutional Court of South Africa or Pius LANGA, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa: Human Rights against tyranny: introduction to the Coming home exhibition (read below). Subject to confirmation.

2. Presentation of the Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City

Coming Home: art works bearing witness to the struggle against apartheid repatriated to South Africa by the Ifa Lethu Foundation
Preview of the Coming Home exhibition (art works created by South African artists during the apartheid years, disseminated in various public and private collections around the world and returned to South Africa for inclusion in this exhibition produced by the Ifa Lethu Foundation). In the presence of James NXUMALO, Mayor of Ethekwini Municipality, Durban (South Africa) and Albie SACHS, former Director of the National Executive of the African National Congress (ANC) and Judge at the Constitutional Court of South Africa (subject to confirmation).

Coming Home is a unique exhibition featuring art works created during the apartheid years of 1948 to 1990. During this period works by black artists and people who expressed criticism of the regime were not considered worthy of inclusion in public or private collections in South Africa. This resulted in the works being purchased by individuals living outside the country and temporary visitors such as journalists or diplomats who took them home with them.
The Ifa Lethu Foundation is a non-profit organisation which was formed in 2005 with the aim of repatriating these artworks to their country of origin where they could have their rightful place within South African heritage. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the donors who have agreed to return the works.
In this exhibition, visitors can admire 40 works (prints, paintings, drawings) by 20 South-African artists all of whom tell a story about life during the apartheid era: the resistance movement, music and their struggle to survive through creativity.
This exhibition will take place as part of the Saisons France - Afrique du Sud (France-South Africa Seasons) programme and is supported by the twin cities of Nantes and Durban, as well as the International Permanent Secretariat of Human Rights and Local Governments of Nantes.

• École nationale supérieure d’architecture de Nantes (Nantes School of Architecture) 6, quai François-Mitterrand (Ile de Nantes). Main building entrance (ground floor of the school). Exhibition (free admission) open Monday 27 May to Friday 12 July, every day except Sundays: 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, late evening opening on Thursdays until 10.30 p.m.
• Maison de l’avocat, 25, rue La Noüe Bras de Fer, 44200 Nantes (Ile de Nantes). Exhibition (admission free) open Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June, Monday to Friday: 9.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contact: Tel. +33(0)2 40 20 48 45
Journeys to School
Transdev – Sipa Press – UNESCO

The Les Chemins de l’École or Journeys to School photography exhibition is dedicated to children throughout the world who go off to school every day in sometimes difficult conditions in the hope of securing a better life for themselves through education. The exhibition features photograph taken by eighteen photojournalists who worked in a number of countries, from Nigeria to Thailand and Australia to the United States, between November and December 2012.

UNESCO, TRANSDEV and the photojournalism agency SIPA pooled their expertise to create this exhibition which pays tribute to the tenacity and joie de vivre of the children, and sets out to raise awareness within the international community of the cause of millions of children facing a range of obstacles blocking their quest for education: poverty, lack of public transport, political and religious conflicts, urban insecurity, natural disasters, inequalities between boys and girls, etc.

It was opened on 4 March 2013 in New York, at UN headquarters, in the presence of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, and at UNESCO’s headquarters in Paris on Thursday 10 April 2013 in the presence of Irina BOKOVA, Director General. Nantes will be the third city – after New York and Paris - to host this exhibition to coincide with the World Forum on Human Rights.

Mégapolites
Donatien Garnier and Laurent Weyl - Collectif Argos

Donatien Garnier has been a journalist and editor with the Collectif Argos journalists’ group since 2003. He worked with photographer Laurent Weyl on this project focusing on the position of the most impoverished residents of some of the world’s largest cities. The results of this work are presented at the World Forum on Human Rights. Visitors will be taken on a journey from the shanty town of sol de la Portada, which sprang up in one night in 2005 at the gateway to Lima, to Bangkok where people struggle to live underneath motorways, and Ho Chi Minh City, where migrants continue to flood into the city, turning it into a megalopolis known under the acronym HCMC.

Picturetank C/O Collectif Argos - 19, rue Bisson - 75020 Paris (France): collectifargos@collectifargos.com Mobile: +33 (0)6 62 46 31 16.

Bimayana – Illustrations by Subhash and Durgabai Vyam
Navayana Publishing, India – Éditions MeMo – France

It all began with a remarkable book published by Navayana, a small Indian publishing company specialised in human sciences and publishing books by Foucault, Bourdieu, Rancière and Baudrillard but, above all, an entire catalogue of books dealing with the struggle of the Dalits, the Indian untouchables. The particular feature of this book is that it is illustrated by a couple of Gond artists - the Gonds are Indian tribal people. These two artists used the graphic novel model, adapting their art to support the narrative, peppered with articles describing crimes committed against the Dalits.

Both an echo of ancient artistic tradition and contemporary graphic novel, the appeal of this book - published in France by Éditions MeMo (Nantes) - resides in the fact that it deals with the life of one of the great Indian politicians, Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (1891 – 1956), himself an untouchable, who became a minister, chief architect of the Indian Constitution, revolutionary campaigner in support of the Dalit cause and who opposed Gandhi to defend the rights of the untouchables.

These illustrations by a couple of Gond artists will be presented in this exhibition and Anand S., Director of Navayana, will speak during the plenary session focusing on theme 2 (What equality between people during times of crisis? Thursday 23 May 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., room 450).
Reporters Transméditerranée

www.reporters-transmediterrane.org

Reporters Transméditerranée (Trans-Mediterranean Reporters) is a socially responsible and participatory journalism project aimed at helping and training young people (mainly inner city) in journalistic writing from both sides of the Mediterranean.

- the idea behind the project is that journalistic writing is a means of acquiring new skills and exercising citizenship.
- journalistic writing is a tool for gaining a better understanding, for opening up to the world and interacting.

In 2013, young people - girls and boys aged between 18 and 25 - from France and Tunisia are learning the techniques of journalistic writing through the initiative. They are also taking part in discussion and training sessions on the themes of citizenship, Human Rights, democracy, intercultural issues, the Arab revolutions, etc.

Three key events, three daily papers

Fifteen youngsters from Tunisia and eight from the Ile-de-France (Greater Paris) region attended the 10th World Social Forum held from 26 to 30 March in Tunis (Tunisia). Supervised by journalists from Nawaat, Altermondes, Reporter citoyen and the Université populaire pour une information citoyenne (UPIC - Popular university for citizen information), they produced an online daily newspaper, reporting on the WSF.

From 19 to 21 April, in Monastir (Tunisia), two youngsters from the Pays de la Loire and two young people from Tunisia attended and covered the International Forum dedicated to Mediterranean youth, organised by the French Institute of Cooperation in Tunis and bringing together 300 youngsters from six countries: Tunisia, France, Morocco, Algeria, Libya and Egypt.

And finally, eight Tunisian youngsters will be present at the 5th World Forum on Human Rights in Nantes, from 22 to 25 May, where they will produce an online daily paper. Eight youngsters from Ile-de-France and six from Pays de la Loire will join them to form an editorial team.

Project led by: Altermondes, CCFD-Terre solidaire, CRID (Research and Information Centre for Development), FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights), Les Francas, Nawaat, Reporter Citoyen, Secours islamique France, the International Permanent Secretariat of Human Rights and Local Governments and Université populaire pour une information citoyenne (UPIC - Popular university for citizen information).

With the support of: Pays de la Loire Region, Ile de France Region, Fondation de France.

Youth spaces: taking part...

For the 5th World Forum on Human Rights, players from the Nantes region’s Youth sector are offering a programme aimed at young adults with the support of the relevant structures and associations. Youngsters from Nantes and around the world (Germany, Italy, Spain, France, the Czech Republic, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, etc.) will be attending. They will be able to exchange views, share projects (a film will be produced), have fun, take part in dinners, etc.

The objectives are to:
- Raise awareness amongst young people of the benefits of international initiatives to defend Human Rights and hence feel like the citizens of the entire world;
- Create platforms for exchange and coming together between young people since human rights are enforced through dialogue and mutual understanding;
- Motivate young people from the Loire region to take part, exchange, discover and understand the world and function better within it.

A permanent space (exhibitions, meeting areas, etc.), plays and round tables will be proposed on the theme of participation and voluntary work relating to Human Rights and sustainable development initiatives.
Two round tables will be held:

- **Engagement and Palestine**
  Thursday 23 May at 6.30 p.m., room 200.

- **International mobility, the impacts of international experience and Human Rights**
  Friday 24 May 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Nantes Métropole exhibition hall (opposite the Cité des congrès events centre).

Some young people will also take part in the round table *Spotlight on the Human Rights situation in Tunisia*: Thursday 23 May 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Main Hall – R0.

Organisation: CEMEA, FAL 44 - Ligue de l’enseignement (confederation of French associations for popular and secular education), France Volontaires. With the support of Nantes Métropole (Urban Community of Nantes) and the City of Nantes.

**CITIZEN ACTION**

Saturday 25 May from 2 p.m.

**Inauguration of Aire 38**

Aire 38 is inaugurating its exploration area for “cooperative ingenuity” for the World Forum on Human Rights: shows, performances, exhibitions, games, workshops... It is inviting political and economic players, inhabitants and citizens to join forces, pooling their imaginations and talent to meet the challenges associated with a desirable future to implement together.

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Ms Christine Allan de Lavenne, lawyer at the Bar of Paris, member of the Human Rights Research Centre (CRDH), University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (Paris).


Mr. Antoine Bernard, Executive Director of the International Federation of the League of Human Rights (headquarters in Paris, France).

Mr. Madjid Benchikhi, Emeritus Professor, former Dean of the Algiers Faculty of Law (Algeria), Professor at the University of Cergy-Pontoise (France).

Mr. Mouloud BOUMGHAR, Professor of public law at the University of Amiens (France).

Ms Sylvie Bukhari de Pontual, President of the FIACAT (International Federation of Christians for the Abolition of Torture), lawyer, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science at the Catholic University of Paris (France).

Christine Chanet, Counsellor at the French Court of Cassation, member and former Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (France).

Mr. Abdoullah Cissé, University Professor, Rector at the University of Bambey, Diourbel (Senegal).

Mr. Emmanuel Decaux, Professor of International Law at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, President of the International Permanent Secretariat Human Rights and Local Governments (Nantes), Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

Ms Yvonne Donders, Professor of International Human Rights Law and Executive Director of the International Law Centre of the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands).

Mr. Michel Doucin, French Ambassador for Bioethics and Corporate Social Responsibility (France).

Mr. Jean-Marie Fardeau, Director of the Paris office of Human Rights Watch (France).

Mr. Michel Forst, Secretary-General of the National Consultative Commission of Human Rights (France), former United Nations Rapporteur on Human Rights in Haiti.

Ms Françoise Gaspard, Senior Lecturer at the École des hautes-études en sciences sociales (EHESS, School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences), former Vice-President of the CEDAW / United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (France).

Mr. Régis de Gouttes, Senior Advocate General at the Court of Cassation, member and former Chairman of the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, (France).

Mr. Ibrahim Kaboglu, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Marmara, former Chairman of the Human Rights Consultative Committee (Turkey).

Mr. Eric Mondielli, Professor of Public Law at the University of Nantes (France).

Mr. Anil Naidoo, Managing Director of Indiba Africa Development Alliance (Durban), Barrister of the High Court of South Africa, Chairman of the South-African Coalition for an International Criminal Court (South Africa).

Mr. Fatsah Ouguergouz, Judge at the African Court of Human and People’s Rights, Executive Director of the African Foundation for International Law: former Secretary of the International Court of Justice of The Hague (Algeria).

Mr. Francis Perrin, member of the Executive Committee and former President of the French section of Amnesty International (France).

Ms Mónica Pinto, Professor of Public Law, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

Sir Nigel Rodley, member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, Professor of International Law at the University of Essex (United Kingdom).


Mr. Jaume Saura, Director of the Institute of Human Rights of Catalonia (Spain).

Mr. William Schabas, Professor at the University of Middlesex (London), former Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University Ireland (Canada / Ireland).
Mr. Linos Sicilianos, Professor at the University of Athens, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, former member of the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), (Greece).

Ms Catherine Teitgen-Colly, Professor of Public Law at the University of Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), Vice-President of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (France).

Mr. Philippe Texier, Counsellor at the French Court of Cassation, former Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (France).

Mr. Vladimir Volodin, former Human Rights Section Chief, UNESCO (Russia).

Ms Leïla Zerrougui, Judge, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict, former United Nations Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Deputy Head of the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo / MONUSCO (Algeria).

Mr. François Zimeray, French Ambassador for Human Rights (France).
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### Thursday 23 May 2013

#### Theme 1: What development and what economic model(s) for a more human and fairer world?

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<td>Citizenship Test - To what extent are women's rights and gender equality fundamental to social progress? Round table proposed by the Department of Loire-Atlantique. International solidarity and youth participation: youth volunteers for Palestine Round table chaired and led by: CEMEA (training centre for active education methods), Pays de la Loire, FAL 44 (secular association federation), France Volontaires. Self-immolations in Tibet: why? The Human Rights situation in Tibet Proposal of the Tibet - Enfants de l'espoir (Tibet, Children of Hope) association (Nantes) Spotlight on the Human Rights situation in Tunisia Spotlight on the Human Rights situation in Mali Living alongside others: all the better for being different From international to local level, from local to international level Discussions led by associations and unions from the Rights for Human-ity Group (Nantes, France) When citizen mobilisation works: the example of the South-African fight to secure access for all to generic antiretroviral drugs Film/debate evening proposed by the Ubumi, Casa Africa, Médecins du Monde, Maison des Citoyens du Monde associations.</td>
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**Theme 3**

**What territories for tomorrow? For public policies based on Human Rights, for citizenship for all and for enhanced democracy.**

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#### Workshops

- **2 p.m.**
  - **For a regional approach to democracy and human rights**
    - Workshops in two parts proposed by the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the Global Local Forum (GLF) think tank, with the contribution of the Vers la République des territoires (VRDT - towards the republic of territories) club.

- **3.30 p.m.**
  - **Right to water and sanitation**
  - Decentralised cooperation as an innovative tool to aid the development of local public policies promoting access to rights, democratic local governance and the rule of law.
  - Proposal of COSI / Forum réfugiés Lyon, France, an NGO defending the rights of refugees and asylum seekers with the Plateforme Rhônes-Alpes État de droit (Rule of Law Platform) and the participation of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council.

- **5 p.m.**
  - **In the face of metropolitan challenges, what solutions for a right to centrality for all? Experiences of local authorities and metropolitan players.**
  - Proposal of the Town of Nanterre, member of the Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights Committee of the UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) and the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP) network.

- **Human Rights Education**
  - Proposal of the French Committee for International Solidarity (CFSI), the Institute for Research and Debate on Governance (IRG), Coopération Atlantique-Guinée 44 (an international cooperation association), GRDR / Research and Implementation of Rural Development (Migrations, Citizenship and Development).

- **Civil society and participation in public policies**
  - Proposal of COSI / Forum réfugiés Lyon, France, an NGO defending the rights of refugees and asylum seekers with the Plateforme Rhônes-Alpes État de droit (Rule of Law Platform) and the participation of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council.

- **Is “Green capitalism” compatible with protecting the planet?**
  - Training programme open to the public attending the Forum.

#### Special session

- **2 p.m.**
  - **Europe, land of freedom and rights? School pupils from Loire-Atlantique give their views.**
  - Open to the public attending the Forum.
  - Proposal of the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the Maison de l’Europe.

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<td>Preview of the Coming Home exhibition (art works created by South African artists during the apartheid years, disseminated in various public and private collections around the world and returned to South Africa for inclusion in this exhibition produced by the Ifa Lethu Foundation). In the presence of the Mayor of Durban (E’Thekwini Municipality), Mr. James NXUMALO.</td>
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