

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2007



(Cancel foreign debt to provide housing for the world's poor!)

POPULAR FUNDS FOR LAND AND HOUSING

(Moi Stadium, Nairobi, January 22 2007)

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Foreign debt as an injustice but also as an opportunity for civil society and the local authorities to join forces and propose payment of the social debt by providing housing in poor countries. Examples of debts swap for social development, with reference to the agreement between Italy and Kenya and others: limits and potential. The development of a modern public service through the cooperatives for collectively owned housing.

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First Session: Exchange of experiences on conflicts and partnership between local authorities, social movements, anti-debt movements and progressive governments.

Cesare Ottolini, IAI coordinator

The Zero Evictions Campaign: from the resistance to an innovative strategy to promote secure housing tenure by developing the public service through cooperation.

Patrizia Sentinelli, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy

Building justice and peace, launching an international coalition to set up Popular Funds for Land and Housing financed by the cancellation of foreign debt and funds from decentralised cooperation.

W Nairobi W Campaign, Kenya

Cancelling debt to house the poor: how the experiment could be possible in Nairobi?

Paul Maquet, Comité peruano de campaña por la vivienda digna-Jubileo Perú

Break the chain of the foreign debt to pay the social debt: a proposal coming from the South and anti-debt movement.

Patrick Jarry, Mayor Nanterre, France

The role of decentralised cooperation: a lever of solidarity to develop clear, innovative, sustainable policies agreed by civil society and progressive governments.

Barbra Kohlo, Executive Director, Housing People of Zimbabwe

From the insecurity of the private ownership to the cooperatives for collectively owned housing: the development of a modern public housing service.

Antonio Blanco Cueto, Deputy President Diputación Málaga – FAL, Spain

Developing "Zero Evictions" town and fighting corruption, through clear, innovative, sustainable and participated housing and urban policies.

Yves Cabannes, UN-AGFE Convenor, UK (pending)

The Popular Funds: criticisms of the World Bank-IMF programmes, alternatives supporting plans for housing.

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Final Session: forming a joint Fund and Housing work group.

Final Declaration, making of agreements and distribution of responsibilities and commitments.

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Social organisations for the event: International Alliance of Inhabitants, Local Authorities Forum, FAMSI, Local Authorities of Periferial (Swedish Cooperative Centre).

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