

WSF OBSERVATION GUIDE/ QUESTIONNAIRE (DRAFT---- MARCH, 2015)

This collaborative project will collect systematic observation notes on WSF workshops/events.

For each session you observe, plan to arrive a bit early. You may wish to simply record what you are observing and then use your notes to complete the observation form later. Your observation notes should document the content of the workshop or event, convey its tone (e.g., enthusiasm of participants), and help to assess the conceptions/discourse on justice reflected by organizers and participants . Feel free to add any additional description under each item and/or at the end of the guide.

Pay particular attention to observations relating to the key questions/themes guiding this research:

I BACKGROUND INFORMATION-Event organization

1. Title of event:
2. Date:
3. Event description: you can copy the description in the program
4. List the organizations that sponsored, co-sponsored the event
5. Describe the panelists and facilitators: name, organizational affiliation, nationality

II PARTICIPANT/ATTENDEES

- *Look for participation from **diverse groups** (i.e., North African, people of North (Europe/North American, people of the South, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle Eastern, women, gender-diverse, and physically disabled). Indicate the numeric proportions of people from diverse groups as well as the types of participation and/or interventions they make.
- *How does the group respond to or **manage conflict**? Do you see the use of particular **models or strategies of conflict mediation or techniques** for managing differences within the group (i.e., differences across movements, identities, political orientations)?
- *Does the workshop appear to contribute to the strengthening or formation of **long-term alliances or coalitions**? Explain evidence of this.
- *Does the workshop **link scales of action** between local and national or global levels? Explain evidence of this.

6. Estimated number of attendees:

<10 10-20 20-50 50-100 >100

5. Describe the composition of attendees in

terms of:

Est. % (or M/F ratio) Male ____ Est. % Female

Age: % persons < 30 yrs ____ % persons 30-50 yrs. ____ % persons > 50 yrs.

Composition of audience (Indicate approximate % of audience by outward appearance):

North African ____ Middle Eastern ____ White/Caucasian ____ Sub-Saharan African ____

Latin/Hispanic ____ Native/indigenous ____ South Asian ____ Other (list)

What languages were used? _____

III CONTENT OF EVENT/WHAT HAPPENED?

Event Type: Check the items that most closely describe the format of this workshop

Workshops to promote specific campaigns

___ Issue-oriented workshops (i.e., labor, climate justice, migrant or human rights)

___ Linking Workshops (i.e., bridging different issues or constituency groups)

___ Workshops about the forums/ WSF process

___ Political/Ideological workshops- socialism, workers, alternative economic paradigms, anarchism, autonomy, etc.

6. Other (describe) Identify the principal format/purpose of the event - i.e. was the workshop designed primarily to:

___ provide information and analyses

___ share organizing ideas and skills or experiences

___ develop collaborative networks or alliances

___ cultural event

___ Consciousness-raising/ Education

___ Articulating alternative vision

___ Experience sharing (eg of discrimination)

___ other add in from section below as noted in actions

7: To what extent did the event emphasize justice (or similar concepts such as fairness, rights, inclusion) in its themes—include comments of participants, event speakers and or facilitators

If so which type (s) —Economic-distributive

Social justice

Ecological/Climate Justice

Recognitive (identity) rights

Political justice (right to participate, speak and be heard in a

society)

Other

8. Were the above concepts of justice/rights/inclusion/ fairness linked to or appeared to arise from core religious teachings or values of participants, speakers or facilitators? Briefly explain.

9. Summarize the speakers' main points, audience responses and any debates that arose during the event. In your estimation what was this event all about?

Actions: Indicate if any of the following activities were present at this session. (Scale from 0-3 with 0 being 'none' and 3 meaning 'extensive')

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- International connections/experiences
- Joint Action (e.g., signing petition, marching, sit-in)

- Planning for future organizing (coalition, event) specify
- Mobilizing—e.g., local actions in support of wider campaign
- People's Movement Assembly

- Development of strategies and tactics, including issue framing

IV FUTURE PLANS

10. Were plans for specific actions or future campaigns discussed? If yes, please describe them.

11. Were any coalitions discussed? If yes, please describe them—i.e., what sort of groups were coming together? Is it a transnational or regional alliance?

12. Describe any evidence of networking you see among attendees, such as exchanges of cards or emails, providing of information about other organizers or groups working on related area, etc. [before/during/after session]

