



**Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF)**

**World Social Forum 2009**

**Belém, January 27<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> , 2009**

## **Walking the path...towards implementing Human Rights**

### **Background**

Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) is dedicated to promote concrete conditions for the full respect and implementation of child rights within a context of human rights based approaches to sustainable and equitable development embedded in economic, social and cultural rights. Our belief is that children are the main participants in their own development, with inherent rights and vital social, economic and cultural roles. In both the unstable and stable conditions children are the most affected in terms of human rights violation. In a changing world scenario global threats such as climate change, food crisis, financial crisis and poverty have tremendous impact on the most vulnerable people. This is the case for children.

TDH, member organisations and local partner share a common vision inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). In child oriented TDH programmes, the respect and protection of all universal human rights is a priority. To this end, Terre des Hommes contributes to find concrete solutions for a world where the right to food, education, health and housing are guaranteed and achieved for everyone. Terre des Hommes is directly rooted in the ground through its programmatic work and conducts on this basis Awareness and Campaigning at local, national and international level. As an example, the **International Campaign Against Child Trafficking** clearly expresses the full engagement of the organisation to fight the worst forms of child exploitation. Everyone is concerned about worst forms of child exploitation. Indeed, Terre des Hommes believes that *a world fit for children is a world fit for all*.

At the next Social World Forum in 2009 TDHIF will be addressing the financial aid for development after the Doha Conference, the role of civil society in monitoring the implementation of human rights around the world through the Social Watch movement and the child-centred participation approach at the base of TDH action.

### **Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF)**

Today, TDH is a network of 11 national non governmental organizations with headquarters in Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland (comprising two organisations: Terre des Hommes Switzerland and the Terre des Hommes Foundation in Lausanne, Switzerland), and Syria. Working in collaboration with relevant bodies within the UN system, with European institutions, and with other organisations and networks pursuing comparable aims, TDH supports around 1084 development and humanitarian aid projects in 70 countries. Terre des Hommes runs advocacy programmes at local, national and international levels to make necessary changes in legislation and practise. Terre des Hommes also runs awareness-raising and training programmes about violations of children's rights. Least but not last, quality work and accountability to beneficiaries and donors are key issues in Terre des Hommes' strategy.

**Common activities organized by Social Watch, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Global Policy Forum, terre des hommes germany.**

### **World Social Forum 2009 in Belém**

#### **Workshop 1**

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##### **After the Doha Conference:**

**How to move the Financing for Development agenda forward? Civil society perspectives and strategies.**

**Time:** 31. January 2009, 8:30am – 11:30am

**Venue:** UFRA - Prédio Central - Bloco B - Room B003

##### **Panelists**

- ❖ Roberto Bissio, Social Watch (Uruguay)
- ❖ Jens Martens, Global Policy Forum Europe (Germany)
- ❖ Gigi Francisco, DAWN (Philippines)
- ❖ John Christensen, Tax Justice Network (United Kingdom)
- ❖ Viriato Tamele, Economic Justice Coalition (Mozambique)
- ❖ Luis Dulci, Office of the President (Brazil)

##### **Moderator**

Hilmar Ruminski, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

**Two months after the Financing for Development conference in Doha, Qatar: how far they have succeeded.** Experts from several development organizations will analyse the outcome and findings of the Doha conference agenda about on global challenges such as the rapid increase of food and commodity prices, the climate changes, the global crisis of the financial markets and in particular, the massive additional costs for many developing countries in the aftermath of such crises. What future scenario is envisaged for civil society strategies in the light of the Doha conference?

#### **Workshop 2**

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##### **Social Watch Report 2008:**

**Rights are the answer! Civil society responses to the global financial crisis**

**Time:** 30. January 2009, 3:30pm – 6:30pm

**Venue:** UFRA - Prédio Central - Bloco B - Room B003

##### **Panelists:**

- ❖ Roberto Bissio, Social Watch (Uruguay)
- ❖ Kinda Mohamadieh, Arab NGO Network for Development (Lebanon)
- ❖ Edward Oyugi, SODNET (Kenya)

- ❖ Jason Nardi, Social Watch Italy (Italy)
- ❖ Klaus Schilder, terre des hommes / Social Watch (Germany)

**Moderator:**

Jana Silverman, Social Watch

Experiences from civil society groups and partner organisations in Asia, Africa and Latin America will be presented in the form of the Social Watch Report 2008. The report will highlight the political and social dimension of human rights at international level. In the workshop it will be discussed how governments and parliaments act to respect, protect and fulfil human rights. The workshop will raise the specific questions of fiscal and economic government policies, its impact on civil society and protection of basic human rights.

**Workshop 3**

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**Tools for Human Rights Budgeting**

**Time:** 31. January 2009, 12:00pm – 15:00pm  
**Venue:** UFRA, Medicina Veterinaria Building, Auditorium

**Panelists:**

- ❖ Edward Oyugi, SODNET (Kenya)
- ❖ Marek Hrubec, Centre of Global Studies (Czech Republic)
- ❖ Cornelie Keizer, equalinrights (The Netherlands)
- ❖ *Other speakers to be confirmed*

**Moderator:**

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The promotion and protection of Economic, Social, and Cultural (ESC) rights is an international obligation for all States, enshrined in the International Covenant on ESC Rights and other treaties. However, in many cases governments use the excuse of budget limitations to not fully comply with their obligation to promote these rights and in this way improve the living standards of their populations. This workshop will present strategies to analyze budget and fiscal policies from a rights based perspective, and present cases of how civil society organizations have used these analyses as advocacy tools to pressure their governments to improve their records on ESC rights.

**Workshop 4**

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**Child Participation, Intercultural Education and Food Sovereignty**

**Time:** tbc  
**Venue:** tbc

Activities organized by terre des hommes Germany with support of terre des hommes international federation (TDHIF)

**Panelists:**

- ❖ Latin American partners of terre des hommes Germany

Participation of up to 15 children and adolescents of 4-7 countries of the Andean Region to be further developed.

**Moderator:**

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In the framework of the campaign “Globalisation, children, cultural and biological diversity”, several children and adolescent from the Andean region will present a panel discussion as part of their specific project area. A child participation approach will be promoted through creative and artistic presentations and interchange activities by children. The importance of giving the child the right to be an actor is at the base of TDH work. Contrary to common-sense expectation, it is not us who give confidence to the children, but rather the children who give motivation to us. Indeed the children we work for and with, encourage our daily activities and commitment to the implementation of human rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN CRC.