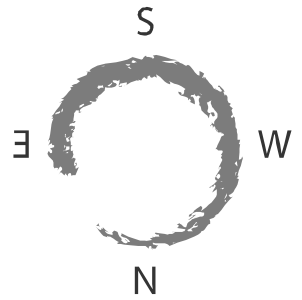


Reform of International  
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# **PRESENTATION**

## **WORLD CAMPAIGN FOR IN-DEPTH REFORM OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**



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## 1. WHY THIS CAMPAIGN?

Humanity is facing particularly grave problems and challenges at present: we still have not achieved peace and security based on justice and freedom in the world; huge numbers of our planet's inhabitants live in deplorable conditions of poverty; the rich countries continue to be shackled to a model of economic growth whose impact on the environment jeopardises the sustainability of life for future generations; loss of cultural diversity is impoverishing, perhaps irreversibly, one of humanity's most important characteristics.

The globalisation process intensifies interrelations and interdependence amongst world's problems and challenges. As a result, what happens on a global scale has a decisive influence locally, on what affects the life of all the citizens in the world. Moreover, globalisation is leading to a weakening of political authority: whilst markets are becoming global, the influence of political institutions required for their democratic, equitable and efficient functioning decreases every day. In this state of the affairs, people all over the world are beginning to claim their democratic entitlement to participate in decisions that affect their lives so directly. Global civil society should play a key role in promoting the democratisation of the system of international institutions.

In such a context, the break-down of the international system for peace and security which became evident in the recent war in Iraq and the unilateral course of action embarked upon by the world's leading power have caused widespread turmoil with serious consequences for the system of international institutions, particularly the United Nations. Unilateral action in the field of peace and security has become part of the global equation, making in-depth reform of the world institutional system even more necessary and urgent.

This campaign intends to encourage a series of reforms of international institutions towards a global system of democratic governance through representative procedures involving the participation of all the actors of the world scene. Its key objective is to contribute to establishing a consistent, transparent, responsible and effective global architecture based on developing international legislation whose democratic value and legitimacy is widely accepted. At the heart of this system would be a stronger, more democratic United Nations Organisation, with effective control over all its bodies and agencies and over global multilateral organisations. Such an institutional system would be empowered to contribute to building a fairer, more equitable, diverse, sustainable and peaceful world.

## 2. CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

To launch a process for in-depth reform of the system of international institutions. To involve all actors of the world scene: international institutions, different levels of government and civil society in its broadest sense. To draw up agreements amongst civil society over the conceptual and methodological guidelines for such reform. To this end, key lines of action include:

- 2.1 An Internet gateway on the reform of international institutions that, amongst other things, provides a forum for debate on reform issues: **[www.reformwatch.net](http://www.reformwatch.net)**
- 2.2 *Raising world public opinion* about the need and importance of in-depth reform of the system of international institutions to move towards world democratic governance.
- 2.3 *Initiatives aimed at obtaining the support of world public opinion*, employing the usual mechanisms as well as setting up a first experiment in "*world citizen legislative initiative*" by Internet, collecting as many signatures as possible in support of the campaign as diverse and representative as possible.
- 2.4 *Channelling the pressure of world public opinion towards the international powers* (international organisations, different levels of government, world economic actors, etc.) to impress on them the importance and need for such in-depth reform.
- 2.5 Furthering the definition and establishment of a **WORLD PANEL ON GLOBAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE** that can be given the mission of drawing up a *proposal for the reform of the system of international institutions through representative procedures involving all actors of the world scene*.

### **3. CAMPAIGN MANIFESTO**

The campaign is organised around a Manifesto that describes the reasons behind and proposals for in-depth reform of the system of international institutions, inviting the world's citizens to pledge their support to it.

### **4. CAMPAIGN ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The campaign bodies are:

4.0 All organisations and individuals supporting and taking part in the campaign.

4.1 International Campaign Council: The Council, made up of representative, internationally known figures, will help to define the campaign's general objectives and to increase its visibility.

4.2 Organising Committee: Besides working with the Council to define the campaign objectives, the organisations and individuals represented on this Committee are responsible for the campaign's conceptual and strategic development. The members of the UBUNTU Forum Coordinating Committee and Ad Hoc Secretariat are also members of the Organising Committee.

4.3 From the Campaign Council and Organising Committee, specific working parties may also be set up to deal with specific objectives, employing appropriate procedures. An example is the Study Commission. It is necessary to work from the world civil society perspective to draw up proposals to reform international institutions, taking into account the proposals already put forward, such as those formulated by the Commission on Global Governance.

### **5. FUNDING**

Sources of funding consistent with the campaign objectives will be sought. In any case, absolute transparency will be guaranteed regarding the origin of funding.

### **6. WORLD CAMPAIGN CALENDAR (2003-2006)**

6.0 Meetings of campaign bodies to draw up proposals for in-depth reform of international institutions and campaign strategies.

6.1 Worldwide campaign presentations and promotion. Regional consultation and debates.

6.2 World campaign launch through the Internet gateway on the reform and the "world citizen legislative initiative", also by Internet. Initially, the campaign launch is aimed at NGOs all over the world and the academic world in general. Possible organisation of volunteer action linked to this part of the campaign.

6.3 A reference document is drawn up on the conceptual and methodological bases of the reform from the standpoint of civil society. The document includes existing reform proposals and the results of participatory and consultation processes of this campaign.

6.4 Moves aimed at defining and establishing a World Panel on Global Democratic Governance. Contacts aimed at establishing dialogue with the United Nations system, other international bodies, different levels of government and other important groups on the world scene.

6.5 Contacts established with the media to ensure the widest possible campaign promotion.

6.6 Presentation of the campaign conclusions to the United Nations General Assembly and petition to convene a world conference on the reform of the system of international institutions.

## 7. WHO SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN?

The campaign is promoted by UBUNTU - the World Forum of Civil Society Networks, and was first launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg in 2002. The campaign has the initial support of the following organisations and individuals:

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Forum du Tiers Monde  
France Libertés  
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The Global Youth ACTION Network  
The Hague Appeal for Peace  
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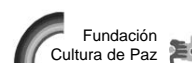
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