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### "Capitalism is Dead"

Brazil's former president says the global financial crisis proves capitalism is broken. Luis Inacio Lula da Silva urged Africa to become aware of its own power amid rising hopes of a new world order in the wake of the popular revolts sweeping the Arab world. 'Lula' addressed a meeting at the WSF on Monday 7 Feb.

#### On n'a pas besoin de renverser le système capitaliste

Les peuples du monde sont à côté de ces dirigeants là où se tiennent les rencontres de ces gouvernants mondiaux... les discours des gouvernants mondiaux commencent à changer.

#### Tiempo de crisis globales más complejas

El neoliberalismo, con su globalización financiera, fue el enemigo que movilizó a los activistas del mundo hace 10 años en el Foro Social Mundial en Porto Alegre por "otro mundo posible".

#### 'Signs of Change' Says Bolivia's Morales

Bolivian president Evo Morales invited his counterparts from poor countries to take part in the World Social Forum, during an address on the opening day.

"There must be awareness and mobilisation to put an end to capitalism and clear away invaders, neo-colonialists and imperialists. I support the popular uprisings in Tunisia and in Egypt.

These are signs of change," said Morales, a former trade union leader and regular participant in anti-globalisation movement gatherings.

"We must save humanity.
The enemies of the people are neo-colonialists and imperialists. We must put an end to the capitalist model

and put another in its place. It's necessary to get rid of the rich and change the world."

As this year's event is being held in Senegal, many of the discussions will revolve around what organisers term the crisis of civilisation and capitalism gripping Africa and the rest of the world.

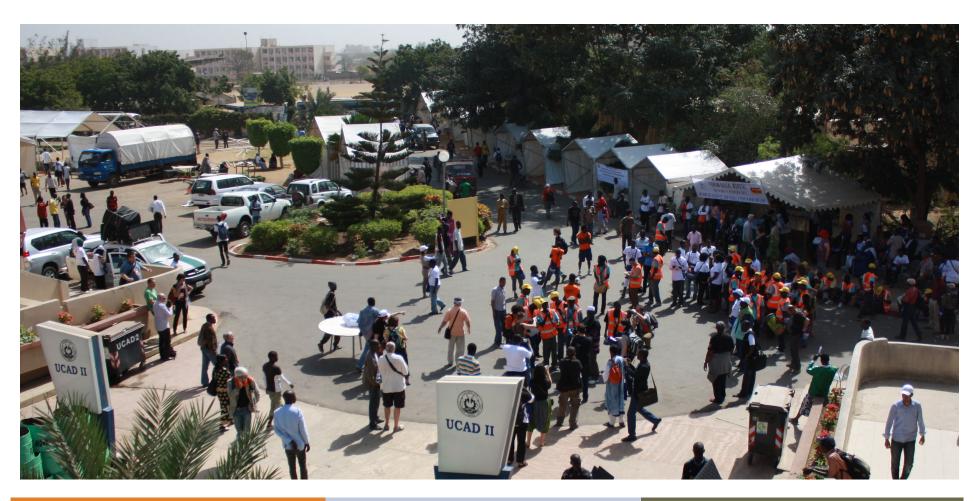
"This forum must contribute to changing the world. It's a chance for all those who represent the world's downtrodden to speak amongst themselves," said Senegalese historian Boubacar Diop Buuba, a professor at the Cheikh Anta Diop University.

#### "Hacia un nuevo modelo de gobernanza mundial"

"Vers un nouveau modèlede gouvernance mondiale" Federico Mayor, Danielle Mitterrand, Aminata Traoré, Susan George, Rudi de Leeuw (FGTB), Fatma Alloo (DAWN Africa), Carlos Tiburcio\*(Brasil), Mario Lubetkin (IPS), Óscar Ugarteche (UNAM), Manuel Manonelles (UBUNTU)



**8 Feb (9:00 - 11:30)** 



#### Caos com cancelamento de reservas na Universidade

O primeiro dia de encontros e discussões no Fórum Social Mundial foi marcado pelo caos sobre onde seriam realizados os inumeráveis seminários.

Uma fonte do comitê organizador do FSM disse à IPS que o vice-reitor da Universidade Cheikh Anta Diop (Ucad) cancelou as reservas de salas no campus para o Fórum. Um acordo garantiu apenas 40 das 200 salas inicialmente reservadas para os seminários do FSM.

## **Venue Chaos as UCAD Cancels Reservations**

The first day of meetings and discussions at the World Social Forum has been marred by chaos over venues for the myriad sessions.

A source in the WSF's organising committee told IPS that the Vice Chancellor of Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) cancelled the Forum's bookings for rooms on the campus. A compromise has secured only 40 of the 200 seminar rooms initially reserved for the WSF, with students holding regular classes in the others.

#### Un espace pour réfléchir aux problèmes du monde

Une marche dans les rues de la capitale sénégalaise a marqué, dimanche 6 février, l'ouverture du Forum social mondial (FSM). L'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar a abrité la cérémonie, en présence des responsables politiques du pays et des représentants de la société civile venus de toute la planète.

Regroupant les organisations citoyennes du monde entier, ce forum, qui va durer jusqu'au 11 février, vise à faire le bilan des progrès réalisés au cours des dernières années par l'idée fondatrice selon laquelle un «autre monde est possible».

# Alternative information in support of political and social mobilizations

**8 Feb, 13:00 - 16:00** 

Michel Lambert (Alternatives), Agnès Rousseaux (Basta), Anne Laurence Mazenq (RadioForum), Renato Rovai (Revista Forum) Mario Lubetkin (IPS)



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