

International ATD Fourth World Movement, 24th January 2011

ATD Fourth World at the World Social Forum in Dakar – February 2011

A delegation from ATD Fourth World will be taking part in the World Social Forum to be held in the first week of February in Dakar, at the Cheikh Anta Diop University campus. This event has become a crossroads for new initiatives in civil society aiming to move towards a society based on justice, truth and fair-mindedness, and not on the financialisation of the world.

The ATD Fourth World delegation will be made up of ten people from various nationalities, backgrounds and cultures (Africa, Latin America and Europe), but who are all working towards the same project for a society founded on a common, commitment to fight against extreme poverty. These delegates will put forward concrete proposals for working towards eradicating extreme poverty such as :

- To promote policies whose aim is to reach populations living in a state of extreme poverty.
- To take the most vulnerable people's voice into account, considering them as partners in local, national and world governance.
- To adopt measures in favour of decent work and access to fundamental rights for all.

The delegation will also have discussions with the organisations and activists taking part, so as to understand the challenges faced by people and communities living in a state of extreme poverty and social exclusion, and the opportunities which are currently open them, as well as those that our movement can follow.

The delegation will take part in several events:

- The 2nd World Science and Democracy Forum, **4th February from 11.30am to 1.30pm**: with a paper presented by Thierry Viard (ATD Quart Monde) at the round-table on "**Science and Knowledge**"
- A Round-table on 8th February from 4-7pm organised in partnership with the Forum for a New World Governance, entitled:
«Prioritising the eradication of extreme poverty in the establishment of a new world governance system »
This round-table will present concrete proposals on how to work towards the eradication of extreme poverty through having access to Human Rights and by seeking the active participation of those living in the greatest hardship. The participation of the people living in extreme poverty must be sought at every stage of projects and policies, from development stage, through to its implementation and evaluation.
These proposals are drawn from the Proposal Paper "Extreme Poverty and World Governance" (<http://tiny.cc/z6b99>) published in December 2010 by the International Movement ATD Fourth World together with the Forum for a New World Governance.
- The **Forum on the Guediawaye Suburbs** (a Dakar suburb)
A meeting with the group of young people who rallied together to deal with the floods there, together with a debate on the rights of the most vulnerable populations to decent living conditions.
- There will be a stand at which ATD Fourth World Senegal's work and implication in Africa and in the rest of the world will be presented.

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