



Global Week of Action for a World Parliament

Let the People Decide – World Parliament Now!

If you feel that our current political system is inadequate to deal with growing global challenges, you are not alone! Join the week of action from 20-30 October 2017, to call for the establishment of a World Parliament that will give real representation to all citizens.

As global crises increase, people across the world, from diverse backgrounds and cultures, express their discontent with existing forms of political representation, which leave them voiceless in global decision-making.

We have many, many global problems. From the wrecking of our life-supporting ecosystems to the failure to protect human rights, incomplete nuclear disarmament, lack of regulation of global markets and financial systems, to overcoming socio-economic inequalities – these and many others are all global problems that require global solutions. But who is accountable for dealing with these problems from a truly global perspective?

In order to create global solutions we need a global political body that can facilitate global democratic discussions and take global decisions. Today, the world's citizens have little influence on decisions taken at institutions such as the UN, the IMF, the WTO, the World Bank, the G20 or the G8. The governments represented in these bodies – bodies frequently made up by a small self-selected group – meet and decide our future, while often being influenced heavily by the lobbyists of global corporations. The primary concern of these governments is to defend what they consider to be in their national interests and not the common good of humanity and the environment.

Who should speak for the people of the world?

The people should decide for themselves!

In a democratic order, citizens already elect representatives at multiple levels. There are city councils, provincial or state parliaments and national parliaments. In Europe there's even a continental parliament. And yet for global matters that affect each and every person on the planet, there exists no elected world parliament.

A world parliament would be an instrument to find and implement solutions that are democratic, accountable and serve the best interest of humanity. It would reflect the social, political, religious, ethnical, and cultural variety of all the world's citizens, transcending national boundaries.

We, the participants in this week of action, agree on the fundamental idea that the world's citizens should vote for their world representatives. There are many different ideas about how a world parliament could

function. Some of us believe that it should be enhanced with mechanisms allowing electronic and direct citizens participation.

Yet, we are united in diversity, and united in our call:

Let the people decide. We need democracy without borders. We need to build global democracy. We need a world parliament!

We call on individuals, organizations, groups and movements everywhere to organize and join us during the Global Week of Action for a World Parliament. Come and speak up for global democracy!



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