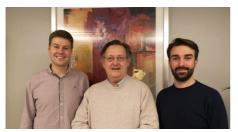


A WORD FROM THE SECRETARIAT



We are living in a dramatic and brutal time in history for social movements around the world. As activists, CSOs, and social movements raise their voices with political analysis and claims against the positions of ruling powers, they are met with increased control, 'security' measures, surveillance, marginalisation, accusations, state violence, and even

direct punitive action taken against them. Under cover of new legal instruments like antiterrorism and anti-money laundering legislation, various regimes introduce strict limitations and even persecution against social movements that challenge injustice and human rights violations. There is increased political control against those promoting alternative political agendas and governance models. The space for alternative voices is shrinking.

In our own partner network, human rights defenders are put in detention and under tough interrogation because they provide logistical support and promote non-violent strategies to youth in demonstrations. Social movements who attract international attention for exposing illegalities of their governments have seen their bank accounts frozen, and transfer of international funding to their activities blocked. Legitimate, non-violent organisations are put on governments' blacklists and are accused of supporting communist rebels and terrorism. And prominent peoples' organisations, with track records of excellence in confronting unjust global systems, are excluded from civil society arenas at intergovernmental conferences because their voices are challenging the systemic injustice. Even in traditional liberal and open democracies, we see increased political surveillance of funding institutions through screening of receiving partners in the global South.

What will be the reality for broad political mobilisation, human rights protection, and promotion of alternative systemic analysis, in the decade to come? Will we continue to see political and economic elites, as well as ideological ruling powers (promoting exclusivity or ethnocracy), violently protecting the status quo and the privileges of the few against the rights of all people? Have we only seen the initial stages of how control of data and communication will increase the digital surveillance of political opposition, human rights defenders and resistance movements?

A major challenge for the coming ten years, given to us by the Intergovernmental Panel

on Climate Change, is for a systemic, holistic change in order to limit the destruction of life conditions caused by climate change. To find sustainable solutions for all humanity to the major challenges of our time will require fundamental systemic transformation which will have to incorporate changes in food sovereignty, militarisation, mobility and migration, transnational corporate power, resource extraction policies, people's governance, and much more. Fundamentally, our global neo-liberal capitalist system has not only proven its inability to solve crisis, but also demonstrated clearly that it has created the crisis and continues to deepen them. As more and more people challenge this system and promote a fundamental change, the defenders of the system introduce new measures and instruments to protect privileges, exclusiveness, superiority, increased wealth accumulation for the few.

Do these incidents and trends of the last decade signal an easier time for social movements around going ahead? Likely not.

Yet, in the middle of this all this, we still see strong signs of alternatives. People are mobilising in the thousands for making actual change, taking to the streets and squares week after week. In youth actions of civil resistance, be it on climate change, on greedy extractive industries, on life-risking migration routes for claiming the right to survival, we see the sparks of hope. You can read more about this later in this edition of "A Year at Glance".

At the turn of the year, and as we move into the next decade, it is important for us to highlight the brutal reality that many of our partners experience on a daily basis. We acknowledge the struggle of so many of our partners, stand in solidarity with those who pay high cost for their daily work for rights, justice and dignity, and also express our commitment to be accompaniers of peoples' mobilisation for a just system change in the coming times.

May justice, peace, equality and dignity have more space and become a reality for more people in 2020.

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GRANTS SHARED IN 2019

THE KARIBU FOUNDATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS AND PROJECTS IN 2019:

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información / Latin American Information Agency (ALAI) http://www.alainet.org/ Ouito, Ecuador

Support for Latin American networking initiative on integration, democratization of communication, digital media, and advocacy work towards the Internet Social Forum.

All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA) http://www.facebook.com/teeafrica Kitwe, Zambia

Support towards pan-African gathering with focus on justice for women and sexual minorities.

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) http://www.apmigrants.org Hong Kong

Support to advocacy project for grassroots migrants, related SDGs, GFMD, and World Social Forum on Migration.

Badayl Alternatives https://badayl.org/ Goa, India

Support towards documentation and advocacy related to "Palestine Updates", in addition to an exchange initiative in Sri Lanka.

Bilaterals.org / GRAIN http://www.bilaterals.org Barcelona, Spain

Support to the development of bilaterals.org, focusing on the struggles of

social movements against free trade and investment agreements.

Born To Win Relationships https://www.facebook.com/btwrelationships Colombo, Sri Lanka

Support to journalist training program, with the aim of speaking truth to power, and to a South-South exchange initiative.

Christ at the Checkpoint https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc. edu/ Bethlehem, Palestine

Support to network building and exchange on liberation theology between Palestine and South Africa.

Churches Witnessing with Migrants (CWWM)
http://www.nccphilippines.org/
cwwm/
Manila, Philippines

Support to South participation at the international consultation on migrations and development in Ecuador.

Council for Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) http://www.capa-hq.org Nairobi, Kenya

Support to network building, with the aim of establishing an African chapter of Churches Witnessing With Migrants.

Fiscalia del Medio Ambiente (FIMA) / Civil Society for Climate Action (SCAC) http://www.fima.cl Santiago, Chile

Support towards South participation to a civil society conference on climate change and justice, parallel to COP25.



TAL BERGLAS, EDUCATION
CO-COORDINATOR IN NEW
PROFILE (ISRAEL), FACILITATES A
WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
REGARDING CIVIL OPTIONS FOR
THOSE WHO AVOID MILITARY
SERVICE



Support to network building in Latin America among civil society activists and training of young leaders.

Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM) http://iam.org.za/ Cape Town, South Africa

Support towards a regional conference among faith-based organizations promoting LGBTI rights.

Jahalin Solidarity http://www.jahalin.org/ West Jerusalem, Israel

Support towards advocacy campaign against the demolition of Bedouin schools and villages in Israel.

Kairos Palestine http://www.kairos.ps Bethlehem, Palestine

Support towards South participation at the Kairos Palestine 10th anniversary conference and strategy meetings of Global Kairos for Justice movement.

Latin American Antimilitarist Network (RAMALC) http://www.ramalc.org Bogotà, Colombia

Support for strategizing and advocacy towards non-violent action and demilitarization of the Colombian-Venezuelan border.

Mesarvot https://www.mesarvot.org West Jerusalem, Israel

Support for campaigning and assistance to imprisoned Israeli youth who refused to be enrolled in the military.

New Profile – Movement for the Demilitarization of Israeli Society http://newprofile.org/english Ramat HaSharon, Israel

Support towards advocacy and workshops for antimitarist teachers in Israeli schools



MEMBERS OF OF OUR WORLD IS NOT FOR SALE (OWINFS)
GATHER IN INDIA FOR A GLOBAL STRATEGY MEETING ON HOW TO ADVANCE SOCIAL MOVEMENT CRITIQUES OF CORPORATE GLOBALIZATION. NOV 2019.



MERVIN TOQUERO OF CHURCHES WITNESSING WITH MIGRANTS (CWWM) PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF CWWM AND CREATIVE WAYS OF MOBILISING AND MANAGING RESOURCES, AT THE REGIONAL GATHERING OF THE AFRICAN CHAPTER IN NAIROBI. KENYA.

Norwegian Social Forum (NSF) http://www.globalisering.no Oslo, Norway

Support to South participation at the 2019 gathering of social movements.

Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS) http://www.ourworldisnotforsale.org

Support for Global South participation in strategic WTO and trade processes, with a special focus on digital issues in trade agreements.

PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP) https://www.panap.net Penang, Malaysia

Support for workshops and campaigning against land grabbing in the Mekong region.

Stop the Wall Campaign http://www.stopthewall.org Ramallah, Palestine

Support to Peoples' Tribunal in Mexico on the militarization of the Mexican society assisted by the Israel. The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa (TEASA) https://teasa.org/ Randburg, South Africa

Support to South-South networking.

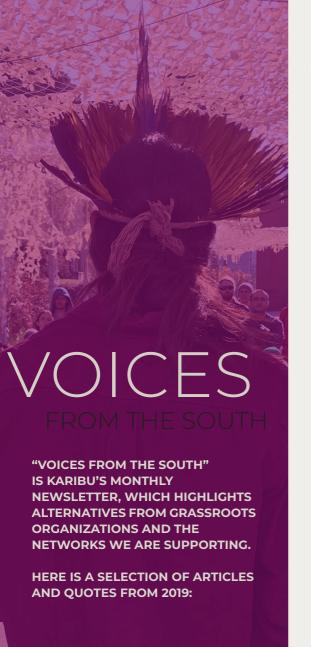
The Norwegian Trade Campaign http://www.handelskampanjen.no Oslo, Norway

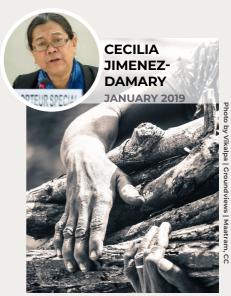
Support towards South participation to a civil society conference on blue economy, fishery and exploitation of maritime resources.

Tourism Alert and Action Forum (TAAF)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/
TourismAlertAndActionForum
Beit Sahour, Palestine

Support towards research, advocacy and networking on the impact of tourism on local communities.







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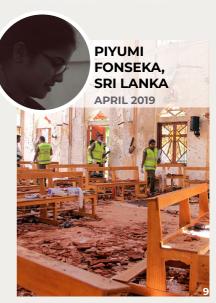
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EZIO COSTA, SPOKESMAN OF CIVIL SOCIETY FOR CLIMATE ACTION (SCAC), ON THE DEMAND FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE ADVANCED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL SOCIETY ADDRESSING INSTITUTIONAL ACTORS AT COP25.



A SPARK OF REVOLUTIONARY HOPE

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2019 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A YEAR OF WIDESPREAD REBELLIONS AGAINST THE NEO-LIBERAL SYSTEM.



PHOTO: MASS DEMONSTRATION IN THE CITY CENTER OF BAGHDAD, IRAQ.

Few regions of the world have not witnessed significant protests in 2019. The Middle East and North Africa have faced so much discontent that it has been considered a second wave of the Arab Spring. In Latin America, widespread popular unrest has hit Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela. Hong Kong has seen unprecedented uprisings challenging the Chinese authoritarianism. The UK, against Brexit, France, with its yellow vest movement, and Spain, in the region of Catalonia, have all seen major demonstrations. The list could continue.

It is particularly fascinating that these movements have more in common than it might seem at first glance, and that in each case the specific trigger appeared totally unexpected. In Lebanon, it is a tax on WhatsApp and endemic corruption. In Chile, a rise of the metro ticket and growing inequality. In Hong Kong, an extradition law and shrinking autonomy. In Algeria, a fifth term for an octogenarian

president and decades of military regime.

Something about this concurrent eruption of protests feels foundational and different. There have been global protests before (against WTO or the war in Iraq), and even local protests that have crossed borders (Occupy). But coincidental mass movements in different countries reacting to specific local conditions? That is powerful.

We asked some partners in our network, who are based and work in the heart of the revolutionary movements, to help us in defining and highlighting the core root causes and common ground between the uprisings in different parts of the globe. They all agree to one common context: the failure of the economic and political neo-liberal system in satisfying the most basic human needs in terms of livelihood and democratic participation.

"Decades of neoliberal economic policies", writes **Aaron Ceradoy**, from the Hong-Kong-based Asian Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM), "heightened the repression of states and state forces, and widened the gap among the few elite and the billions that are poor, hungry, landless, unemployed, displaced and without access to even the most fundamental rights. People are seeking change on the very system that, despite packaging and repackaging, is still skewed towards the few rich, the big businesses, the plunderers, the warmongers and unscrupulous bureaucrats".

Sally Burch, of the Agencia Latinoameri-



MEMBERS OF FAHAMU (KENYA)
SPEAK WITH ELDERS AFFECTED
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CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE OF KAIROS PALESTINE, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE, 29 NOVEMBER 2019. THE YOUTH GROUP RECEIVES THE SYMBOLIC MANDATE OF CONTINUING THE PEACEFUL RESISTANCE AGAINST THE OCCUPATION.



ZANELE FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND GERSHOM FROM ZAMBIA MEET DURING THE START AND INTRODUCTION EXERCISE AT IAM'S REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE PROTECTION OF LGBTI RIGHTS ON A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE, JULY 2019, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

cana de Información (ALAI), based in Ecuador, confirms that "the protest movements that sprung up across Latin America during the last few months of 2019, while they respond to specific contexts and circumstances, mostly have in common the reaction – in particular of young people who feel excluded and/or indigenous peoples – against neoliberal policies that affect their livelihoods and with the demand to have a greater say in public policy"

The Iraqi social movement, through the words of **Ahmed Alaa**, reflects that "our societies in the South, just like those in the North, have the same basic human needs. Such needs represent the foundation of peoples' life everywhere and anytime. Despite this, our systems and governments have failed to meet them for years, and after a long period of popular patience, the uprising exploded to demand the right to a dignified life, to freedom, and to participate in decision-making. These are the common factors between the struggle of peoples, whether in Iraq, Lebanon or Iran, in Latin America, or anywhere else."

Although this proliferation of protests across the world represents a powerful spark of hope in an otherwise dark global context, we must be aware that there is no guarantee that things will change. The real challenge is what to do after the protests and how to achieve the objectives people are protesting for. Even though the leaderless nature of the protests makes the repression difficult for authoritarian regimes, the lack of a defined alternative program and of a clear leadership may make the movements difficult to sustain in the long term. The long history of popular rebellions clearly indicates that most of the movements that actually led to change had a strong programmatic basis and a defined organizational and leadership structure.

Particularly in the Middle East, the experience of the endless tragedies brought by the repression of the Arab Spring should remind us what is at stake and what risks are facing people in the streets. The fear of being dragged into broader geopolitical regional conflicts, and so annihilated in the warfare as it happened in Syria, is

tangible among protesters in Lebanon and Iraq.

Ahmed Alaa writes: "In multiple waves of uprisings from 2011 until today in the 2019 Revolution, people have tried to express their needs by raising the slogan saying "We want a homeland that respects us!". That demand was simple and honest, but at the same time it was directly striking the political class in Iraq, so they tried in all ways to distort and re-link it with the hubs of the international conflict, using media propaganda against demonstrators, human rights defenders and journalists."

Finally, we must not forget that social movements and protesters do not only struggle against neo-liberal institutions and their concentrated power and resources, but are also confronted by the competition of far-right populism, the "nationalist international", which today appears to be a far more structured, and thus credible, alternative to the neo-liberal paradigm. "In many cases", says **Sally Burch**, "protests confront a right-wing/fundamentalist backlash, with a fascist and racist discourse and ample media resources that the people's movements lack the means to adequately counteract."

In his article in the magazine The Nation, John Feffer further observes that "the populist right has a vision of the future it wants. This vision may be intolerant, exclusionary, and backward-looking, but it is presented as a strong, nationalist alternative to the current more-or-less liberal status quo. At a transnational level, in other words, the far right has not only declared that "another world is possible"; it is busy building that world."

Despite all of this, revolutionary movements emerged in 2019 are still growing and challenging the neo-liberal system and the far-right backlash. They are showing that another world is indeed possible, a more progressive, inclusive and just one. We cherish the hope they represent and support peoples' struggle for freedom and systemic change. As **Aaron Ceradoy** puts it, "the struggle may be tough and the road to change may be wrong. But every march, every protest, every resistance and every positive action for solidarity, is a step towards the change we all want.". •



JAHALIN SOLIDARIIY (ISRAEL AND PALESTINE) CAMPAIONS IN DEFENCE OF THE ANCESTRAL RIGHTS OF BEDUIN COMMUNITIES IN THE PALESTINIAN DESERT, INCLUDING THIS ELDER WHO IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 110 TO 118 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS BORN BETWEEN 1902 – 1910, AND SHE HAS WITNESSED THE OCCUPATION OF THE OTTOMANS, THE BRITISH, THE JORDANIANS AND THE ISRAELIS. SHE IS CURRENTLY A REFUGEE, LIVING IN SATEH AL BAHR BEDOUIN COMMUNITY - AN AREA THAT IS THREATENED BY ISRAELI DECLARATION OF IT AS A FIRING ZONE.



















- Participants at PANAP regional workshop on land grabbing in the Mekong region. Bago, Myanmar, 12-14 August 2019.
- Aruna Shantha Nonis, project coordinator of Born To Win Relationships, is actively involved for a campaign towards regime change in Sri Lanka during the last Presidential Election held in 17th Nov 2019.
- Attentive audience at the Peoples' Tribunal on the active role assumed by the Israeli state in the militarization of Mexico, organised by Stop The Wall Campaign. Mexico City, 9 April 2019.
- Carlos Vicente of bilaterals.org speaking during the People's Summit in Chile, December 2019.
- Nancy Brehm, from Uruguay, participating at the Workshop on Climate Justice Advocacy arranged by WSCF-LAC. October 1-3 2019.

- . Wissam Chaseb (Iraq), Mariana Gómez Soto (Yes to Life, No To Mining - Colombia), Noelia Figueroa (Argentina), and Aaron Ceradoy (Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants - Hong Kong) speak on a panel on success stories from social movements during the Norwegian Social Forum's "From Crisis to Change" event in Oslo, Sept 2019.
- Prof. Jane Kesley discussing data politics at global trade agreements during the Workshop on Equity and Social Justice in a Digital World held from 25th to 27th March, 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand
- Participants at the "Antimilitarism in Movement" international conference, which took place in July 2019 in Bogota, Colombia, gather for a group picture.
- R.P. Koloti Tsobotsi, from Anglican Church of Southern Africa, presenting on networking and membership growth at the gathering of the African chapter of Churches Witnessing With Migrants (CWWM) in Nairobi, Kenya.

WHO WE ARE

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- support network-building processes,

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In late 2019, Salman was arbitrarily arrested by Iraqi authorities for his human rights work, a case that attracted the attention of among others the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. Salman has since been released from custody.

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