

Statement to the Participants of the World Social Forum 2024:

On behalf of CIDH AFRICA, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the organizers of the World Social Forum for the tremendous success of this event. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Nepalese population and the organizers for their warm hospitality throughout the forum.

As an organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights, we believe it is imperative for states in Africa and Asia to actively promote and protect the values of human rights. This includes making the respect of the international declaration of human rights a top priority.

Furthermore, it is crucial for states to uphold the fundamental rights of their citizens, such as the right to freedom of assembly and association, as well as the right to freedom of expression. Additionally, the rights of human rights defenders and journalists must be safeguarded, as they play a vital role in advocating for justice and accountability.

In the context of migration, it is essential that states respect the rights of migrants and ensure their access to economic, social, and cultural rights. This includes paying special attention to the rights of vulnerable women and children during their journey.

Moreover, states should implement credible strategies to combat climate change and work towards the achievement of sustainable development goals. The preservation of our planet and the well-being of future generations depend on collective and decisive action in this regard.

Turning our attention to Africa, it is imperative that African states and actors unite in their efforts to combat armed groups in the Sahel and Sahara regions. These groups pose a significant threat to peace, stability, and the enjoyment of human rights in the affected areas.

To address this issue effectively, we call upon the African Union and the United Nations to implement comprehensive strategies for the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of armed groups in the Sahel and Sahara. Such measures are crucial in establishing lasting peace and ensuring the protection of human rights for all individuals in these regions.

CIDH AFRICA has taken a strong stance in support of the Palestinian people in their struggle to pursuit of justice and peace. Recognizing the ongoing conflict and the suffering it has caused, CIDH AFRICA firmly advocates for the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian population. In light of the escalating violence and loss of innocent lives, CIDH AFRICA urgently calls for an immediate cease-fire to halt the hostilities. By urging all parties involved to lay down their arms and engage in dialogue.

In conclusion, CIDH AFRICA reiterates its appreciation for the successful organization of the World Social Forum and extends its gratitude to the people of Nepal and the organizers for their warm welcome. We remain committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to promote and protect human rights in Africa, Asia, and beyond.

Activities that CIDH AFRICA has organized in this WSF

1. Human Rights and the rule of Law. date 16.02.2024 Place Ratna Campus –Block B N 31.
2. Xenophobia, Slavery and Trafficking Date 17.02.2024 Place Nepal Law Campus N A102.
3. Climate Crisis and The implementation of SDGs .

Signatory Organization

* 1. Human Right First.
  2. Integrated Center of Trade Union. 3- BSD and Education for society

4- KIDC

Best Regards

Done on 19.02.2024. Kathmandu. Nepal Naji Moulay Lahsen

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