



# Networks and social movements around the world assess the impact of financial crisis over Democracy and Cooperation

**Representatives of Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa will share their experiences during the V International Forum for Democracy and Cooperation. The Spanish Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Soraya Rodríguez, will attend to inauguration session**

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June, the city of Cáceres in Extremadura (Spain) will host the fifth edition of Democracy and Cooperation International Forum, a space of encounter and dialogue between social networks from Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Representatives of this networks have been summoned to exchange views, analysis, experiences and plans of action around four themes: **Democracy, Development, Human Rights and International Cooperation.**

The V Forum "takes collective responsibility to participate in the ethical process, technical, economic, cultural and political demands of the structural change North / South relations." In this context, one of the most important objectives of this meeting is to strengthen joint strategies, networks and social movements to achieve political influence in the decision-making, both in Spain and European Union, and also in multilateral institutions and South countries.

The official opening ceremony will be held on Monday 28 and it will be integrated by two tables: one of them with representatives of the Forum and, other, with Network and other institutional representatives.

In the first table will participate Juan Carmelo Garcia, president of IEPALA, in his condition as Executive Secretary of the FICD, Norma Castañeda, Latin American Association of Development Organizations (ALOP) on behalf of CIS (the International Monitoring Committee) and Latin America FIDC Caribbean and Taoufik Ben Abdallah, representing of CIS FIDC Africa.

The panel will be composed of institutional representatives: the Secretary of State for Cooperation, Soraya Rodriguez, the president of Extremadura Joint, Guillermo Fernández Vara, the President of the Cáceres County Council, Juan Andrés Tovar Mena, the mayor of Cáceres, Carmen Heras, and the president of AUPEX (Adult Education Association of Extremadura), Francisco Martos.

The program will start the analysis and discussion with the keynote speech "The global crisis and its impacts", pronounced by the eminent professor and economist, Samir Amin, renowned researcher and theorist who has devoted much of his work to study relations and differences between developed and underdeveloped countries and the role of States in these countries, mainly to the origins of these differences, which would be in the very foundations of capitalism and globalization.

Samir Amin is also chairman of the World Forum for Alternatives will hold its annual edition, celebrated in confluence and simultaneously to the V FIDC in the city of Cáceres.

To view the complete program of **V International Forum for Democracy and Cooperation**, their



follow-up and direct their development can be found the official website of <http://fidc.gloobal.net/> forum. Similarly, to attend the Forum, registration can be formalized through the web.

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