**FORUM CONNECT SESSION4  April 27 - 2021**

**QUESTIONS "a dialogue between activists from social movements about**  
WSF"

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How do you think that social movements have benefitted from the WSF? Anypersonal experience to share?

What does a movement need from interaction with other movements?.

One of the announced functions of the WSF is encounters for articulation for effective actions. How is this taking place ?

What are the political and mobilizational issues you see about the WSF?.

What are the manifestations of neoliberalism in your region ? How are they being tackled?

Do you have concerns regarding the WSF that are unaddressed ?

How can the WSF space be relevant to a social movement ?

How do some social movements intend to contribute to the implementation and evolution of the WSF process?

What are the implementation elements of the WSF that are important to social movements?

What is your vision for the WSF?

How can the WSF reinforce its potential ?

What are your suggestions for next sessions/methodology of the FORUMCONNECT series ?

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