INTEGRAL VISION OF A SOCIO-ECONOMY OF SOLIDARITY

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INTEGRAL APPROACH

- MICRO – CORE (COEUR): Human Being (I-and-We): to overcome alienation PHYSICAL-INTELLECTUAL-MENTAL-SPRITUAL REVOLUTION – LOCAL Reference

- MESO - SOCIALIZATION: to overcome subordination, domination and exploitation FROM SOCIAL REFORMS (EVOLUTION) TO CULTURAL-INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION

- MACRO – PLANETIZATION: to overcome imperial domination FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL REVOLUTION

= SOLIDARITY-BASED SOCIOECONOMY as an INTEGRAL, ORGANIC SYSTEM
STRATEGY 1
RESEARCH – CRITIQUE – RESISTANCE

AN UNSUSTAINABLE WORLD IS IMPOSSIBLE!

COMPETITIVE GLOBALIZATION IS BEING REPLACED WITH:
• OLIGOPOLY AND THE TOTAL MARKET
• A NEW IMPERIAL PROJECT OF AMERIKA

MULTIFRONT IMPERIAL OFFENSIVE: HURRICANE OF NEOLIBERAL GLOBALIZATION

TRANSVERSAL AXIS: THE MANIQUEISTIC CULTURE OF UNIDIMENSIONAL THOUGHT AND ANTI-TERROR. PAN-MERCANTILISM AND THE DOGMA OF FREE TRADE AND THE SELF-REGULATED MARKET.

CURRENT OUTCOMES:
• SOVEREIGNTY STRANGLED;
• DEMOCRACY DISTORTED;
• POSSIBILITY OF A PEOPLE-MANAGED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ELIMINATED.
HURRICANE OF NEOLIBERAL GLOBALIZATION

1. PROFOUND SOCIAL INEQUALITY: growth with unemployment (global)– obstacles to human globalization (migrations S-N) - exclusion

2. EXTERNAL VULNERABILITY:
   i. VICIOUS CIRCLE OF UNPAYABLE FINANCIAL DEBT (over against social and ecological debt)
   ii. IMF-WB GRIP OVER MACROECONOMIC POLICY – SAPs – “STATE REFORM”
   iii. GROWING PRESENCE OF FOREIGN CAPITAL
   iv. PRIVATIZATION WITH DENATIONALIZATION
   v. TRADE LIBERALIZATION (WTO, FTAA NEGOTIATIONS...)

3. MILITARIZATION.
STRATEGY 2

CONCEIVING DEEP REFORMS AND PRESSURING FOR THEM

REFORMS THAT PREPARE THE WAY FOR MUTATION

FROM CONTINUOUS CRITIQUE TO ELABORATION OF REFORMATION PATHS WITHIN THE DOMINANT SYSTEM

PRESSURE ON CENTERS OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER FOR NEW POLICIES AND PRACTICES – Regulations – SSE promotion policies

WORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROPOSALS AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL
STRATEGY 3
CREATING THE NEW SYSTEM FROM INSIDE THE OLD

SSE FIELDS OF RESEARCH, ACTION AND EVALUATION

IV. HUMAN/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (Person-economy-society-environment)

V. ETHICS – (Principles, regulations and controls to achieve goals)

VI. DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE (decision-making - management - interconnection Micro-meso-macro levels of governance)
I - HUMAN-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**INTEGRAL** approach to the
H. BEING –
- Doing-Having-Being
- Thinking-Feeling-Acting
- Science-Art-Economy

**INTEGRAL** approach to **Consumption-Production-Finance-Exchange** SYSTEMS
- Material
- Immaterial

**INTEGRAL** approach to **WEALTH** – much broader than just material

**INTEGRAL** approach to **GENDER**
II – ETHICS OF SOLIDARITY

- Building a Culture of ABUNDANCE/ENOUGH versus Scarcity
- Responsibility for the WHOLE, not only the part: Rights and responsibilities
- Equitable trade for CONSIDERATE OR CARING consumption
- SOLIDARITY: a community of destiny among ourselves and with the environment.
III - DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

SOLIDARITY-BASED DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE implies:

- **SUBSIDIARITY**
  - MICRO (family-community-enterprise),
  - MESO (networks),
  - MACRO (government and Intl agencies)

- **SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND POWER** to take decisions:

- **EMPOWERMENT** (Building power from within): PRAXIS EDUCATION FOR SELF-RELIANCE AND SOLIDARITY

- **SOCIALLY-AGREED RULES AND PROCEDURES** aimed at regulating the exchanges between people, society and ecosystems.

- **BROAD CONSENSUS** based on A SHARED VISION to be built in GRASSROOTS LEVEL ASSEMBLIES.

- **THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE.**
SSE: POLITICAL DEMOCRACY IS FREEDOM

DEMOCRACY IS RELATED TO THE DEGREE OF SUBSTANTIAL FREEDOMS ACHIEVED BY SOCIETY:

POLITICAL FREEDOMS:

- OPINION AND DECISION MAKING: OVERCOMING HIERARCHY
- VOTE (NOT AS A BLANK CHECK): ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
- INFORMATION-COMMUNICATION: DISCERNMENT, DIALOGUE
- PERIODIC ASSESSMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES
- OTHER CIVIC EXPRESSIONS: PEOPLE’S ASSEMBLIES, PLEBISCITES, REFERENDUMS, …
- CIVIL SOCIETY EMPOWERED TO BE THE MAIN AGENT OF DEVELOPMENT – STATE AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO SERVE HUMAN-SOCIAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS.
SSE: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY IS FREEDOM

- **ECONOMIC FREEDOMS:**
  - GUARANTEE OF SURVIVAL AND SECURITY
  - RIGHT TO OWN AND MANAGE PRODUCTIVE ASSETS IN PROPORTION TO WORK
  - TIME AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP UPPER HUMAN POTENTIALS
  - EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO RESOURCES, LAND, CREDIT, PURCHASING POWER.
  - MONEY CREATED BY THE PEOPLE UNDER PEOPLE’S CONTROL BY THE PEOPLE
  - NATIONAL FINANCIAL SOVEREIGNTY – CONDITION FOR SOVEREIGN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SSE: CULTURAL DEMOCRACY IS FREEDOM

• CULTURAL FREEDOMS:
  • PLURALITY: RESPECT UNIQUENESS OF EACH PERSON, COMMUNITY, PEOPLE
  • CO-RESPONSIBILITY IN PROPORTION TO EACH AGENT’S POWER: MAXIMIZE COMPLEMENTARITY TO ACHIEVE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WELL BEING FOR ALL HUMANS AND ALL FORMS OF LIFE
  • SOLIDARITY: DEVELOP FLEXIBLE, CREATIVE FORMS OF BUILDING UNITY IN DIVERSITY
SSE: INTEGRAL EFFICIENCY...

SSE STRIVES FOR INTEGRAL EFFICIENCY:

- DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN ORDER TO INCREASE CONTINUALLY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FREEDOMS
- ECONOMIC AGENTS (family, community, enterprise, State) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR UNIT AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFICACY OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM (INTEGRAL BENEFITS AND FULL COSTS).
...AND INTEGRAL INDICATORS

SSE INDICATORS

- HELP BUILD A VISION OF SSE AS AN INTEGRAL NEW SYSTEM
- HELP MAKE VISIBLE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL RESULTS OF SSE ACTIVITIES
- SUPPORT THE DIALOGUE WITH VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
- STRENGTHEN INTERNAL DYNAMICS AND SSE CAPACITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH EXTERNAL AGENTS.