



## **SYMPOSIUM : HOMMAGE A SAMIR AMIN**

*La gestion de la crise multidimensionnelle du système mondial: réponses africaines*

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**Dakar, Sénégal, 18-20 décembre 2019 / Dakar, Senegal, December 18-20, 2019**

## **INVITATION**

### **DEAR FRIEND AND COMRADE,**

The Third World Forum (TWF) and World Forum for Alternatives (WFA) plan to hold an international symposium in Dakar from 18 to 20 December 2019 to pay tribute to Professor Samir Amin, who passed away on 12 August 2018 in Paris.

This will be done in association with organizations and institutions in which Samir participated in their foundation (CODESRIA, ENDA, IDEP). Your commitment to participate in the event will be important.

The choice of the theme was guided by the following criteria: a) It must be a general theme that falls within one of the major themes that have been at the centre of Samir Amin's intellectual struggle; (b) it must be multidimensional in order to allow political, economic, social, security or even cultural sub-themes to be discussed; c) it must be relevant and enable a focus on alternatives; d) It should enable African intellectuals to discuss their responsibility in the struggle against the vulnerability and fragility of nations and inter-state organizations.

In the light of these criteria, the following general theme has been adopted:

### **"Managing the Multidimensional Crisis of the Global System: African Responses".**

This theme should make it possible to express a plurality of opinions on the various aspects of the crisis of the system and to explore possible solutions, from the point of view of Africans in conformity with the thought and political struggle of Samir Amin.

### **Sub-Themes Proposals**

The Scientific Committee (CS), inspired by the themes contained in the Bamako Appeal, the December 2016 seminar on Sovereignty and other sources, has selected the following ten themes:

- 1) For a multipolar global system, based on peace, law and negotiation
- 2) The governance of globalization:
- 3) Ensuring the sovereignty of peoples over natural resources
- 4) Sovereignty and nation-state
- 5) New forms of regionalization and South-South cooperation
- 6) Structural transformation and the role of economic and social actors

- 7) African Conflicts and Security
- 8) Eradicating all forms of exploitation, oppression and alienation of women
- 9) The challenges of the knowledge society and information and communication technologies
- 10) The migration crisis.

### **Press conference**

A press conference to inform national and international opinion on Tuesday 06/08/19 at ENDA headquarters; it hosted representatives from 15 television stations and 30 newspapers.

### **Location of the symposium**

The date of the Symposium has been confirmed: 18-19-20 December 2019. The venue will be at UCAD 2 at Cheikh Anta Diop University. This will be a way of associating UCAD more closely with the tribute to the memory of Prof. Samir Amin. It is the ideal place to mobilize the students and to encourage them to know more of the work of Pr. Samir Amin.

### **The format of the Symposium:**

- 1) Opening Ceremony + Inaugural Conference for the first day
- 3) Presentations and debates on the communications retained during the 3 days
- 4) Permanent exhibition during the 3 days of the Symposium
- 5) Two screenings, at least of the documentary film "Samir Amin, the organic internationalist" produced by Aziz Salmone Fall of Canada.

Given our very limited means, I ask the members of the network who can pay (or their sponsor) for transportation and stay, to let us know. Similarly, people who want a shorter and more personal invitation for their institution or sponsor can let us know.

Please reply before 06 September 2019 and send us the SUMMARY (one page) of your communication if you wish to do so.

**Best regards,**

**Dakar, August 20 / 2019**

**On behalf of the organizing  
committee**

