

JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE CNO, STO, AND CGLTE-OA

The National Organizing Coordination (CNO), the Technical Organizing Secretariat (STO) of the Cotonou World Social Forum 2026, and the Global Convergence of Struggles for Land, Water, and Peasant Seeds - West Africa (CGLTE-OA) express their warmest and most sincere thanks to:

- The Beninese Government for authorizing and supporting the organization of the Forum in Benin, thereby honoring the trust placed in Benin by the international community,
- The entire world, particularly the International Council (IC) of the World Social Forum, for the opportunity to host its 17th edition in Africa,
- The delegations from the 108 countries represented at this edition,
- Social movements, Civil Society Organizations, traditional and religious leaders, men, women, youth, peasants, farmers, people with disabilities...
- Every citizen committed to change,
- All men and women from national, regional, and international media,
- All volunteers who assisted with the practical organization of this global event,
- Etc.

Thanks to your various contributions, we made the Cotonou WSF 2026 what it was: a gathering of global citizens, a crossroads of intercultural and intergenerational exchange. Once again, we thank you.

We are deeply touched by your various words of encouragement and congratulations, as well as your dissatisfaction and complaints, which will help us improve.

Let us join hands for a more just, sustainable, and united world. Another world is indeed possible. Together, let us build it!

Done in Abomey-Calavi, on August 11, 2026

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