



Conference on Formal Consensus and Nonviolent Social Change

November 24 - December 1, 2006 - Lagos, Nigeria

Volunteers with Food Not Bombs and Indymedia will host the 2006 African Conference on Formal Consensus and Nonviolent Social Change. Community activists from all across Africa are invited to Lagos, Nigeria to study the democratic decision making process of Formal Consensus and share strategies and techniques for nonviolent solutions to Africa's social problems. Africa is on the verge of an exciting new era of social transformation. Nonviolent horizontal structures of grassroots community development have caught the attention of Africans of every social class. The conference will have workshops on many subjects like Formal Consensus, women's empowerment, vegetarian cooking, Bikes Not Bombs, community medicine, FM radio broadcasting and web-based community organizing. The week long conference has the support of many African organizations and prominent people including the National Association of Nigerian Students, The Nigerian Network of NGOs, the Association For Women's Rights in Development, Alesa Elemes Elder Igwe Ejireyi, the musician Charly Boy, Nigerian Senator Adeseye Ogunlewe and The Special Assistant to the President On Food Security Mrs. M. Oluwatoyin Adunji. Food Not Bombs co-founders C.T. Lawrence Butler and Keith McHenry will be among the facilitators at the conference. Mr. Butler will teach a comprehensive workshop on Formal Consensus based on his book *On Conflict and Consensus*. Food Not Bombs chapters from Ibadan, Owerri, Jos, Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, and Calabar are eager to help coordinate the logistics for food, housing and West African outreach.

This conference was proposed in March 2006 by Food Not Bombs organizers in Nigeria and some Indymedia activists from Africa and the US. West Africans are on the threshold of an exciting new era and your support of this groundbreaking event can make a difference. The 2006 African Conference on Formal Consensus and Nonviolent Social Change will set a solid foundation for this bright future for Africa.

To help us organize the 2006 African Conference on Formal Consensus and Nonviolent Social Change join this email list. There will be workshops in Formal Consensus, independent media and nonviolent social change.

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