

World Spirit Forum

An Historic Advance in Global Spirituality

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The third World Spirit Forum (WSF) gathering built upon the considerable momentum gained from the two prior annual meetings in Arosa. It reached a high plateau in what is now recognized as a rapidly growing worldwide movement toward a higher form of sustainable global culture based upon an awakened global consciousness and spirituality.

Participants deliberated on a focal document prepared by the WSF team. Especially noteworthy in this document is the insistence that "spirituality is the core essence of every person." It makes it clear that "our common purpose is to foster and weave together a world community living in peace." A striking keynote is the recognition that awakening global consciousness is a vital ingredient in addressing the urgent crises facing humanity, and in transforming the cultures that have generated them. The committed intention is to offer a platform upon which the spiritual community can meet on an annual basis in Arosa, for the purpose of defining and addressing world issues through the lens of spirituality.

In the continuing intense dialogue focused on the vital importance of awakened global spirituality for cultural sustainability and human flourishing, it is recognized that there is no simple or easy definition of "spirituality" in a global context, and perhaps none is possible or even desirable. There is a keen awareness that a focus on "spirit" and "spirituality" can be a real barrier in communicating to people across the planet who may confuse it with religion, spiritualism, utopian thinking, or who may hold a worldview that considers spirituality or consciousness irrelevant in addressing the urgent crises that threaten sustainability on the planet.

What is clearly emerging in the continuing conversation at WSF and in a growing range of kindred awakening dialogues around the planet is that authentic spirituality is a dynamic process of consciousness that brings us into deeper touch with our whole selves, with one another, with our diverse ecologies, the earth and the wider Kosmos. A signature of this global spirituality is an ever-deepening experience of connection and communion with life and all existence across the artificial borders and barriers of constricted ego-based cultures. Awakened global spirituality is not to be confused with localized worldviews, ideologies, or forms of religious life which separate us from our natural inter-connectivity and from community with all reality.

Indeed, this growing awareness is precisely what is igniting an unprecedented spiritual renaissance on a global scale. The World Spirit Forum and partners such as the World Wisdom Council recognize that emerging global consciousness is deeply rooted in the spectrum of our diverse wisdom traditions, and is being further confirmed through exciting developments at the frontiers of the sciences.

The collective wisdom of humanity recognizes that objective reality is an integral unified field of dynamic inter-connectivity which is also the common ground and generative source of our diverse worldviews, religions and perspectives. Global consciousness and spirituality is the open and awakened mentality that brings us in touch with this unifying force field wherein unity and diversity arise together. WSF is focused on this great awakening. We believe that it is our next evolutionary step in becoming integral, whole



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human beings in an awakened human species. It is in this sense that "spirituality" is the essence of being human.

This evolutionary development is of the highest importance. Our sustainability depends upon it. Our great wisdom traditions clearly teach that we co-create our living realities through the conduct of our consciousness; our worlds are mind-made. Ego-based cultures produce ego-mental worlds, while cultures based on integral and holistic mental patterns produce sustainable cultures within which whole human beings flourish together as one family sharing one sacred earth.

The WSF sees itself providing an ongoing venue to help facilitate, foster and accelerate a human renaissance in this unprecedented evolutionary moment.

After deep deliberations, stirring presentations and searching dialogues, a consensus emerged that affirmed the urgent need for an appropriate open and inclusive global forum to foster and amplify awakening global consciousness and its powerful potential as a transforming force for the common good. A major breakthrough at the gathering of one hundred twenty participants was the collective recognition that the World Spirit Forum is an ideal forum with the potential to fulfill these felt needs, and that no further "Parliament" would be desirable at this stage. This historic gathering ended on a high note of affirmation for the WSF and its vital role in embracing and serving the Arosa Declaration, which is intended to capture and affirm the spirit of global transformation.

Arosa Declaration*

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Be it resolved...

That we hereby affirm the WSF World Spirit Forum as an open growing global sacred space, a home for inclusive gathering in community as awakened whole human beings in celebration of our deep inter-connectivity and reverence for all life and our global human family sharing our sacred earth.

And hereby commit ourselves to joining in common cause to co-create an ever-expanding resonant energy field reaching across the planet through a holistic global design to facilitate the emergence of a growing critical mass of global citizens towards a new inclusive, compassionate and sustainable global culture for our mutual flourishing with our sacred earth.

**full declaration available at www.worldspiritforum.org*