

ANNEX 2

WSA Forum – A Program of the World Subud Association

*...to become instruments for receiving understanding
about the purpose of human life in this world...*

(Extract from Susila Budhi Dharma by Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, Chapter 19 Megatruh, verse 15).

Summary of the result of the Forum Team meeting held in Brighton, UK on the 23rd and 24th June 2010

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Vision: The FORUM envisions a just, sustainable, humane world based on inner and outer development at both the individual and global levels.

Mission: The FORUM's mission is to provide opportunities through both virtual and face-to-face interaction for dialogue and reflection among a diversity of human beings, on important challenges facing humankind. The ultimate goal of all Forum activity is to allow for synergetic ideas to develop that could contribute towards enabling our planet to survive and thrive.

Focus: This program will actively encourage Subud members to participate, though its primary focus will be on the world, not Subud per se. With humanity in the midst of major transformation, the FORUM is designed to bring together thoughtful individuals, representing a diversity of perspectives, from within Subud and the world at large, to discuss and develop ideas leading to a better future.

Views expressed by Subud members at any meetings or conferences or in any FORUM publication do not necessarily reflect the official positions of the World Subud Association.

Forum topics and practical actions

At World Congress, successful Forum events were held on **Science and Society, Global Governance and the U.N., Inter-religious and Inter-spiritual Dialogue, the New Economics, and Sustainability**. These continue to be of interest. Other emerging ones are **Human Justice, Human Rights-based Development and Human-Centred Education**. The topic of **Governance and Sustainable Development** is being explored in collaboration with the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP), with the Indonesian Province of Central Kalimantan as one example. Topics will be added if they have active champions among the Subud membership, address a current or emerging global concern, and seem likely to garner interest both within and beyond Subud. The FORUM Core Team and Coordinator will assist in developing ideas from a variety of sources.

Ideas on topics will be shared through both online exchanges and face-to-face meetings, where possible, within the context of Subud gatherings. Some would be for interested Subud members only, others would invite participation of individuals with backgrounds in the field, whether Subud members or not. Events outside of Subud gatherings are also anticipated.

In anticipation of this broader participation, an alternative title is under consideration. One possibility is **Forum for a Better World – A Program of the World Subud Association.**

A professionally edited electronic journal is being planned, as well as an on-line bulletin board for briefer exchanges. Quality guidelines for both events and journal articles will be put together and published. Trained individuals will be recruited to organize and facilitate meetings. The FORUM will also develop collaborative activities with the Subud wings and affiliate organizations.

The FORUM is a program of the WSA currently within External Relations brief, and as such receives some funding from the WSA. In addition funds are sought from other sources.

With the collaboration of the WSC, a pro-active program will be launched to raise awareness among Subud members and others. Although experts will be sought out wherever possible, the wisdom of all concerned people is welcome. The FORUM intends to create spaces and opportunities for individuals to share and refine such understandings in an attempt to be part of a positive transformation for the future, focusing in improving both the “en-vironment” and the “*in*-vironment”.

Organization:

At this time, the FORUM's Core Team includes Ruslan Feldman (coordinator), Sharifin Gardiner, Victor Margolin, Amalia Rasheed (WSA executive, ER coordinator), Frédéric Richard, Garrett Thomson, and Osanna Vaughn. Other Forum members include the leaders/champions of specific programs and initiatives of the Forum: Livingston Armytage, Solen Lees Gratiet, Bardolf Paul, Reinbrand Visman, and others that may emerge.

Members of a broader range of nationalities, cultures and age groups are being sought. Ruslan Feldman will serve as the Coordinator for an initial one-year period (September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011), and will follow up on all the decisions of the Core Team, carrying out all type of practical and administrative work. The Coordinator may also serve as initial journal editor. With an honorarium of US\$400/month, the Coordinator will be expected to work an average of ten hours per week.

The work to be carried out during this first year includes:

- Finding an Interfaith/Inter-spiritual “champion” to work with Amalia Rasheed to liaise with the Hawaii 2011 interfaith conference and other upcoming conferences of such organizations as the Council on Religions for Peace and the Parliament of the World’s Religions.
- Assisting as needed with the Forum’s Kalimantan Governance for Sustainable Development Conference, currently being planned in cooperation with the GHFP.
- Assist with planning for Subud’s participation in the Earth Summit of 2012.
- Help organize a FORUM youth-run event at the August 2010 British National Congress.
- Liaise with Fernando Fatah’s Education for Peace conference project in Mexico.
- Organize three (3) FORUM meetings in connection with Subud gatherings in the next 12 months.
- Develop an initial roster of Subud individuals with interests and backgrounds in the current FORUM topic areas.

- Prepare and implement a program of initial internal (Subud) and external promotion of the FORUM.
- Work with and assist topic-area “champions” to develop discussions for their respective topics.
- Solicit and edit articles for the initial journal issue, with a goal to publish one such journal issue in the first 12 months—in Spanish as well as English if funds permit.
- Oversee the development in Spanish and English of FORUM web pages as part of the WSA interactive website.
- Look for a professional editor for the FORUM journal.
- Recruit additional Core Team members, above all among younger Subud members and individuals worldwide, to come on in Year 2.
- Arrange and facilitate monthly phone conferences with the Core Team.
- Prepare and seek emergency funding for September through January from the GHFP of €2.000.
- Prepare a formal grant application of ca. €9.000 (less the emergency funds, above) for consideration by the GHFP Board at their January 2011 meeting, final draft due by November 30, 2010.

First-Year Budget Considerations (US\$):

• Web design and assistance:	\$ 500
• Coordinator honorarium:	4,800
• Programs at SBD gatherings:	1,000
• Translation – reports, website:	1,000
• Core Team meeting:	3,000
• Miscellaneous expenses:	<u>700</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$11,000</u>

Note: Any conference participation or support during this period—for instance, the Earth Summit or the Kalimantan Project—will have separate budgets and specially raised funds. All fundraising will take place in cooperation with the WSA executive.