

# 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

NANTES - FRANCE 30 JUNE - 3 JULY 2008

Nantes, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we would like to invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Human Rights, which will be held at the Nantes International Convention Centre (France), from Monday 30 June to Thursday 3 July 2008.

Launched in 2004, the Nantes Forum has aimed at creating or further strengthening the solidarity networks indispensable for the protection, respect for and implementation of human rights. The Forum has since come to represent a strong moment for all the actors in the field of human rights present on this occasion to meet together, have open dialogue and exchange knowledge and good practices. Politicians, academics, experts, members of international organisations, human rights activists, NGO leaders come from all over the world to attend the event (in 2006, 1200 delegates came over from 70 different countries). The Forum focuses in particular on the conditions of implementation of Human Rights at the local level, by and with local authorities.

The Nantes Forum is under the high patronage of Mister Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic. It is organised by the International Permanent Secretariat *Human Rights and Local Governments* Nantes – Western Loire region (France), and as received the full moral, political and financial support of the local authorities in Nantes and in the region. It also has the backing of the French Foreign Office, the International Organisation for the French-speaking communities and the French Caisse des Dépôts.

We are pleased to attach a general presentation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Human Rights (organisation, themes, selection process for the round tables...) together with the details for registration.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nantes for this major world event.



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