

TOWARDS A WORLD COOPERATION SYSTEM FOR TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

The International Meeting *Towards a World Cooperation System for Territorial Development* will take place in the KIP Pavilion on 24 October 2015.

In the Pavilion at Expo 2015, more than 50 excellent local development experiences carried out in over thirty countries have been presented one after another. All of them have demonstrated that the production and consumption of food based on the respect and promotion of local natural resources and cultural heritage can become the axis of sustainable and quality development.

These experiences owe their success not only to their roots in local traditions and to their innovative capabilities, but also to the collaboration between public, associative and private sectors that live and work on the same territory. They show that only starting from the basis and adopting methods of active involvement of all social actors, we can achieve a balanced and stable national and global development. In fact, they are rich of practical and reproducible solutions to the problems that have made the current development unsustainable: social disintegration, environmental degradation, and many others.

However, these experiences are being carried out in unfavorable contexts characterized by policies and approaches that go mostly in very different directions. Therefore, to make the participatory territorial development approach a strategic instrument for change, it is necessary to extend the basic collaboration networks and, especially, to convince more governments, international organizations, banks and the private sector this is an appropriate way also for them.

The objective of the Meeting of October is to discuss on a strategy that is oriented to this direction. The idea is to work as long as necessary to create a World Cooperation System for Territorial Development. Resources are already there. It would be enough to make better use at least part of the 150 billion dollars that international cooperation disperses in thousands of sectoral projects every year (agriculture, health, education, economy, childhood, small and medium enterprises, etc.), each of which goes in its direction and does not cause effective impact on the problems concern people.

In particular, it would be enough to use better the ordinary funds for development which are often attributed today to centralized, fragmentary and not very effective interventions, at least in part. The core idea is illustrated in the attached Manifesto of KIP Pavilion Partners, which contains various subjects in favor of this kind of democratic revolution of development and cooperation.



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The World System is a very ambitious target, because, for the first time, the available ordinary and cooperation resources would finance regularly the comprehensive development (ie in all areas) of local communities in different countries that adopt participatory and inclusive economic methods and want to connect with each other. Governments and other supporters would encourage local development actors to cooperate with one another to manifest all their capabilities, rather than to compete in races, causing exclusion and fragmentation. For the first time, local actors would support each other and unite their efforts to enhance the best they have: nature, human capabilities and cultural heritage of their territories, the first of which is related to food.

This ambitious objective can be achieved step by step, leaving the time to construct a political consensus and necessary technical instruments.

The first step will be accomplished by constituting the initial nucleus of an International Group for Territorial Development during the Meeting of October. This Group will be assigned the task of continuing the reflection on the subjects, formulating a Pilot Cooperation Program for Territorial Development and, if necessary, dialoguing with potential supporters. KIP Pavilion will deliver all the assets accumulated during the Expo to this Group.

If the International Group is able to obtain funds for the Pilot Program from governmental organizations of cooperation, foundations, the private sector, banks and other supporters, it is proper to open an extended period of reflection and experimentation. After that, it will be possible to establish and disseminate the good results of the experiences of territorial development, to deepen the reflection on the goals and methods of development and to arrive to the formulation of a World Cooperation System for Territorial Development.

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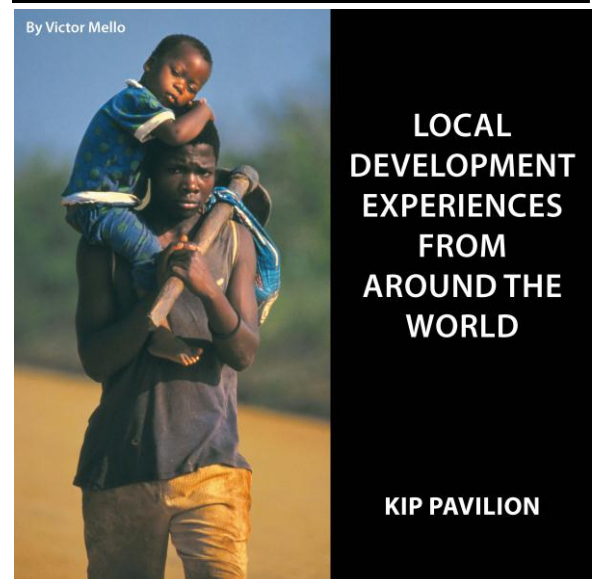
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