

# The New World

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Nairobi's shantytown

## Shantytown of Nairobi

The World Social Forum opened on 20<sup>th</sup> January and it closed on 25<sup>th</sup>. It was the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of WSF and it was the first time WSF has taken place in Africa.

The principal place of demonstration of WSF 2007 took place in Kasarni 10 km away from Nairobi. It was the first time in Africa because this country is concerned with the consequences of globalization, but it was often absent at the previous forum without means.

860 millions people suffer from hunger, 30 million people have died because of starvation and these people are mostly farmers so they live on their lands.

A lot of celebrities have participated, for example : Kenneth Kounda (the first President of Zambia), Mary Robinson, Aminata Traoé, Olivier Besancenot and José Bové.

Five subjects have been identified : long term development and democracy, Druid of people, variety and legality, Media, culture and hegemony, Politics power and relationships with civilian society and democracy, World democratic order, militarization and pay.

The number hasn't been, 100,000 walkers on the 80 000 participants it's because of the difficulty of transport, the expenses were much higher for the people. This forum hasn't got the audience of the previous editions in Bombay (India), Caracas (Venezuela) or Porto Alegre (Brazil).