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## Invitation to AMARC 10

the Tenth World Conference of Community Radio Broadcasters  
8 to 13 November 2010, La Plata, Argentina

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Board of Directors of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), I am pleased to invite you to join us for the 10th World Conference of Community Radio Broadcasters. AMARC 10 will be held from 8 to 13 November 2010 in Ciudad de la Plata, in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

AMARC 10 will be hosted by community radio members of AMARC Argentina who have come together to welcome the first global conference of AMARC to be held in South America, the region in which community radio was born over 60 years ago. Argentina and the Latin America & Caribbean region have been characterized by dynamic social change in recent years and have much experience to share with our international movement.

AMARC 10 will bring together more than 400 community broadcasters and stakeholders from over 100 countries in all regions of the world. It will be a place to reflect on the growth of community media worldwide and to respond, through international solidarity, to the challenges that we continue to face in creating new forms of popular communication.

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The AMARC10 conference will include, among other issues, sharing of good practice in community media; advocacy to improve media policies, laws and regulations; joint action through community media for social justice, gender equity and a sustainable planet; knowledge sharing on the use of new communication tools and technologies; strategies to empower and support communities faced with conflict, emergency and disaster.

AMARC 10 will be an open and participatory event in which we come together to share our ideas, knowledge and culture. We invite you to contribute by proposing activities, presentations, workshops, demonstrations and performances that can enrich our experience and ensure our global gathering reflects the diversity of our movement.

For further information, regular updates and registration, please visit the AMARC 10 Conference website at: <http://amarc10.amarc.org> or contact [secretariat@si.amarc.org](mailto:secretariat@si.amarc.org)

Warm regards,

**Steve Buckley**  
Président de l'AMARC

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# News from the World Social Forum

On the 9th World Conference of radio Broadcasters, in Amman, Jordan, in November 2006, as part of their effort to empower the relations with the social movements, the members of AMARC defined as a priority the World Social forum and the social movements' activities.

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## **The Year of the 10th Anniversary of the World Social Forum**

From January 25-29 in Porto Alegre, Brasil, there was the celebration of the 10 years of the World Social Forum with the International Seminar "Ten Years After: Challenges and proposals for Another World to be Possible". There was also the International Youth Camp and the First exhibition of Solidarity Economy. To see the photographs visit: : [http://www.agenciapulsar.org/coberturas\\_det2.php?id=72](http://www.agenciapulsar.org/coberturas_det2.php?id=72)

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## **World Social Forum in Japan**

The city of Tokyo received in January 24th one of the first events of the 2010 WSF process. Participants came in groups of two or three from early morning on, finally amounting to approximately 300. The fourteen workshops covered biodiversity, food security, financial crisis, currency transaction tax, public services, public contract ordinances, food sovereignty, agriculture, free trade, climate change, gender, Middle-East, capitalism, poverty, have-nots, labor, union movements, migrants, Security Treaty and Okinawa, peace and media.

The Tokyo Social Forum with a main slogan of "Get together, Talk, and Go! - Another World is Possible!" ended successfully. The Tokyo Social Forum was followed by the Osaka Social Forum in March 21st-22nd 2010. More info: <http://tokyo.socialforum.jp/>.

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## **World Social Forum in Morocco**

The Forum on "Social Movements and the Social Forums" organized by FS Morocco and FS Maghreb took place from March 5th to 7th, 2010 in Bouznika, Morocco. Almost 700 participants took part to this event, representatives of 260 organizations, networks, trade unions and social movements of all the areas of Morocco; as well as an important international participation, representing more than 80 organizations and movements coming from about 30 countries from the Maghreb and Machrek area, Africa, Americas, Europe, South Asia and South-East Asia. The Bouznika Forum and "Open spaces" were also characterized by a strong representation of youth as well as a feminine participation of approximately 25%.

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## **Coming Activities for the WSF in 2010**

In the tenth anniversary of World Social Forum it's experiencing a new format.

This year, social movements and civil society organizations will organize all around the world their own forums to discuss alternatives to the civilization crisis. For the complete list of forthcoming events of the WSF in 2010 please go to: <http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br/dinamic.php?pagina=eventos%202010%20EN>

Next World Social Forum will be held in Dakar, Sénégal, January 2011. For further information's please visit: <http://www.dakar2011.org>

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# AMARC Women International Network Perspectives

The AMARC Women's International Network is a large assembly of women communicators working to ensure women's right to communicate through and within the community radio movement. To find out about other WIN programs and actions visit <http://www.win.amarc.org>

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## **AMARC-WIN celebrated March 8, highlighting women's leadership in natural disasters!**

The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters Women's International Network (AMARC-WIN) celebrated Women's international day with a World-wide Webcast from March 8th to March 31st dedicated to empower and celebrates women as agents of recovery. The Webcast presented themes dedicated to women and gender.

This year the theme focused in the role of women in leading their countries and communities towards recovery and long-term development after a natural disaster. Furthermore the AMARC-WIN proposed to mark the International Women Day by honoring Myriam Merlet, Magali Marcelin and Anne Marie Coriolan, founders of three of Haiti's most important advocacy organizations working on behalf of women and girls who perished during the Haiti earthquake on January

12th, 2010. Community radio producers from Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and Latin America and the Caribbean participated in this broadcast campaign.

The programs are available for download at <http://march8.amarc.org> We encourage community radios to rebroadcast the programs in their communities.

We invite you to join us next year in the seventh International AMARC WIN Women's Day broadcast Campaign in 2011!

## Women Making Airwaves for peace

### A cross cultural seminar on women's participation in climate change adaptation, disaster mitigation and peace building through community radio

by Bianca Miglioretto, Isis International.

*"After a young girl from an ethnic minority started to do radio programmes at Radio Purbanchal the people of her community started idolizing her and to date bring her fruits and other gifts," explained Kamala Kadel from the first women's radio in Nepal.*

*"Radiomost builds a bridge between the government and the villagers," Nazira Djuzupova from Kyrgystan.*

Thirty women community radio broadcasters from nine countries from mainly South and Central Asia gathered in Mysore, Karnataka, India to participate in the 6-day Women Making Airwaves for Peace (WMAF) seminar from February 13 – 18 2010.



Women Making Airwaves for Peace permitted experience sharing, skills sharing and radio productions. The participants were resource persons, trainers, trainees and radio journalists at the same time.

The themes shared include among others:

- Community Radio and Climate Change Adaptation
- Engendered Disaster Mitigation
- Engendered Peace Journalism
- Feminist Broadcasting
- Gender Equality Policy for Community Radio
- Digital Editing
- Interview techniques
- Radio Feature Production
- Radio Drama

Among the topics presented by the participants of WMAF were:

- Women Community Radio Journalists in post conflict Nepal
- The Response of Tribal women to Climate Change in North East India

- Radio Sahar's Role in Women's Empowerment in Herat, Afghanistan
- Integrating Women Citizen Journalists in radio programming

The radio programmes produced during the seminar consisted of a variety of creative radio formats such as radio features, story telling, radio drama, studio discussion and feature the experiences of women broadcasters from Afghanistan, Fiji, India, Kyrgystan, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka.

This was the third WMAF project organised by Isis International. While the pilot project took place in the Philippines the second and third WMAF seminar were organised in collaboration with AMARC-WIN Asia Pacific.

Most WMAF participants attended the 2nd AMARC Asia Pacific Regional Conference "Voices for a Sustainable and Sound Future" in Bangalore from February 20-23, 2010. More information about WMAF including the broadcasts will soon be available on the Isis International website. <http://www.isisinternational.org>.



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## Capacity Building through Community Radio

by Namrata Bali (SEWA Academy)

(Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) believes that communication plays a crucial role in disseminating the correct information to the poor women workers to give them a clear direction. Radio being the combination of low-cost and wide-reach is an ideal medium of communication in country like India. It was noticed that when women engaged in various occupations come together, an important learning and sharing process is initiated.

The exchange of information and experiences relating to their lives, struggles and achievements builds their capacities and sustainability. SEWA has been attempting to communicate this information to women and Radio SEWA, the Community Radio Service (CRS) took shape to fulfill this objective on 26th November, 2009.

The CRS happens to be the 49th community radio station of India and is dedicated to lead the grassroots women on the path of capacity building and sustainability. The Community Radio Service is operating for eight hours a day. The new programs are broadcast from 4 pm to 8 pm in the evening and are repeated the next day from 9 am to 1 pm in 38 vil-

lages near Manipur village of Sanand district in Gujarat at 90.4 megahertz FM.

The Community Radio Service broadcasts programs based on different themes like Folk music, Best wishes and special messages, Women interaction, Old people's experience, Children's programs are made for small children as

well for the teachers, mothers, parents, and they are followed by children programs in which we invite the children and have activity like sports, music entrainment, quiz, interactions and educational programs activities, Natural living, Dreams and ambitions of adolescent girls and boys to cover all age groups and gender.

SEWA has used community radio during natural and manmade disasters like floods, earthquake, epidemics etc. as a medium of network, a healer and a counselor to give them necessary information about government's actions, disaster management and how they can cope up with the calamity.

Radio SEWA is a team of grassroots women who have learnt the functions of operating a radio station and have achieved sustainability. CRS is for the villagers, by the villagers and focused on the needs of the villagers. The present CRS team is a group of non-professionals who have been trained through hands-on experience, trainings from groups like AMARC, VOICES and One World South Asia. The CRS team is imparted online training along with basic training on various radio functions. Regular sound recording, basic computer training and interaction with the com-



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munities, and assessing their needs helps in designing need based programs. The team is able to link two programs independently. The team learnt placing the IC recorder, organize the position of the interviewee and the microphone/ recorders along with using chain drive, CD etc.

The team finds solutions for technical problems and uses backups in case of emergencies. The team is able to produce its jingle; it has an understanding of musical instruments and their use for different songs.

This team of women is now planning, coordinating, taking interviews, recording, editing and working on every function of radio and is also giving training to other women and expanding it.

Community radio has proved to be a blessing for self-employed women living in interior and remote villages where there is no other medium of communication. At present 'Rudi No Radio' -SEWA radio has formed 21 audience cells, known as Shrota Mandals in Gujarati. The village people meet and discuss as well as listen to those popular programs. They have liked these programs and invite the radio team to do narrow casting. Poor, illiterate, self-employed women learn about values like Sarvadharm (all religions are equal) and communal harmony.

They learn about government schemes and reap the benefits of those schemes. The farmers learn to recognize good quality seeds and procurement at reasonable prices, controlling soil erosion and benefits of natural manure. They have realized the importance of education and are coming forward irrespective of their age. The villagers have learnt about solar power and are using it at their shops and homes and doing businesses with solar power. They have learnt about Ayurvedic treatment, traditional medicines and are using home remedies where doctors are not available.

Community radio has spread the information about HIV and AIDS and the villagers are now overcoming their misconceptions. Similarly, they are sharing their sexual problems with the doctors without hesitation. They maintain cleanliness and hygiene at homes and have gained knowledge on different subjects.

SEWA aims to extend the reach of CRS to the poor in more and more villages to create awareness, educate and mobilize women to participate in production of news, programs and disseminate it. It



wants to encourage women to become active promoters of the use of community radio and enhance their capacities in skills and capacity building.

At the same time policy makers must encourage women's participation in the digital economy and thus increase national capacity and achieve greater economic development and growth.

Capacity building can be widened in its scope by ferrying the voices of policy makers and the listeners and participants of community radio.

Participation of self-employed women in policy making is necessary in order to address their needs. Therefore, the programs produced with an holistic approach will reach all the people which has gender equality and ensures empowerment of women in an integrated way.

This CRS Station and the capacity building of our Community Radio team was possible with the support of AMARC and SDC.



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## **Spain: Award for Women Group of Radio Vallekas**

March 29th, 2010 – In the third year of the awards “Equality Spaces through Participation” of the Women Council of the Municipality of Madrid, the Women's Group of Radio Vallekas won the award in the category of Media. In this year the award winners were elected through web voting, electronic mails and phone calls.

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## **Support Women's Efforts in Disaster Prevention, Management, Relief and Rehabilitation and Highlight their Role as Active Agents of Recovery**

Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Landslides in Uganda. Cyclone in Fiji. Before these there was the 2004 tsunami that hit India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand; earthquakes in Pakistan in 2005 and in China in 2008. This illustrates that disasters occur in different places and among different populations.

However, there is one commonality: during and after the disasters, women and children suffer the most. Like armed conflicts, natural disasters are a threat to human security and can aggravate conflicts in fragile communities. Shortage of natural resources and absence of livelihood opportunities that result from natural disasters can also lead to violent conflicts and amplify gender inequalities.

Countless studies have proven that women are disproportionately affected by disasters. However, this continues to be ignored by governments, by multilateral agencies, by humanitarian organizations and NGOs involved in disaster management, relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Women's capacity as active agents of recovery from disasters need to be recognized. Yes, they are victims and survivors just like anyone else in communities hit by disasters. However, they can also take on leadership roles in leading their countries and communities towards recovery and long-term development.

Given the opportunity and necessary support, women can participate in assessing the damage and loss; organize medical, health and psychosocial services; coordinate aid distribution and ensure that the most needy are assisted.

They can also establish and maintain communication networks for survivors and their families as well as disaster management workers, among

many other crucial tasks. In many disasters in the past, women's groups have demonstrated that they are capable of performing such life-saving tasks. They have shown their potential to effectively and efficiently manage and mitigate the impact of disasters.

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders calls on all actors involved in the management, relief and rehabilitation efforts in Haiti, Chile, Fiji and all recent disasters to create enabling conditions and support women's full and equal participation in the broad range of work on natural disaster reduction, prevention, mitigation and preparedness.

We call on them to recognize women's agency, further build their capacity and enable them to have equal access to resources that are essential in disaster preparedness, mitigation and rehabilitation.

Through its extensive network, the GNWP commits to support all efforts that will enable women to fully perform their role as disaster managers and shapers of their long-term and sustainable community development.

The GNWP, a program partner of the International Civil Society Action Network. GNWP is a coalition of women's groups and other civil society organizations from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and West Asia that are directly involved in advocacy and action for the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888 & 1889 at the local, national, regional and international levels.

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# Amplifying the Voices of the Poor and the Excluded through Capacity Building, Social Campaigns and Network Development of Community Radios

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## Community Radio in Disaster Management: Supporting Community Radio In Haiti

AMARC, called on community radio broadcasters worldwide to rally in support of the people of Haiti, following the massive earthquake that has killed thousands of people and destroyed essential infrastructure.



AMARC conducted a first International mission in February to make an urgent assessment of the status of community broadcasting in the areas affected and mobilized resources and technical assistance in a second mission conducted in March that notably reestablished the broadcasting capacity of Radio Zetwal paysanne. For information on AMARC support to community radios and to the Haitian people please visit: [http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Haiti\\_solidarity\\_EN&l=EN&nosafe=0](http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Haiti_solidarity_EN&l=EN&nosafe=0)

Community media have a vital role to play in times of emergency and disaster. AMARC is working closely with SAKS (Sosyete Animasyon Kominikasyon Sosyal) and REFRAKA (Haiti Community Radio Women's Network) and the AMEKA (Association of Community Media of Haiti), are implementing an April-September reconstruction action plan to reestablish the capacity of Community Radios in Haiti.

SAKS works since 1992 helping communities to set-up their own radios, offers technical and policy support to grass roots organisations, NGOs and other social institutions and, promotes communication as a fundamental human right.

For further information on AMARC efforts in Haiti visit: <http://www.amarc.org/haiti>

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## Travel Notes of the First AMARC Mission to Haiti

The AMARC international support mission to community media in Haiti, started last Saturday January 23rd. Jane Regan and Francesco Diasio arrived to Santo Domingo the 23rd of January and immediately that night, with colleagues from Radio Santa Maria that belongs to the UDECA Network in Dominican Republic they went to Radio Enriquillo right in the border with Haiti.

The delegation arrived to Port au Prince on Sunday. There it could finally rejoin Sony Esteus, Director of SAKS and national representative of AMARC in Haiti and vice-president of AMARC. SAKS coordonnates the relief efforts to support 12 community radios operating in the zone affected by the earthquake.

The situation is difficult and the expectations of a reconstruction that some consider should last ten years may be accurate. The majority of the neighbourhoods have been destroyed and estimates fix on 800,000 the number of homeless and there are some 600 improvised refugee camps grouping those affected. Everything happens in the streets «the streets are the living room of the people» as goes with an old Haitian saying. This is more real than ever before, as even families whose houses are still standing, prefer to sleep in the street. Everything that happens does so in the streets, including radio because the journalists are scared of working in the studios.

Large media organisations are coordinating their efforts and seeking common ground for working in support to Haitian people: AMARC, International Media Support, Reporters without Borders, Internews... Support is on the ground but effectiveness is heavily dependent on collaboration to avoid overlapping efforts. The reconstruction of Haiti is not a 100 meters sprint but rather a marathon and we need to save energy for the challenges ahead and use it strategically.

For information on the first AMARC mission visit : [http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=haiti\\_solidarity\\_news](http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=haiti_solidarity_news)



# Travel Notes of the second AMARC Mission to Haiti

by Jim Ellinger AMARC/Austin Airwaves

I arrived at the PaP airport with my 300+ pounds of luggage. Gathering it up and getting it to the awaiting van was a bit of a challenge.



I was able to bum a little time from a nice Haitian/American Brooklynite who had wisely purchased a local DigiCell cell phone and wireless connection. Bandwidth is extremely limited here in rural Haiti, as is electricity and clean water, for that matter...

I have met with Ernesto, Sony, Jane and the fine staff at SAKS. All very positive and informative.

Trip with boxes lashed to roof of two wheel drive van out of

PaP into the mtns was an experience I will not forget. We stopped at the devastated Nat. Cathedral and Palace of Justice. Stunning destruction. Vast tent cities.

Rubble is everywhere. One district on a hill above the city seems to have been utterly destroyed. Roads are still one lane, debris filled. Still have to push power lines up over the van. Teams of exhausted workers wave hello.

Outside the city, the roads are winding steep and dangerous. One close call with an overloaded pickup careening down our side of the road. We did come upon a big rig that had flipped over.

Fondwa is a little village in a beautiful mountain valley with the ocean just to the north, and just to the south. It would appear that every structure in the area was destroyed.

The village center lost it's welcome center, clinic, sisters' house, orphanage and radio station and tower.

They did indeed build a new station bldg. Simplest wooden 2x4 and plywood construction. No windows, or even light or power when I arrived. Full of smashed equipment, US gov't surplus beans and goat poop.

Now there are two tables with all the radio equipment stacked up and laid out. Engineer was super efficient, getting things done in hours that would have taken me... well longer. I didn't bring quite enough mike and RCA cables, but he jerry rigged some.

All audio equipment has been tested and is good to go. I insisted that the key transmitting gear not be turned on until, well, at least until we have the tower and antenna up.

So, studio is enclosed, dry, secure and largely ready to go, say, 75% ready.

The tower has been a challenge as well. I found the 60 foot locally-fabricated tower collapsed on the ground between the collapsed welcome/community center and the collapsed clinic and radio station. Debris and trash everywhere.

As a result of efforts by Sony, a local tower crew was on site and disassembled some of the guy wires, anchoring points and sections. Much of the old tower is now scrap.

Four new holes were dug, rebar put in place and concrete poured for the eight guy wires that will hold the new six section, 60 foot tower in place. Two guys were anchoring point. The studio bldg is less than 30 feet from the tower, so the 100 ft of new coax I brought will be sufficient without any splicing with the old coax.

The two antennas are large and of commercial grade. Fortunately they appear undamaged. Both antenna will be used, using an equalizer/coupler. The PL to N adaptors we decided to bring will be used.

Weather has caused some delay. The first torrential rainstorm of the season hit the valley last night. Howling winds and crying baby goats most the night. Today a sea of mud.

Tower crew is to return tomorrow with the additional three sections of tower. Installation looks pretty straight ahead. I may even don my own climbing harness I brought and lend a hand.

Having a pro tower team and a pro audio/b-cast engineer here was the way to go. As I am always cautious to point out, I am not an engineer. But I could have wired up the station, tuned/tested the exciter and connected the length of the broadcast chain...eventually. These great guys attacked the project with enthusiasm and skill. I was (just) wise enough to stand by and let 'em at it.

All looks good for the Sunday Sign On.

But if the roads are blocked, or the weather goes to hell (a possibility, I am told) it may be a, um, soft sign up, with just a single antenna bay attached at 20-30 feet.

Sony and staff should be here Sunday.

All good in Fondwa.



## Radio Zetwal Peyisan. Fondwa. Haiti

by Ernesto Lamas

Radio Zetwal Peyisan is the name in creole meaning star of the peasants. It is 30 kilometres away from Port au Prince, what means almost two hours by land, through the cities of Carrefour and Leogane, that were at the center of the earthquake.

Surrounded by hills, planted fields and households of the town that goes by the name of Fondwa, where live 8000 people in the west of the Island.



Here as, everywhere in Haiti, radio is the principal communication tool. In spite of poverty, 80% of the households have a radio, much more than tv sets.

House computers are a luxury no one can afford in this community. There are hardly any fixed telephones and those with cellphones usually cannot afford the 25 dollars to buy the cards for some minutes credit.

On Sunday March 21st, 2010 at 13h13, local time Radio Zetwal Peyisan went back on the air. This was a key objective of the second mission of AMARC International in Haiti.

“This radio as well as all radios have a key role in democracy building in Haiti. They are the only media that speak our language, the creole.

Private radio have programmes only in foreign languages” were the words of Enel Beauliere director of the radio referring to French language.

It has to be highlighted that private commercial radios have programmes in French but almost all publicities are in creole, taking good care that it is the language the consumers use in everyday life.

## Supporting Chilean Community Radios

AMARC, expressed its solidarity with the people of Chile and its condolences to those who have lost family and friends in the earthquake of 27 February 2010. Steve Buckley, President of AMARC, said: “We are shocked to hear news of another devastating earthquake in the Americas. We stand ready to assist in any way possible.”

AMARC’s Latin America and Caribbean regional office (AMARC-ALC) is leading AMARC’s international response, working with AMARC’s country representative and members in Chile. Chile has an extensive network of community radio stations throughout the country many of which are members of AMARC. Most of the stations remain on air and are providing news and advice.

## Haitian Zetwal Radio is Back Broadcasting

The second international mission to Haiti of AMARC helped reestablish in the air Radyo Zetwal Peyisan, a community radio in Fondwa, near Leogane.

On 12 January the station was completely destroyed and its studios buried under concrete. On March 21st the objective of getting back on the air Zetwal CR was attained.

The second international mission to Haiti of AMARC, composed of Jim Ellinger, AMARC Vice President and Ernesto Lamas the Coordinator of AMARC Latin America & the Caribbean, brought solidarity donations of equipment and technical support to Radyo Zetwal Peyisan.

The inauguration ceremony counted on the participation of community radio representatives from Haiti, of SAKS, of the delegation of AMARC International, on local community representatives and of the ambassador of the Republic of Argentina José María Vasquez Ocampo that was very much interested by the activities of the radio.



## AMARC supported a first assessment on the situation of Community Radios in the disaster areas

Maria Pia Matta of Radio Tierra, Santiago, and Vice President of AMARC for the Latin America and Caribbean region, reported that the destruction had been greatest in the South of the country. The worst situation is in Concepción, in the Juan Fernandez Island, but most of all in the El Maule Region. Radio Tierra remains on the air in Santiago and is carrying updates on FM and the Internet. Four organisations belonging to AMARC Chile participated in building the report: Foro Ciudadano, Eco Comunicaciones, La Radioneta y Radio Tierra.

Natacha Gomez Barahona of La Radioneta and AMARC Country Representative, reported that community radios in Valparaiso and the surrounding region had not been badly affected but electricity supply had been unstable, hampering access to news media and communications. Within four



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days of the disaster a daily special broadcast 'Noticiero Ciudadano' was launched as a joint initiative of Radio Juan Gómez Millas, Radio Tierra, La Radioneta and ECO Comunicaciones, together with the cooperation of Radio Placeres, Radio El Encuentro, Radio la Ventana and journalists on the ground in the most affected zones. The programmes provide vital news and information to keep citizens informed of the public response to the disaster and to assist in obtaining access to aid and support.

Despite their vital role in humanitarian response to disaster, many community radio stations in Chile operate with very low power pending the enactment of the Community Radio Act which is currently under review by the Constitutional Court. The proposed law has many weaknesses but would at least set in place minimum standards to guarantee the right to communicate and to enable the establishment of community broadcasting services operated by civil society organisations. AMARC urges the new government of Sebastian Piñera to take immediate steps to expedite the passage of legislation that will enable, protect and encourage community broadcasting.

At the same time it also call for the threat of imprisonment or seizure of equipment that is contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1982 to be replaced with a regulatory framework for community broadcasting that is consistent with a democratic system of rights and international standards on freedom of expression. To see information on AMARC support to Chile's Community Radios visit: [http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Chile\\_solidarity\\_EN&l=EN&nosafe=0](http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Chile_solidarity_EN&l=EN&nosafe=0)



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## **Thirteenth edition of Radio Voice without Borders under the topic migrations**

On March 21st, for the thirteenth consecutive year the radio operators members of the AMARC take part in Radio Voices Without Frontiers (RVWF), a multilingual broadcast marathon against all forms of discrimination. This year we added the under-topic: world migrations. Produced and coordinated by the World Association of the Community Broadcasters (AMARC) in collaboration with the regional offices, producers and the community radio stations of everywhere in the world, the international broadcast celebrate the UN international day for the Elimination of racial discrimination.

Find this year radio programs and past editions on the following address <http://www.rvsf.amarc.org>. This year, broadcasting counted programs in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Nepalese and Indonesian. RVSF encourage access to radio by the minorities and most underprivileged, and encourages the local radio stations to reach new technologies and be heard in the whole world.

## **AMARC Africa VDF Project, Inforoutes Project**

The project "Femmes de parole d'Afrique francophone" has the objective of giving voice to African women from French speaking countries by contributing to reinforce their capacity and have necessary resources to empower them, on community radio management as well as in the radio production and broadcast at local and international level in the francophonie, with radio programmes from their perspectives.

Radios from Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire and Sénégal actively participate in the project by sending radio programmes for women and produced by women.

See: [http://africa.amarc.org/index.php?p=Plateforme\\_paroles\\_femmes&l=FR](http://africa.amarc.org/index.php?p=Plateforme_paroles_femmes&l=FR)

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# **The Struggle for the Recognition of Community Radio**

In the AMARC 9 World Conference, lack of legal recognition for Community Radio was considered the single most important barrier to the development of Community Radio as the third Tier of Communication

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## **Sénégal: The state support to CR !**

The support to te media of 300 000 000 FCFA was distributed by the end of 2009, and beginning of 2010. In April a last amount of 100 000 000 was distributed to beneficiaries, among them, community radios. More than 50 radios were involved.

This financial support was dormant since 2006. The lobbying of the URAC (organisation regroupant les radios communautaires sénégalaises) was succesful.

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## Freedom of Expression Rapporteur of CIHR Releases 2009 Report

The report 2009, of the Freedom of expression rapporteur of the Inter American commission of Human Rights analyses themes of great importance for community broadcasting that AMARC LAC has been discussing and proposing its observance in order to guarantee respect of communication rights.

It is of particular importance the analysis on pluralism, diversity and freedom of expression in chapter VI on freedom of expression and broadcast. The report highlights on community media: "On several occasions the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights and the special rapporteur have recognised that community media play a fundamental role in our region to facilitate the exercise by diverse sectors of freedom of expression and access to information. It is such a contribution that the State need to legally recognize and reserve parts of the spectrum for this type of media, as well as to establish equitable conditions for the access to licences that recognize the difference of non-commercial media."

AMARC LAC saluted this report of the rapporteur for it should be a framework for the establishment of regulations by the States that guarantee the reality of freedom of expression. The report can be read in the "All about CR" in the AMARC website at: [http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Articles\\_Reports&l=EN](http://www.amarc.org/index.php?p=Articles_Reports&l=EN)



## Honduras: Violations of Freedom of expression and murderers of journalists

After the Coup d'état in Honduras, June 28, 2009, has transformed journalism in Honduras in a dangerous occupation and those who practice risk their lives and rights. There were many denunciations throughout the coup d'état by social communicators, journalists, directors of media outlets on constant menaces by the military.

In January 2010, Radio Coco Dulce was criminally attacked by unknown people that set fire and burned the radio installations that belong to the radio that belongs to the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), Honduras.

In March and April 2010, six journalists were murdered: On March Joseph Ochoa, David Meza, Nahúm Palacios, José Bayardo Mairena Ramírez y Manuel Juárez; in April, the journalist Luis Antonio Chévez Hernández was murdered.

AMARC- Honduras, expressed its solidarity with the families of the murdered journalists and joined social communicators, journalists and students asking at the national level that the state of Honduras does guarantee in an effective manner the lives of social communicators, and journalists and their families and co-workers.

AMARC – Honduras, called upon the international community to express their solidarity with social communicators, journalists and citizens against the insecurity of those living in a state that seeks democracy. This democracy will only become real when the freedom of expression and the right to be informed and to communicate will be respected as indicated in the article 72 of the constitution of the Honduras Republic: "It is free to express their thoughts by any means of expression without previous censorship. Are responsible under the law all those that abuse of this right and all those that by direct or indirect means reduce or curtail the communication or circulation of ideas and opinions."

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## AMARC Deplores Suspension of New Communications Law in Argentina

Montreal, April 20, 2010. The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) expressed its grave concern today at the suspension of the Law # 26.522 of Audio-Visual Communication Services. The suspension was decided by the Federal Appeal Court of Mendoza arguing procedural problems in its passage by the Congress. The Court decision re-establishes previous broadcast legislation 22.285 that limited access to freedom of expression and that was adopted by decree and without discussion during the late military dictatorship in 1980. AMARC strongly supports the Argentinean civil society mobilisation that is calling for this judicial decision to be immediately reversed and for the new law to be implemented.



AMARC greeted in October 2009 the approval of the new legislation by a large Senate majority because it transformed Argentina in one of the best references of regulatory frameworks to curtail media concentration and promote and guarantee diversity and pluralism. AMARC particularly welcomed the recognition of three sectors of broadcasting, state commercial and not for profit; and the guarantee of a 33 per cent participation of not for profit private entities, including community radios, in the radio frequency spectrum.

The new legislation has also been recognized by the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CIDH), as "an important development in regards to the previous situation in Argentina. Under the previous regulations, the implementation authority was completely dependent on the executive power, there were no clear, transparent and equitable rules for licence allocation and there were no effective conditions for the existence of broadcasting that was really free from political pressures".

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The adoption of the Law # 26.522 of Audio-Visual Communication Services was the result of extensive democratic debate with the participation of all sectors of the Argentinean society, including social organisations, academics, political parties and concerned sectors. Although the new law has been consistently opposed by the Clarin media group, which dominates the Argentinean media landscape, AMARC considers the law to be a necessary and positive step in the democratisation of media and in the restoration of democracy in Argentina.

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## **World's community broadcasters condemn slayings in the Philippines**

Delegates to the second Asia Pacific regional conference of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters held recently in Bangalore, India unanimously passed a resolution condemning the killings of working journalists in the Philippines.



“AMARC-Asia Pacific condemns in the strongest terms possible the culture of impunity in the Philippines, particularly the killing of broadcasters and journalists,” said the resolution introduced by Filipino community broadcaster Raymund Villanueva of Kodao Productions.

The resolution was adopted February 23 or three months after the November 23, 2009 massacre in Ampatuan town, Maguindanao province in Southern Philippines which killed 58 civilians, including dozens of journalists.

The principal suspects in the massacre are scions of the powerful Ampatuan political clan which is said to be close to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Villanueva and Kodao are themselves victim of political persecution. The pro-Arroyo owner of a radio station pulled the plug on Kodao's award-winning program “Ngayon na, Bayan” in 2006 when Arroyo declared a state of emergency.

The resolution said that “AMARC-AP shall petition AMARC International as well as all its other regional groupings to formulate and implement an active campaign to defend human rights in the Philippines in close coordination with members in the Philippines as soon as possible.”

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### **Steve Buckley, president of AMARC participated at the International Partnership Meeting in New York**

On 26 January 2010 Steve Buckley participated at the International Partnership Meeting in New York organised by the Open Society Institute and International Media Support to discuss partnerships and priority countries for joint action. In addition to commitments to continuing work on Mexico, Honduras, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, the meeting identified new priorities for 2010.

Nine countries were selected for Partnership action in 2010: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Haiti, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Uganda, Venezuela and Yemen.

Steve Buckley has registered the interest of AMARC in joint action on Haiti, Nigeria, Uganda, Pakistan and Philippines.

### **« The Government of India is working to ensure 4000 Community Radio stations are operational in the next three years »**

NEW DELHI, India: The government is working to ensure that at least 4000 Community Radio stations are operational in the next three years, Information and Broadcasting minister Ambika Soni said on Friday, reiterating that community radio reaches people at the macro level to understand and resolve their problems.

She also announced that the government was in the process of finalizing the FM Radio Phase III policy soon. She said this was being done “with a view to incentives the introduction of FM radio services in the North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir, and island territories, and to further liberalise the regulatory framework to provide for greater diversity of content and bring down operational costs”.

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## «PEC says “09 a dark year for media casualties, with 121 journalists killed »

GENEVA, Jan 5 (KUNA) -- The Press Emblem Campaign (PEC), in its annual report released on Tuesday, said that 121 journalists were killed in 2009 in 25 countries, an increase of 33 percent compared to 2008.

Terming it “a dark year”, the Geneva-based NGO denounced in its report the detention of at least 150 journalists worldwide, and those detained in Iran during the recent unrest in strange circumstances. The PEC added that 2009 was marked by the single worst massacre of journalists in history when on November 23, 2009, an electoral convoy in the Philippines, including journalists, was attacked; 31 journalists were killed.

The first five most dangerous countries for media work, said PEC, are the Philippines with 38 journalists killed, Mexico with 13 journalists killed in the battle against drugs and trafficking, Somalia third with nine journalists killed, North-West Pakistan with eight journalists killed and Russia in 5th place with seven, mostly related to the conflict in the Caucasus.

The PEC announced that it will start a diplomatic campaign to solicit the support of UN Member States for a special event in March 2010 in the Human Rights Council on the Protection of journalists. (end) hn.hb KUNA 051846



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## News from Community radio Network

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### Participate in AMARC 10 Global Conference in La Plata, Argentina 2010

The Tenth World Assembly of Community Radio Broadcasters will be held from 8 to 13 November 2010 in Ciudad de la Plata, province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. To register visit <http://amarc10.amarc.org> . To propose a self organised workshop write to [secretariat@si.amarc.org](mailto:secretariat@si.amarc.org)

Community Radios have come together in AMARC Argentina to host the first Global conference of community broadcasters to be held in South America, where community radios were born 60 years ago. Furthermore, Argentina and the Latin America & Caribbean region is going through dynamic social changes and has a rich in experiences to share with the world movement of community radios.

More than 4000 community broadcasters and stakeholders from over 125 countries and all regions of the global community radio movement will gather at the AMARC 10 Global Conference from 8-13 November to, among other issues, improve good practice in community media; explore strategies to facilitate the establishment of enabling legal environments for community media development, to define knowledge sharing and capacity building models for action-research and mentoring; to reinforce content development leading to social change; to facilitate the inclusion of women and; to encourage the empowerment of communities through appropriation of community radio for social justice and sustainable, democratic and participatory human development.

For further information please to: <http://amarc10.amarc.org/>



# **2nd Regional Conference of AMARC Asia Pacific Community Radio for Sustainable development and Good Governance**

**February 20-23, 2010 - Bangalore, India**

Community radio broadcasters from 20 countries of the Asia Pacific region demanded to place people's communications rights at the centre of development. The Bangalore declaration issued at the conclusion of the regional assembly of community radio broadcasters held in Bangalore, India from 20-23 February 2010 has also called for supporting initiatives that aid access to digital and other technological opportunities to enable community broadcasting in an ever-widening scale, while calling for creating spaces on the airwaves for diverse and marginalized voices, irrespective of caste, creed, race, colour, gender, sexuality, faith, and differently-abled or other differences.

Over 300 Community broadcasters, activists, NGO representatives, academics, as well as governmental and multilateral institutions participated in the regional conference organised by the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters AMARC in collaboration with VOICE, India. While analysing the situation and challenges to community radio, the conference reaffirmed the need for the oppressed and marginalized communities to take control over their own means of communication. Conference participants attended

several knowledge sharing and capacity building workshops while engaging in networking with like-minded individuals and institutions from across the region.

The 2nd AMARC Asia Pacific Conference has committed to build alliances with grassroots and human rights movements for strengthening communities and the community radio movement and has put forward the rights of women, migrants, indigenous peoples and the poor. It has called for further recognition of Community Radio in the region as a tool for disaster preparedness, poverty reduction, inclusion, human rights, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

A number of resolutions ranging from human rights violations in the Philippines, to removing the ban on news in the recently adopted India Community radio legislation and simplifying license application procedures to calling on the Government of Bangladesh to forward the process of granting licenses for community broadcasting, were endorsed by the conference participants.

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## **LA regional assembly of community radio broadcasters held on the 23rd of February 2010 elected the Asia Pacific Regional Board**

The newly elected board of directors comprises of Ashish Sen, India as President, Maica Lagman, Philippines as deputy president, Shane Elson, Australia as Treasurer, Bianca Miglioretto, Philippines as Women International Network representative, Raghu Mainali, Nepal as vice-president for South Asia, and Imam Prakoso, Indonesia as vice-president for South East Asia. The assembly also ratified the strategic working plan of AMARC Asia Pacific for 2010-2013.

Representatives Afghanistan, Australia, The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, The Republic of India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, and observers from Africa, Europe and Latin and North America participated in the conference. The previous AMARC Asia Pacific regional conference was held in Jakarta, Indonesia in November 2005.

For information visit: [http://asiapacific.amarc.org/index.php?p=2\\_Conference\\_Asia\\_Pacific\\_2010](http://asiapacific.amarc.org/index.php?p=2_Conference_Asia_Pacific_2010)



# **Bangalore Community radio Declaration**

## **The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) – Asia Pacific, Bangalore, February 23, 2010**



The right to know is essential to every person's humanity.  
So we believe, so we struggle, so we live, so we celebrate.

We, the champions and supporters of community broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific region, shall safeguard, uphold and promote Freedom of Opinion and Expression. This right goes hand-in-hand with the freedom to communicate and be informed. This is guaranteed by Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We affirm that everyone has a right to life, with dignity. All people have the undeniable right to be informed about decisions affecting the quality of their lives such as right to health, right to education, right to work, the

right to free expression, and the right to information.

In cognizance of these principles, we declare:

- Our reaffirmation of AMARC's principles on Democratic Regulation in Community Broadcasting (May 2008) and the Montreal Declaration (November 2008).
- Our recognition of the increasing concentration and corporatization of commercial, private and state media.
- Our recognition of the need for forging alliances and building networks at local, national, regional and international levels for solidarity, advocacy and sharing of information, experiences and technologies.
- Our recognition that access to clean water and the right to food are universal human rights.
- Our recognition of the diversity in our communities.
- Our affirmation of the immediate need for oppressed and marginalized communities to take control over their own means of communication.
- Our affirmation, in conjunction with the Indigenous Statement of the Bangalore Declaration, of the immediate need for Indigenous people's right to vote, the right to self determination, rights to land, resources, livelihoods, cultures, and their right to live with dignity.
- Our affirmation of our solidarity with those discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation including the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community and assert their right to live with dignity and without fear of persecution.
- Our affirmation of gender equality and the rights of women to own and control their means of communication.
- Our recognition of the special needs of migrant communities, internally displaced persons, guest workers and refugees and their right to live free from discrimination, harassment and violence.
- Our recognition of the disproportionate and disastrous impact of Climate Change (natural and human created) especially on Indigenous Peoples, the poor, the marginalized, women, and children.
- Our recognition of the need for community radio broadcasters to report issues in a manner that promotes non violent responses to conflict based on the values of respect, dignity and diversity and which seeks to break down barriers and stereotypes.
- Our affirmation of our condemnation of all forms of violence and legislation that restrict citizen's rights, spreads an atmosphere of fear and serve sectarian interests or extremist views.

Having recognized these challenges and affirmed our commitment to solidarity with those who are confronted by these challenges we reaffirm the Jakarta Declaration of AMARC Asia-Pacific, December 2005, and we continue our struggle to democratize the media.

It is against this backdrop that we commit ourselves and our community radios to:

- Place people's communications rights at the centre of development and support initiatives for access to digital and other technological opportunities that enable community broadcasting in an ever-widening scale;
- Create spaces on the airwaves for diverse and marginalized voices, irrespective of caste, creed, race, colour, gender, sexuality, faith, and differently-abled or other differences;
- Challenge the hegemony of commercial, private and state media by promoting community-owned and operated media as an essential tool to the preservation of the diversity of voices, cultures, languages and ecosystems;
- Lobby governments to institute adequate mechanisms promoting media freedom, protection of community media, and protection of journalists;
- Work towards ensuring food security and food sovereignty with those whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by denial of these basic human rights;
- Develop collaborations with educators in order to develop participatory tools that will provide formal and non-formal educational opportunities, especially for non-literate communities;

- Include the voices of all migrant, internally displaced peoples and refugee communities in our community radios and support their establishment, ownership and management of their own community radios;
- Provide localized information about disaster risk reduction;
- Provide localized emergency news, disaster recovery, relief, rehabilitation, and sustainable alternatives as well as create a space for trauma healing and reaffirming faith in the face of adversity;
- Build alliances with grassroots and human rights movements for strengthening communities and the community radio movement;
- Endorse and implement Article 16 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which reaffirms the right of Indigenous peoples to establish their own community radios in their own languages and have access to non-indigenous CRs without discrimination;
- Promote and encourage gender equality in our communities with programs that are fully integrative and supportive of women;
- Endorse and implement the AMARC gender policy drafted by AMARC-AP WIN members, and ratified by AMARC International Board and incorporate gender equality in all areas of community radio activity; and
- Oppose violence against journalists, media practitioners, restrictive legislation, or sectarian interests, and work for an atmosphere of peace and progress.

We, the representatives of community radio broadcasters, production groups and other community media practitioners from Afghanistan, Australia, The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, Fiji, The Republic of India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste, United Kingdom and the United States of America agree to uphold this declaration and strive to implement the values and aspirations it states.



## Indigenous Statement to the Bangalore Declaration

With reference to Article 16 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Indigenous Peoples (IP) have the right to establish their own community radios in their own languages and have access to non-indigenous CRs without discrimination.

Indigenous Peoples recognize the need for ICTs for widespread development of Community Radios (CRs) to provide creative solutions to the realization of voices and participation by IPs in decision making and to address development problems faced by IPs in the A-P region. This is emphasized in the E-Bario Vision of 2007, created by 14 indigenous media organizations.

As a first step towards the realization of the above vision statement within the context of the AMARC regional action plan and in view of the Bangalore Declaration, the group of Indigenous Peoples at the Bangalore A-P conference 20-23 Feb 2010 recommend the creation of a network of Indigenous Community Radio Broadcasters - including broadcasters covering all areas with a large proportion of IPs--to collaborate on achieving the following:



- Raise awareness and influence policy makers and civil society organizations towards freedom of expression, rights to information and community radio legislation that include provisions of specific interest and value to Indigenous Peoples in Asia and Pacific

- Training of Indigenous community journalists, broadcasters and media practitioners in reporting on Indigenous Peoples issues and in harnessing ICT and new media
- Develop the capacity of Indigenous Peoples' organizations for the setting up and making Community Radios sustainable and facilitating combinations and integration with other community media channels (internet, digital platforms, TV and traditional folk media, etc)
- Create the opportunity for indigenous people to come together to establish a "community of practice" and replicate these practices in Indigenous Peoples (IPs) communities
- Research and documentation of traditional knowledge that is important to the preservation and conservation of indigenous traditions, languages, culture and community-based natural resources management and on appropriate formats for broadcasting for and within the context of cultural diversity.

In the realization of the Bangalore Declaration on Community Radio as well as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) the above statement and priorities for action will be instrumental for Indigenous Peoples' inclusion in society on their own terms through self-determination and for amplifying their voices and participation in decision making.

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## **Annual meeting of the Regional Board of Latin America & Caribbean in Buenos Aires**

From 8-10 April, the regional board of AMARC LAC, held its annual meeting in Buenos Aires in the year of the 10th World Conference of AMARC and of important changes in the regional and world network. These two themes were the key aspects of the meeting that counted on the agenda the visit to the Pasaje Dardo Rocha, siege of the world conference to be held in November this year.

The meeting counted on the participation of the Vice-president of AMARC LAC, María Pía Matta; the Vice-president of the Women Network, Argentina Olivas; the Regional Coordinator, Ernesto Lamas and the Sub regional representatives: Carlos Aparicio of México, Guillermo Ramos of Central America; Carlos Rivadeneyra from the Andean countries; Joao Maleaba of Brasil, Sony Esteus from the Caribbean and the recently elected representative of the Southern Cone, Liliana Belforte.



The meeting included the presentation of the report by the Vice-president of AMARC LAC, María Pía Matta, which stimulated exchanges and reflection on the situation of Latin America. There were reports and plan proposals by the AMARC LAC programmes and the national representations. In the meeting, Damián Loreti, legal advisor for AMARC LAC, presented the Law on Audio visual services of Argentina, and referred to conflict situations in the region, such as the criminalisation of CR.

There was the report on the recent mission to Haiti and the action plan in elaboration. There was also an evaluation of the situation of CR in Chile and steps taken since the earthquake. A specific chapter was the plan for changes in the authorities and the regional coordination of AMARC Latin America and the Caribbean.

The board members visited the cultural centre Pasaje Dardo Rocha in the city of La Plata, that will host the 10th Global Conference and General Assembly from November 8-13, 2010. There were meetings with local authorities and exchanges on expectations for this global event.



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# Activities 2010

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- 3 Mai world freedom of expression Day;
- 12 may, Geneva Consultation on follow-up on lines of action of the WSIS;
- May 13-15, Grassroots Radio Conference, Garberville, California;
- 28 May, Citizen Media Seminar, Hong Kong
- June 9-12, 2010 NFCB Conference 35th Annual Community Radio Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 7-11 June, National Campus & Community Radio Conference, Canada, Gabriola Island, British Columbia,
- 22-26 June, United States Social Forum, in Detroit, Mi; Foro Social en Estados Unidos del 22 al 26 de junio en Detroit. Mi
- July 19-23, Johannesburg First AMARC Africa Capacity Building Conference of AMARC Africa (WIN / Water and sanitation / Networks / Regional Board and on preparation for AMARC 10; AMARC Africa; /;
- 27 September, Conference in Haiti;
- 4 - 9 October, Our Media conference, Hyderabad, Pakistan
- October 16 Broadcast Campaign World Food Day,
- 21-24 October, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia CBAA Conference;
- 12 October World Social Forum of Migration in Quito;
- 8-13 November, AMARC 10 World Conference of Community Radio Broadcasters, La Plata Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- 23 November - 10 December Broadcast Campaign for the 16 days of activism against gender violence
- November 29 - December 10, COP16 United Nations Conference on Climate Change, Cancun, Mexico;

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# Ressources

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New Publications in the Section of Written Resources in AMARC Website. Please visit the section of publications and written resources such as articles, manuals and others on community broadcasting issues at the AMARC Website <http://www.amarc.org> . Using the wiki platform you can also add new documents or send them to the International secretariat at [secretariat@si.amarc.org](mailto:secretariat@si.amarc.org)

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