

We believe that:

- **There are enough resources in the world to accommodate the needs of all people in the world**
- **That it is wrong for a few people to have or control almost all the land and resources while the greater majority are unable to afford basic needs**
- **That lasting positive change will have to be initiated by those that are disadvantaged, the have-nots, the landless, the homeless, the down-trodden.**
- **That the poor people of the world have the capacity to change their lives**
- **That positive change is possible if we support each other, work together and develop our own initiatives**



- **That we have the right to make those changes by any means necessary**
- **That the World Social Forum is a good start!**

**BUNGE LA MWANANCHI
(PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT)
JEEVANJEE GARDENS
MUINDI MBINGU STREET
& MOI AVENUE STREET**

The People's Parliament is a voluntary open forum for people to discuss issues affecting them including local, regional and international issues. It operates every day between 12 pm and 6pm at the Jeevanjee Gardens, there is no membership fee, and everyone is free to participate in the forum on any day without any restrictions.

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PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

**WHAT:
VOICE OF THE POOR, THE
MARGINALISED,
THE DISADVANTAGED,
THE HAVE-NOTS,
THE WEAK...**

**SUPPORTING:
PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO LIFE,
FOOD, HOUSING, LAND,
DIGNITY, SECURITY,
EQUITY, JUSTICE...**

**WHY:
BECAUSE NO ONE IS SO
POOR AS TO HAVE NO
RIGHTS, AND BECAUSE
EVERY HUMAN BEING
COUNTS!
DID YOU KNOW...**

- **That 80% of Kenya's wealth is owned by 10% of Kenya's population?**
- **That 60% of Kenyans live below the poverty line, on less than \$1 a day?**
- **That the average Kenyan family cannot afford 3 meals a day?**
- **That 80% of arable land in Kenya is owned by 5% of the population?**
- **That 100% of members of the Kenyan parliament are millionaires who do not understand the plight of the poor?**
- **That the developed countries determine the price of our commodities when they buy them?**
- **That multi-national companies make billions in profit from us even as we die of hunger?**
- **That it doesn't have to be that way and YOU can help to change the situation?**
- **That the World Social Forum is a process towards making positive change in the world to ensure that the rights of all people of the world, especially the poor are respected?**

BUNGE LA MWANANCHI'S

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Since 2003, the cost of food, fuel and transport in Kenya has increased by more than 100%. For instance, the cost of Maize flour, which is the staple food for most of Kenya's poor increased from 27 shillings to 60 shillings in 2003, while the cost of sugar and kerosene increased by more than 150%.

At the same time, the lowest income workers have only had a 12% increase in salaries, which has been greatly eroded by increase in taxes. In addition, many workers have lost their jobs because of downsizing "to maximize profits", redundancies "to create efficiency" and retrenchment "to enable the government meet its obligations to donors".

In view of that, Bunge la Mwananchi (People's Parliament) started the "**UNGA FOR 30 SHILLINGS CAMPAIGN**" to agitate for the reduction of the food prices, especially the cost of maize flour. During this Campaign, **the People's Parliament adopted the White Ribbon to symbolize the people's peaceful struggle for better living standards.**

Other campaigns initiated by Bunge La Mwananchi:

- **NILE WATERS CAMPAIGN**-To create awareness about the unfair restrictions imposed on Kenyans in the management of floods and drought as a result of a treaty signed by our colonisers.
- **THE MAGADI SODA CAMPAIGN**-To create awareness about the illicit exploitation of Kenya's natural resources by the Magadi Soda Company, owned by the British Royal family. More than 100

Maasai who were protesting against the company were arrested and imprisoned.

- **THE LAND CAMPAIGN**-To agitate for a better land policy that would allow landless Kenyans to access the idle arable land owned by absentee landlords in order to improve food security in the country.
- **THE CONSTITUTION CAMPAIGN**-To educate the public about the need for a constitution that ensures that the human rights of all Kenyans are respected. The people's parliament has taken an active role in the constitution review process.
- **POLICE SALARY & HOUSING** - Including organizing a demonstration in 2003 to agitate for provision of better housing and an increment of the wages for police officers who were earning a paltry 3000 shillings (about \$50) per month
- **OLE SISINA CAMPAIGN**-In protest of the decision by the Attorney General not to charge a rich farmer who had killed a poor KWS officer in cold blood. One year later, the same farmer killed another man!

Bunge la Mwananchi has organized and participated in many other campaigns. What is unique about our campaigns (including this flier) is that they are initiated by the people, organized and funded from the people's contributions and 100% of the work done by volunteers. It is that spirit of active participation in processes that make positive change that has enabled us to survive for over 15 years without offices or donor support. It is our *raison d'être*!

BUNGE LA MWANANCHI -PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

WORLD SOCIAL FORUM PROGRAM

Saturday, January 20, 2007

UHURU PARK: WORLD SOCIAL FORUM Opening Ceremony
PROCESSION TO KIBERA

Sunday, January 21, 2007

JEEVANJEE GARDENS, MOI AVENUE / MUINDI MBINGU STREET

10:00AM-12:00PM Land policy & ownership; Squatters & landless people's
experience in Kenya and abroad, Land in Relation to other rights,
Food Security; Solutions, way forward and action points

02:00PM-04:00PM Privatization; Globalization; international trade & treaties
Solutions, way forward and action points

04:00PM-WHENEVER Entertainment / Social time... make a friend!

Monday, January 22, 2007

JEEVANJEE GARDENS, MOI AVENUE / MUINDI MBINGU STREET

10:00AM-12:00PM Housing; social welfare & Security; obligations of the government
to the people (Both the Kenyan & International perspectives)
Solutions, way forward and action points

02:00PM-04:00PM Employment; Trade unions, labour movement; minimum wage vs
living wage; Solutions, way forward and action points

04:00PM-WHENEVER Entertainment / Social time... make another friend!

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

JEEVANJEE GARDENS, MOI AVENUE / MUINDI MBINGU STREET

10:00AM-12:00PM Natural resources; Rights of minorities & indigenous populations;
Solutions, way forward and action points

02:00PM-04:00PM Socialism & the people's movements around the world; the World
Social Forum... what next? Way forward & action points

04:00PM-WHENEVER Entertainment / Social time... make more friends!

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 and Thursday, January 25, 2007

Join in mainstream World Social Forum including the Action Day
and the Closing Ceremonies

The People's Parliament has organized events at the Jeevanjee Gardens on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to enable poor Kenyans to participate in the World Social Forum free of charge. The registration fees required for the other activities are too high for poor Kenyans and the location too far for most of Nairobi's slum dwellers to access. We, therefore, offer a forum that is easily accessible within the Nairobi City Centre to give voice to the have-nots.