

The Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) seeks to build bridges between existing networks of alternatives around the globe, and promote the creation of new networks or confluences at various scales. Alternatives are those that challenge the currently dominant structures and relations of oppression and unsustainability (such as heteropatriarchy, capitalism, anthropocentrism, racism and caste-ism amongst others), and sustain long-standing or create new ways of meeting human needs in harmony with the rest of nature.

What do we do?

The GTA is an initiative seeking to create solidarity networks and strategic alliances amongst movements and networks of alternatives on local, regional and global levels. It operates through varied and light structures, defined in each space, that are horizontal, democratic, inclusive and non-centralized, using diverse local languages and other ways of communicating. The initiative has no central structure or control mechanisms; currently to put it on a sustained footing, there is an informal core team (without any centralized power), and there is a proposal to create an Assembly of the various endorsing organisations and individuals. It hopes to spread step by step as an expanding, complex set of tapestries, woven together by existing and newly emerging collective webs (what we call Weavers), building on radical, systemic alternatives to dominant regimes. It promotes or joins regional, national and global encounters, when the conditions allow for them, as well as close and synergistic linkages with existing organizations, like the World Social Forum. It hopes to stimulate global solidarity with initiatives that are threatened or otherwise in need of support.

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How we do it?

The Global Tapestry of Alternatives develops around 6 specific lines of action:

Document: Foster platforms and spaces of exchange, mutual learning, documentation, mapping and visibility of alternative initiatives.

Disseminate: Make widely visible these alternatives for shared learning, and propagate the process of the GTA among different media

Connect: Create a space for already existing networks & confluences (Weavers) to connect and engage cross-sectorally for co-creation of alternatives; sustain a platform for various global change processes to dialogue and act together.

Stimulate: Stimulating new networking and confluencing, and their weaving with existing processes, especially in countries or regions that do not have them, by providing key lessons from current GTA Weavers and facilitating exchange between established and developing networks.

Support: Develop strategies and actions of solidarity and support with allied initiatives and networks.

Advocate: Where necessary, join other global processes to advocate or campaign on urgent matters relevant to Alternatives.

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How to support us?

We need two types of financial support to run our activities:

1. Funding for our basic infrastructure and general coordination work (the majority of the core team members carry-out GTA's work voluntarily)

2. Specific funding for projects that materialize our lines of actions. This includes documentation of case studies; webinar series to promote dialogue and dissemination; physical confluences where possible; research and networking with similar processes and organizations around the world; software development and curation for collaboration and mapping; creation of publications and conceptual materials.

How to reach us?

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