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### **Mission Impossible?**

#### **4th WSF World Spirit Forum - A Pause for Reflection**

*20 participants are not substantial for a world congress such as the World Spirit Forum. However, the organizers deliberately invited only a small, hand-picked group of participants in order to discuss the question of the capacity of the Forum to uphold its Vision and Mission. The WSF World Spirit Forum annually invites prominent authorities from the fields of Economics, the Sciences, Religion, Culture and Society to Arosa.*

**Zurich, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2007** – The 4<sup>th</sup> WSF World Spirit Forum is being held from January 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> in Arosa, Switzerland. One of the main aims of the WSF is a shift in consciousness. The organizers see this as the fundamental essence for the current global changes and challenges facing humanity.

All the more reason for the WSF to question itself. Under the motto: Living in Consciousness Emphasis is to be placed on groupwork on the topic and spiritual awareness. Two major topics will be focused on the financial capabilities of the WSF Forum and a sustainable form for the event.

It is an ongoing aim of the WSF to enhance the WEF World Economic Forum (and other Forums) with aspects of Consciousness and the sense of Overall Responsibility. In the words of WSF President, Sesto G. Castagnoli: "Undoubtedly we want to grow in future and reach as many people as possible in our Forums, however, we want to ensure that this takes place in a generally acceptable manner. We do not want to provoke consequential activities for which Davos renders cause. Our this year's reflection will include this subject." Mission possible?

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**The following contains some background information:**

**WSF World Spirit Forum**

The annual World Congress WSF World Spirit Forum is a neutral platform for visions, projects and concrete solutions for a healthy overall system for our planet earth and the universe. Thereby, WSF is committed to consciousness, holistic and sustainability. Visionaries and pragmatists from the fields of sociology, economics, politics, science and religion are active in a growing cooperative and integral network.

**Why Arosa?**

A place of reflection and consciousness. Switzerland has a long tradition of humanitarian help and neutrality and offers a chance to eliminate polarization – a challenge to go in new directions. Its proximity to Davos has symbolic character. It is an ongoing aim of the WSF to enrichen the WEF World Economic Forum (and other forums) with elements of consciousness, sustainability and a sense of total responsibility.

**Motto of this years event:**

Living in Consciousness

**Definition of Consciousness:**

“Consciousness is a process of expanding personal and universal awareness and allows people to understand multiple layers of relationship within themselves, to others and in the natural world”

(excerpt from „Conscious Education“, Dagaz Press, Vermont USA)

**Philosophy:**

Consciousness and the activation of the creative energy embedded in each human being in going in new directions has become an essential instrument of survival. Not only for Philosophies and Religions but increasingly also for organizations, institutions and the general public. The WSF World Spirit Forum is committed to consciousness, holistic thinking and sustainability.