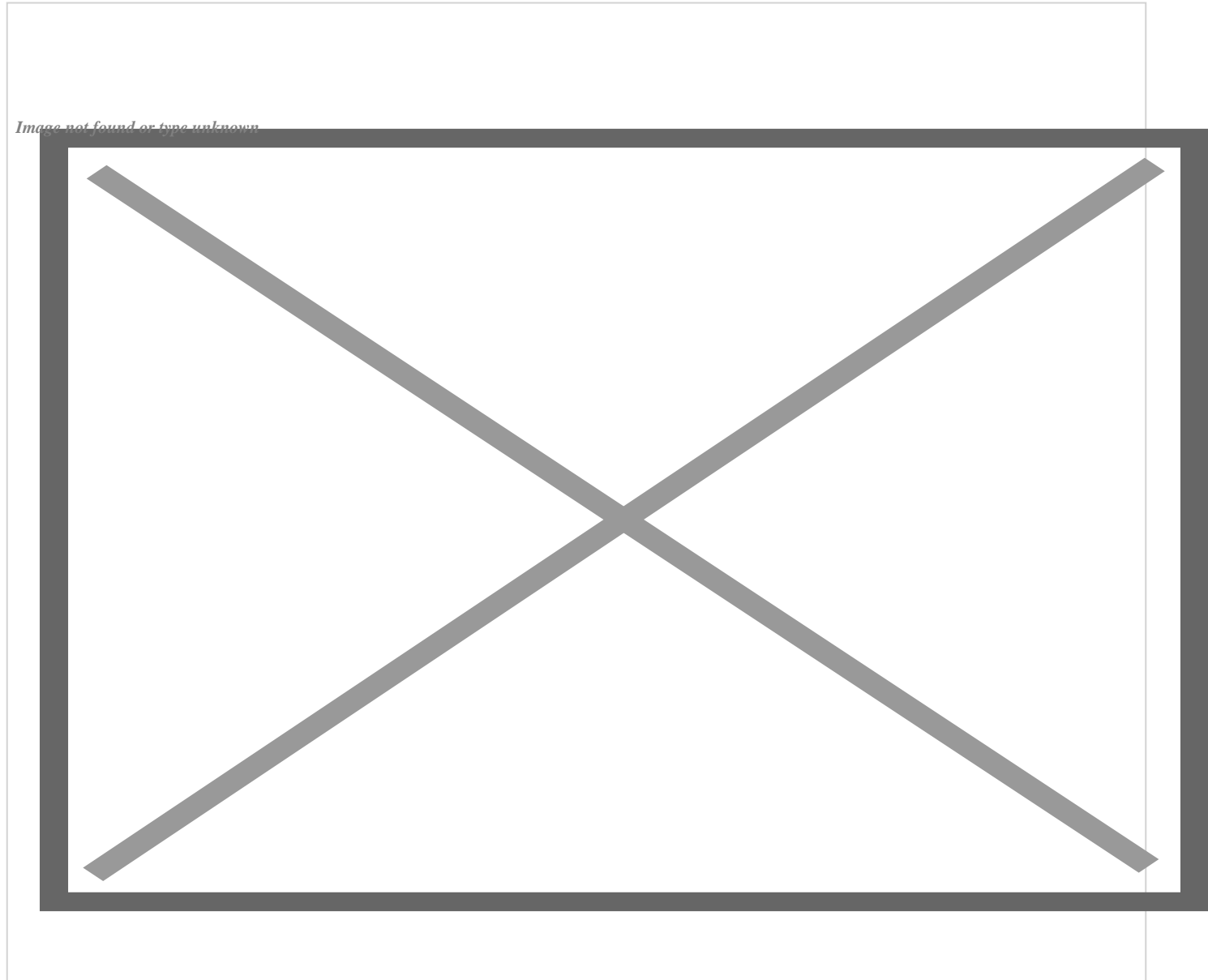


# *World Social Forum returns to Porto Alegre, Brazil*

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Brasilia, January 24 (RHC)-- The World Social Forum (WSF) began this Monday in the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre and runs until next Saturday, January 28th, which will concentrate most of the activities in the Legislative Assembly of the State.

Although the program of the event presents in this edition a smaller format, more than 150 activities will be carried out, including social, political and cultural debates, in charge of trade union and popular organizations of Rio Grande do Sul and Brazil.

As part of the forum, this Wednesday, at 17.00 (local time), the traditional WSF March is scheduled to take place in downtown Porto Alegre, specifically from Largo Glênio Peres to Matriz Square.

The conveners highlighted that "with the victory of democracy in October 2022, Brazil opened a window of opportunity for itself and for the world in the fight against fascism, racism, patriarchy and inequalities."

"This change is popular, it is democratic, it is Black, it is indigenous, it is feminist, it is in defense of the environment and it will only be effective if there is popular organization and mobilization from the beginning," they added.

Likewise, the organizers pointed out that the present edition is not convened by the International Council while stressing that due to the short time of convocation and mobilization, the event will concentrate on Self-organized Activities and Convergence.

According to the Charter of Principles of the WSF, the space founded in 2001 "was configured as a permanent world process of search and construction of political alternatives to neoliberalism."

The forum, hosted from its first moments by the city of Porto Alegre, is held in parallel to the same date on which the World Economic Forum of Davo is held as a counterpart to the imperialist hegemonic policy.

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