29th General Assembly Meeting
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World Social Science Forum 2013 – Secretariat’s Report
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• 25 ISSC Members have put together panels (between 1 and 5 panels each)
• Different visibility packages offered to Members (20% reduction, on average)
• Some ISSC Members covering the costs for whole panels
• HSRC and CODESRIA are organising the Closing Ceremony
• Thank you to all, and kudos to IPSA and SSHRC!
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• Interdisciplinarity

• Global representation (60 countries)

Africa – Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Congo (Kinshasa), Ivory Coast, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Asia and Asia Pacific - Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Hong Kong S.A.R., Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan

Latin America and Caribbean - Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago

Europe - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Middle East - Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, United Arab Emirates

North America - Canada, United States
Participation of early career social scientists

Scholarship fund:
• over US$ 100,000.00 raised
• 40 participants invited
• 35% women, mostly post-docs

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• Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
• Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
• International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
• University of Bergen (UiB)
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Four WSS Fellows are attending, and will make recommendations on the use of digital technologies for ensuring continuity within the WSS Fellows programme.
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- ISSC World Social Science Prizes
- Digging Into Data Challenge Conference
- UNESCO panel on digital technologies and sustainable development
- UNEP session on the role of social sciences in changing consumption patterns
- National Film Board of Canada movie evening
- SSHRC Impact Prize Ceremony
- First Steering Committee meeting of the Transatlantic Platform
- Writing team of WSS Fellows for “Quito book”
- Meeting with chief editors of academic Journals.

= 270 to 290 participants