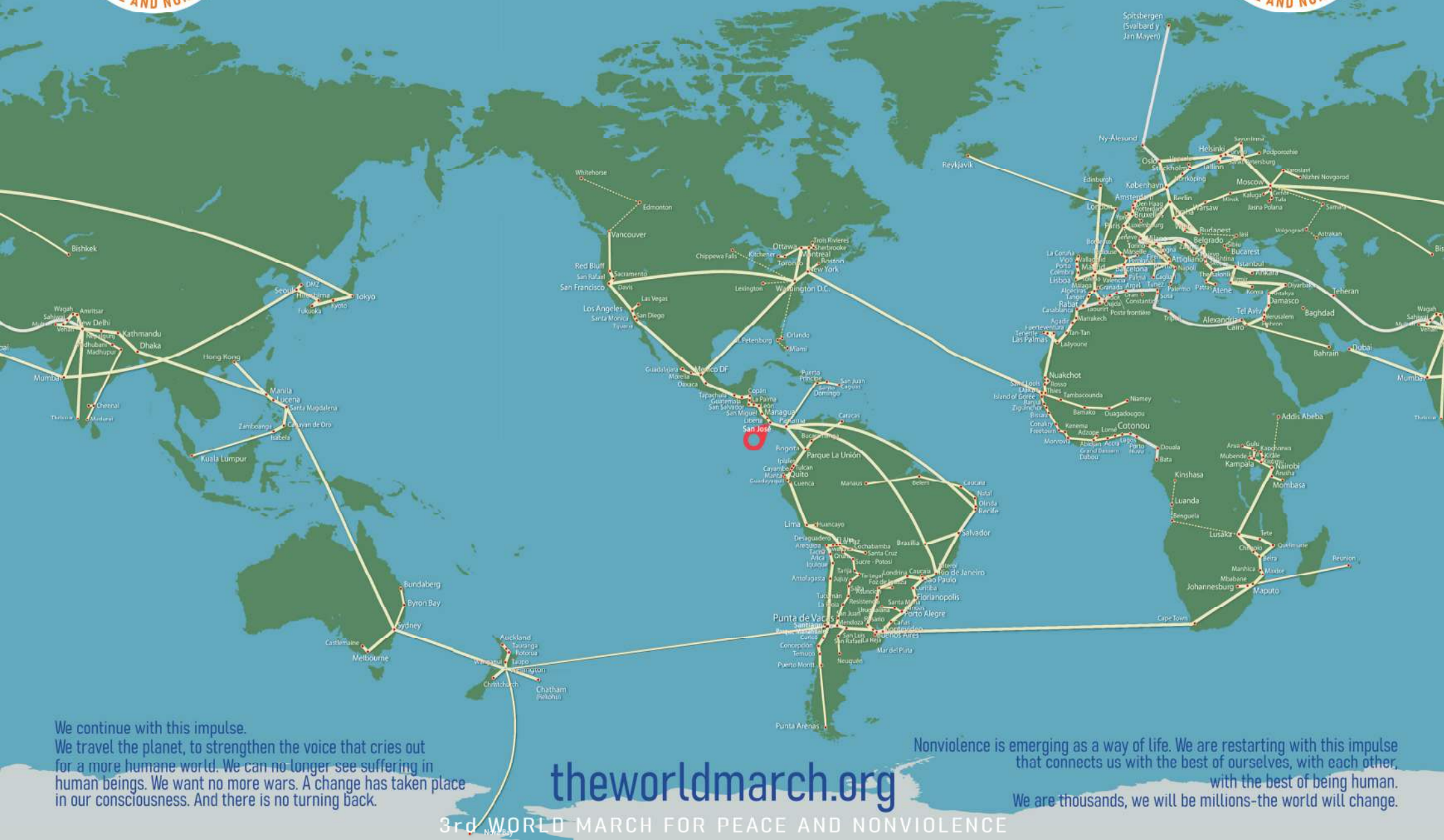




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### San Jose de Costa Rica 2 October 2024 - 5 January 2025



We continue with this impulse.  
We travel the planet, to strengthen the voice that cries out  
for a more humane world. We can no longer see suffering in  
human beings. We want no more wars. A change has taken place  
in our consciousness. And there is no turning back.

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Nonviolence is emerging as a way of life. We are restarting with this impulse  
that connects us with the best of ourselves, with each other,  
with the best of being human.  
We are thousands, we will be millions-the world will change.



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In the face of the apparent regression of humanity, it is urgent to make the voice of those of us on every continent who want a world without wars and without violence to be heard and strengthened. For this, we invite you to join the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence (3rd WM), five years after the 2nd WM (2019-2020), which lasted 159 days, and 15 years after the 1st WM which, in 2009-2010, for 93 days, travelled through 97 countries in five continents.



## WHAT DO WE WANT?

- TO DENOUNCE the more than ever dangerous situation in the world, with the risk of a third nuclear world war and the increase in arms spending, while in increasingly vast areas of the planet, many populations are marginalised by the lack of human rights, food, and water.
- CONTINUE TO RAISE AWARENESS that it is only through "nonviolence" that "peace" can be achieved, and the future opened for the whole human race.
- HIGHLIGHT THE VARIOUS POSITIVE ACTIONS that individuals, groups, and peoples are already taking in many places to ensure the effective implementation of human rights and non-discrimination and to promote collaboration, peaceful co-existence, and non-aggression. All of which receive little coverage in the official media.
- GIVING A VOICE TO THE NEW GENERATIONS who want to take up the baton and leave their mark, establishing the culture of nonviolence in the collective imagination, education, politics, and society... In the same way that ecological awareness has taken root in just a few years, the time has come for nonviolent awareness.



**WHEN and WHERE?** The 3rd WM will start in Costa Rica on 2 October 2024, the International Day of Nonviolence, the anniversary of Gandhi's birth. It will leave for Central and North America, then travel through Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa, and finally South America, arriving back in Costa Rica on 5 January 2025. Activities around the 3rd WM will take place in many countries with the participation of hundreds of thousands of activists.

**WITH WHOM?** More than 2000 organisations participated in the two previous marches. We hope that more will participate in this edition! We appeal to all individuals, groups and representatives of public and private institutions who are already demonstrating or want to demonstrate by their actions their commitment to peace, nonviolence, and the other central themes of the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence.

## THE CENTRAL THEMES

• Banning nuclear weapons. Calling on states to endorse the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and asking for the support of cities to push their governments in that direction through the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) <https://www.icanw.org>

Today, 93 countries have signed, and 69 have ratified. "I don't know how World War III will be fought, but I do know how World War IV will be fought: with sticks and stones" Albert Einstein.

- Proportional disarmament towards the renunciation by states of the use of war to resolve conflicts or appropriate natural resources. "Finally coming out of prehistory".
- Establish Conscientious Objection as a fundamental, existential right so that every human being has the option to not collaborate with violence in all its forms: "Not in my name".
- The urgent reconstruction of the United Nations, including the creation of an Environmental Security Council and a Socio-Economic Security Council within the current Security Council, incorporating into it the eradication of certain countries' right to veto. "A United Nations that effectively looks after all the world's citizens, through an effective and non-violent intervention in the event of conflict".
- Ensure the conditions for a fully sustainable planet, taking into account that it is a limited space to be cared for by all of us with determination. Denounce the plundering of natural resources by large multinational corporations. "Earth is everyone's home".
- The integration of regions and zones with socio-economic systems that guarantee the well-being and resources for all, aiming to eradicate hunger in the world in the next ten years. "We want to eliminate hunger from the history of humanity".
- Non-discrimination of any kind, be it on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, economic situation, age, etc. "No human being above any other".
- Nonviolence as a culture and active nonviolence as a methodology of action. To this end, to promote education for nonviolence in schools' curricula at all levels and universities: "Nonviolence is the only force capable of transforming the world".



## HOW WILL IT BE ORGANISED? PROMOTING TEAMS (PT)

The organisation is based on forming local Promoter Teams (PTs), which will arise from actions and projects raised from the social base in the spirit of "each one takes charge of what he/she proposes".

A Country Promotion Team will be set up in countries with PTs in several cities. Both organisations and individuals can participate in these PTs.

The form and style of work of these PTs will be horizontal (no chiefs), collaborative and consensual to coordinate initiatives.

In March 2024, a census will be made of the promotion teams in the countries where the 3rd WM will pass through, with the reports sent to date on their state of development with activities already carried out and planned.

To articulate all the activities between countries, there will be a regional coordination level and an additional intercontinental coordination level with representatives of all the countries and regional PTs.

## THE BASE TEAM (BT)

It will oversee the actual realisation of the entire route of the 3rd WM. It will be responsible for the assembly and coordination of the routes, institutional relations, documentation, production of general materials and dissemination.



The BT will be made up of around 300 activists who will be dedicated to some of these functions.

In addition, about 150 of them will take turns to carry out one of the sections of the route (15-20 days). In total, there will be between 15 and 30 participants doing the route at the same time.

## HOW TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR THE 3rd WM?

Country and local PTs will develop the initiatives as they see fit, to promote the 3rd WM. The following are some of the common actions that have been tested and are "scalable":

**ETHICAL COMMITMENT:** This consists of publicly assuming the commitment to never use the knowledge received to oppress, exploit, discriminate or harm other human beings but to use it for their liberation. It is to be declared in schools, universities (it can be associated with the realisation of human symbols), and with politicians. <https://theworldmarch.org/compromiso-etico/>

**HUMAN SYMBOLS:** Since the 1st WM, more than 500,000 pupils in more than 3,000 schools worldwide have already participated in creating human symbols of Peace and Nonviolence. We aim that prior to the start of the 3rd WM, as many human symbols as possible will be made in schools, squares and parks on specific dates (10 December - International Human Rights Day, 5 March - International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness, 26 September - International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons) In order to be in a position to produce a planetary viral phenomenon at the start of the March on 2 October.



**LOCAL AND REGIONAL MARCHES:** Different types of regional marches have already taken place: Central American March, South American March, Latin American March and a sea march with the slogan "Mediterranean, Sea of Peace". The countries and/or regions will invite internal marches with specific themes.

**Full DAY EVENTS AND FORUMS:** In recent years, more than 20 Day events

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 3rd WM

On 2 October 2023, the Official Launch of the 3rd WM took place in Madrid at the Spanish Congress of Deputies, in tandem with the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, where it was emphasised that in one more year, it would be from Costa Rica that the 3rd WM will start on 2 October 2024.

## CALENDAR

2023

OCTOBER 13-14-15: European Preparatory Meeting 3rd WM Madrid, Parks of Study and Reflection Toledo, Spain (already held) NOVEMBER 17-18-19: American 3rd WM Preparation Meeting in San José de C. Rica (already held) DECEMBER: Adjustment meetings by country. The last of these meetings, was with Asia & Oceania, and took place on the 16th of December 2023.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY: Meetings in Asia, Africa, and Oceania. March: Creation of coordination areas by continent. APRIL-MAY: Demonstration effects. June: Confirmation of countries participating in the 3rd WM.

JULY 1 to 15: Adjustment of routes between continents. JULY 16 to 31: Adjustment of routes between countries per continent.

AUGUST 15: Definition of the routes of the trunk route, the converging routes, and the central elements of the 3rd WM.

SEPTEMBER 21: International Day of Peace. Celebrations and presentations of the 3rd WM.

OCTOBER 2: Start of the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence 2025

JANUARY 5: End of the 3rd World March for Peace and Nonviolence in Costa Rica. Between 3 and 6 months before the 3rd WM passes through each place, Local Launches of the WM by country and city will occur wherever possible.



and Forums on Nonviolence have been held. We hope that, in this 3rd WM, in addition to the activities of each place, a conference or forum will be held, lasting at least one day, in order to exchange, debate and plan future actions, as well as to bring together organisations and collaborators.

**UNIVERSITIES:** Many of the activities of the previous marches have been possible thanks to the support of some universities. A suggestion is that each country should have at least one university committed to the 3rd WM as a reference.

Some universities have already shown their support: U. Dr. Andrés Bello (El Salvador), UCENM (Honduras), ITM University Gwalior (India), and U.N. Guayaquil (Ecuador). The University for Peace of Costa Rica will host the opening ceremony of the March. In addition, the National Council of Costa Rica Universities' Rectors has pledged its support.

A training plan for activists, including nonviolence modules, is being developed with the universities and other groups.

**CITIES' SUPPORT FOR THE United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** In the framework of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), a coalition of non-governmental organisations from 100 countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It is recommended that municipalities be asked to lobby their national governments to adhere to the treaty. They are, therefore, invited to commit to signing the ICAN Cities' Appeal. <https://cities.icanw.org/appealtext>

It is recommended to consult the WM books, where numerous examples of actions and initiatives exist.

The 1st WM book can be viewed online <http://xurl.es/m8o8x> and downloaded <http://xurl.es/x7bwh>

The 2nd WM book is available for sale-information in each country.

We also invite you to watch the 1st WM documentary: [https://youtu.be/r\\_gyzUaHUIM](https://youtu.be/r_gyzUaHUIM)



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