

Third World Forum

1. NGO, non-profit making association.
 2. Origin: Need for alternative development strategies:
 - a) that people oriented, self reliant, anti party (National & collective self reliance, safeguarding).
 - b) cultural identity: cultural international relations based on diversity instead of domination and standardization.
 3. Beyond this ultimate goal, our approach is pluralistic: Mahbub and Samir (He is referring To the late Prof. Mahbob Al Haq and Prof. Samir Amin).
 4. Selected membership: social scientists and eminent development experts (around 500 at present).
 5. Complete independence entails, no North funding and avoiding major contribution of a single south government. Consequently, poor financial resources, voluntary work for office holders , minimal administration costs and decentralization.
 6. Nature: Research and advocacy. Overheads of research projects cover office expenditure.
 7. Cairo is the office of TWF chairman as well as that of the Head of Middle East Office.
- Social Mathematics The UNU (United Nations University) The Romanian School: Starting from topology.
This was what Mrs. Ellen wrote to him for his speech.
BTW Prof Abdalla is keeping expressing his impression of you and his pleasure for knowing you.
I hope the above notes would be of help.
Love and best wishes.
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