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## World Economic Forum/World Social Forum: Amnesty International present for human rights

*Davos / Porto Alegre* -- High level Amnesty International delegations will attend both the World Economic Forum and the World Social Forum with the message of "*Globalizing human rights*".

As part of Amnesty International's efforts to bring human rights into the debate on globalisation, the organization will meet with world and business leaders gathered in Davos and thousands of representatives of the world's civil society in Porto Alegre.

### World Economic Forum

An Amnesty International delegation led by the organization's Secretary General Irene Khan will attend the World Economic Forum in Davos. One of their objectives is to lobby for a greater accountability of companies in relation to human rights. The delegation includes Amnesty International's Director of Policy, David Petrasek, and Salil Tripathi, expert on economic relations and human rights. The delegation will also participate in the activities of the "Public Eye on Davos" and the "Open Forum Davos 2003" (details available on: [www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org) and [www.evb.ch](http://www.evb.ch))

Amnesty International's platform will be presented to the media at a press conference.

Press conference at the World Economic Forum  
23 January 2003 -- 15:35 - 16:05  
Press Centre - Davos

During this press conference, Amnesty International will also launch its report '*Doing business in Russia: the human rights approach*'.

### World Social Forum

At the same time, a delegation led by the Chair of Amnesty International's International Executive Committee, Paul Hoffman, will be attending the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre. The delegation includes Ignacio Saiz, Deputy Director of the organization's Americas Programme, Gita Sahgal, head of Gender Unit, and Tim Cahill researcher on Brazil. Amnesty International's contribution will focus on how human rights can provide a comprehensive framework for combating the negative effects of globalization.

Paul Hoffman will be taking part in the conference: Principle and values, human rights, diversity and

equality  
25 January – 15:30-17:30 PM  
Gigantinho Stadium - Porto Alegre

The delegation will also take part in a series of panel discussions, seminars and workshops (details available on request, or by visiting [www.forumsocialmundial.org.br](http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br))

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