

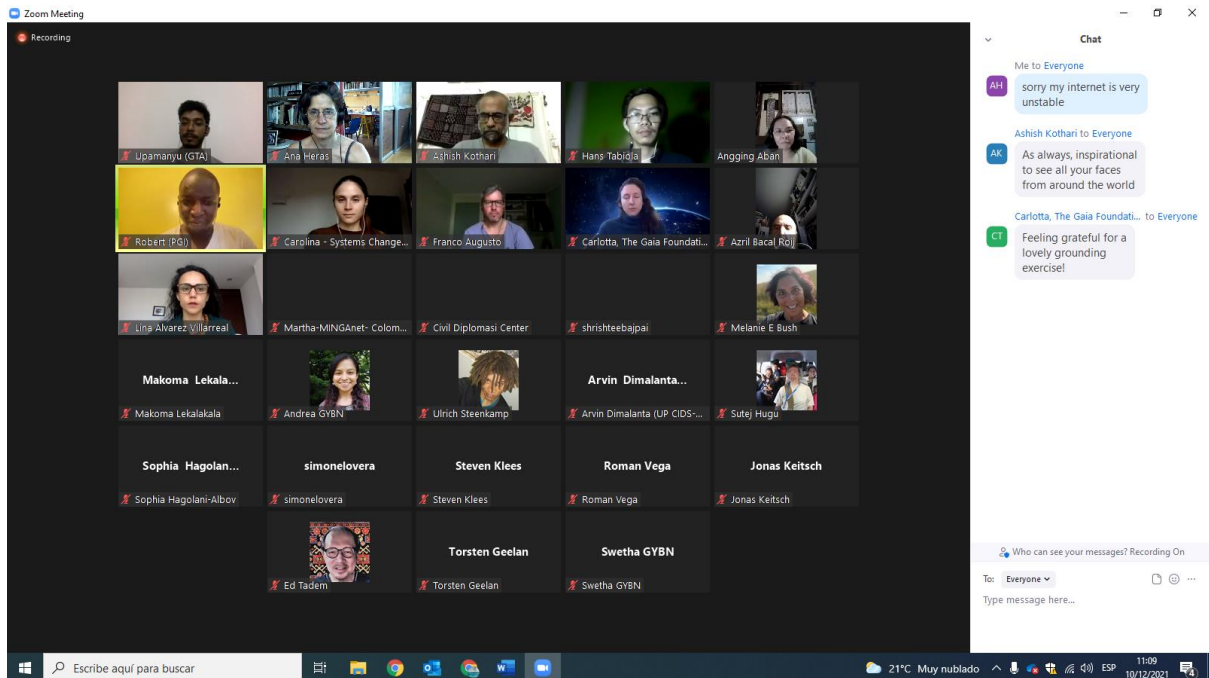
GTA meeting Global Tapestry Assembly (Second assembly) Dec. 10, 2021

27 people attended –

NOTE TAKING by Hans, from the organization team, here

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dYle2DQn7HWvGej5JngsgbB1B8A-cBSdaJC5jfGmFMk/edit>

We started by saying good morning and then we went into a grounding exercise by Robert / how do we feel today?



Anging Aban – explains how the meeting will work

Agenda is

- Sharing what is going on in our local places – in groups for 20 minutes
- Update GTA – what is going on with the Assembly and what happened in the last three months
- Global events and regional campaigns will be explained Plans for the next months and coming year
- List action items and responsibilities to deliver
- In closing a reflection from Robert / how to improve ourselves and our communities

I was assigned to ROOM 5



Robert Kenya Post Growth Institute – fellowships (25 people around the world) to produce content on what they are doing <https://www.postgrowth.org>

Systems Change Alliance Carolina - Support each other to disseminate initiatives

Biologist by training – Permaculture was the door to get into alternatives
<https://systemschangealliance.org>

Ana from CERN <https://www.communityeconomies.org/about/ce-research-network-cern>

Ana explains that she also participates in <http://www.incluir.org.ar/> and co-coordinates <https://proyectodeautonomia.wordpress.com/> yet these organizations are not part of GTA yet. She will carry out the info to these groups to see whether they are interested in joining.

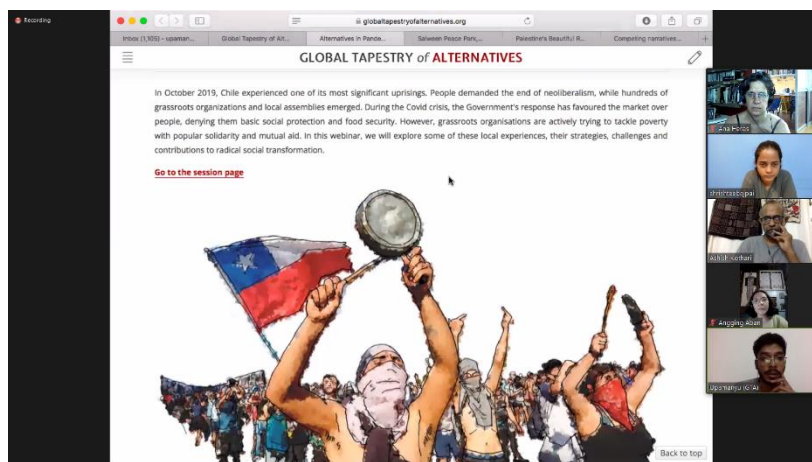
Torsten Geelan (Alternatives to capitalism) <https://sase.org/network-i-alternatives-to-capitalism/>
<https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/alternatives-to-capitalism-in-the-21st-century>

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Back to the main group – Ashish proposes to use the Pop Corn methodology “something that pops out for you” that were shared in your small group- For Ashish the main issue was to find people doing “alternative” things in so many different fields. Ed Tadem Philippines talked about what he learned in his group and what he is currently doing in South East Asia

- **What happened btwn the last Assembly and today**

Upamany provides a brief - These are some of the activities that took place and got communicated on the web page of GTA – see here



<https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/webinars:2021:index>

1/8 | Salween Peace Park, Myanmar: Strengthening Karen People's Resistance, Resilience and Response to Conflict and Covid-19 Crises

The Salween Peace Park is an initiative in Myanmar declared by Indigenous Karen people in December 2018 to bring peace, cultural harmony, self-determination, and environmental integrity after 70 years of armed conflict in the region. However, the community continues to face threats from the Burmese military dictatorship. In this webinar, Saw Paul Sein Taw and Nwe Wah Ku share their experience of the Karen people working towards self-determination, navigating a global pandemic, and facing a violent military offensive.

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12/9 | Palestine's Beautiful Resistance: What it tells the world about building peace within

Beautiful resistance emerges from Palestine as a concept and philosophy that aims to inspire hope and promote life through performing and visual arts as non-armed ways for peaceful and creative self-expression. It helps to build peace within individuals, in turn to become peace-builders in their community and beyond.

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2/11 | Competing narratives for the future of agriculture in Africa

In this session, we will discuss about the competing narratives for transforming African agricultural food system, in the West, everyone has a solution for Africa. They propose a Green Revolution and other falling and destructive approach to food, agriculture, and the empowerment into Africa must be challenged. Agroecology is a realistic strategy for improving our nutrition, increasing production, enhancing biodiversity, raising resilience, and boosting farmer income.

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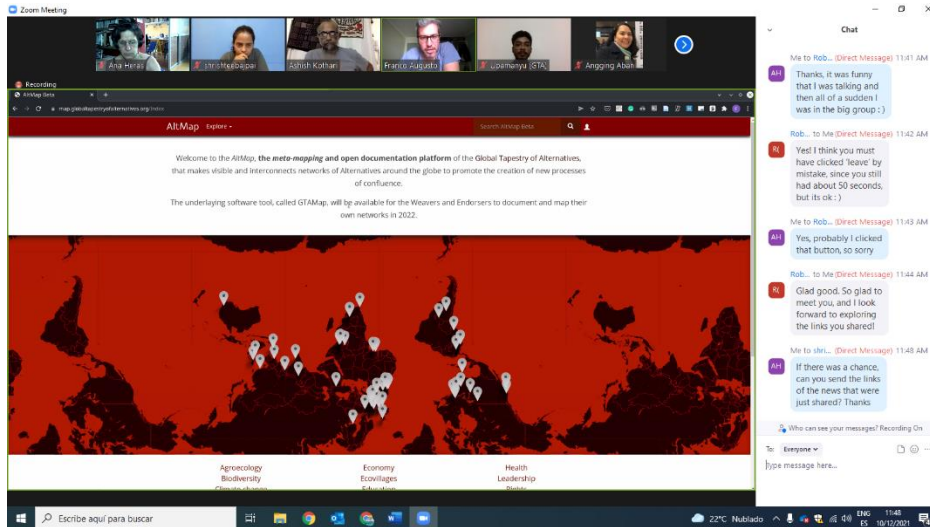
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- **ALTERNATIVE mapping – it is called GTA map and alternative mapping**

Endorsers and weavers will be located in the map and will be also able to use the map. Any organization will be able to use the tool and document within this mapping what they think is relevant. This resource allows to connect w other platforms _ any organization can talk to Franco about this if this is of interest (Franco Augusto). People can use this map when is online - <https://map.globaltapestryofalternatives.org/> Martha from Colombia asks about the funding for doing this? Franco can talk about this later during the meeting (this is what was agreed on this topic)

GTA will convey a meeting with endorsers and weavers specifically on the map



- **Ashish – First Assembly BRIEF Report** from last meeting
https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/assembly:2021_09_11

We met in September just to get started

- One challenge: language(s) of communication (not English Only and not Colonial Language(s) only)
- How can we make the AGT more “proactive”? was another topic discussed in the first assembly and in the future, e.g, using digital platforms
- How can we support and disseminate the concrete actions that are taking place?
- Can we do internal seminars / conversations so that we take the opportunity to learn from each other?
- GTA is getting larger, so we said we need a facilitation team – the group worked for getting this meeting together (Angging, Robert, Hans, Vasna, Shrishtee, Upamanyu, and Ashish)

Regarding Language Use – this is an organization that is working on this: Democratising Work movement <https://democratizingwork.org/global-forum>

Webinars on Myanmar, on Palestine, on agriculture in Africa **Watch** the previous webinars <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/webinars:2021:index> - GTA / interacted with global processes that are going on for example ADELANTE <https://adelante.global> – GTA intends to keep on networking with these different groups over time. More on what has been done already here <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/events:index>

- **Newsletter GTA** <https://globaltapestryofalternatives.org/newsletters:index>

There is a newsletter going on. Organizations are welcome to contribute. The upcoming newsletter will be out in January probably. They welcome ideas about what themes to portray in each Newsletter. Also, a Volume of STORIES that were successes even in times of crisis.

- **Report on finances**

At this point, 80% of the resources needed for the next year are covered

For the next two years, they expect to be able to support local weavers a bit more and to encourage other weavers to come to board into GTA- this is their plan, they don't know yet if it will happen

They also want to search for more weavers and endorsers

They need more people in the facilitation team

- **Action Items** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dYle2DQn7HWvGej5JngsgbB1B8A-cBSdaJC5jfGmFMk/edit>

Report from Asia

Advancing and Realizing Alternative Regionalism:
Southeast Asian Peoples' Solidarity and Resistance in COVID-19 Times
11-12 NOV 2021 (VIA ZOOM & FB LIVE) • FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Organizers

1. University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies Program on Alternative Development
2. University of the Philippines School of Labor and Industrial Relations Center for Labor and Grassroots Initiatives
3. ASEAN SOGIE Caucus
4. Asian Music for Peoples' Peace and Progress
5. Asian Solidarity Economy Council
6. CIVICA Research
7. Focus on the Global South
8. Fundasaun Hafoun Timor
9. Homenet Southeast Asia
10. Kdadadal Sulimutuk Indonesia
11. Konfederasi Pergerakan Indonesia
12. Milk Tea Alliance
13. Serikat Petani Pasuruan
14. Sustainability and Peace through Education and Learning
15. Vietnam Peace and Solidarity Foundation
16. 11.11.11 Coalition of North-South Movement

Objectives

- To identify concrete steps/action points towards a **regional movement** of alternatives
- To **highlight peoples' alternatives** that withstood and developed amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and their critical responses to the situation
- To harness and **consolidate people-to-people and cross-border solidarity** through diverse platforms of engagement
- To **strengthen networks and explore new linkages** towards a global alternatives movement

Zoom Meeting interface showing participants: Ana Heras, shrishteebajpai, Ashish Kothari, Angging Abani Phillip..., Robert (PGI), Arvin Dimalanta... (UP CID...)

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They organized 6 workshops as follows

Workshop Sessions

- 1: Education/ pedagogy during the pandemic both in urban and remote places
- 2: Local food movements, pantries, kitchens, gardens, and the importance of health, food, and nutrition
- 3: Community-based healthcare practices
- 4: Diverse forms of cross-border solidarity during the pandemic (*Ashish Kothari representing GTA was panel speaker*)
- 5: Community responses in the midst of a climate emergency

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Logos of participating organizations: upcid, HOJENET, SEASOUTH, K.P.R.I., CIVICA RESEARCH, SPELL, UP SOLAR CLGI, and ASEANalternativeresionalism.

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takes inspiration from **vernacular stilt houses** in Southeast Asia and from the **weaving traditions** prevalent in the region

the **movement is a shelter and a platform** in which alternative practices from the grassroots are nurtured and strengthened by way of weaving together

arrows pointing up symbolize the **upward movement of SEA peoples in expanding their networks of solidarity** and in **building an alternative just future**

colors symbolize the **diversity of nations in the SEA region**, while overlappings seen in the pattern symbolize the **similarities and deep interconnectedness of SEA peoples**

Arvin Dilamanta reported on this

Also Angging Aban from Philippines reported on networking with Colombia and México / Crianza mutua

May First Movement Tech - <https://mayfirst.coop/en/> Melanie E Bush speaks about her work with South East Asia students – Brooklyn USA and she poses the question about how GTA is linking with

Social Solidarity Economies initiatives and other initiatives with different “names” but related to these ideas and actions.

GTA is already linked with SSE – Confederacy Indonesia (Angging Aban reports). Also links in Jakarta btwn farmers, urban poor communities and workers unions. They work with a SSE approach, barter exchange, support. Also HOME BASED workers are organized in Indonesia – see published monographs on case studies can be downloaded here Cases in Southeast Asia:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wqu4RabXiriDndSoFSqa6vO6mBz8zBXQ/view>

Civil Diplomasi Center Kurdistan – current project <https://nescivildiplomacy.com/>

World Social Forum – in México City as a hybrid event (online and face to face) in May. GTA is hoping to organize some events around this initiative.

In the end Ashish opened the mic for comments and some were done orally and some in the chat.

Robert closed the meeting to ask whether there was learning or comments.

- Ana (me) shared an idea about including children and youth in these meetings. Ashish shared that in the Colombia, India and México networking that already happened.
- Swetha from Global Youth Biodiversity Network asked how to collaborate further.
- Simone Lovera also asked something similar and proposed to do networking thematically.
- Ana (me) asked whether we can use the resources shared to network “horizontally” and or “thematically” with other groups. The answer is “yes of course”, and let the Facilitators Team know so they can inform everybody of whatever may be happening.
- Franco explains that the MAP is a prototype and can be improved with people s participation.