



February 2026 # IV

# WSA CONNECT

## The World Subud Association Newsletter

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## Editorial

Welcome to a new issue of WSA Connect!

This year the World Subud Council (WSC) is heading towards the middle of its term. It will be a busy time with many activities taking shape and multiple meetings on its agenda.

Besides Rifka and the international helpers, who are all travelling extensively to meet with members during national congresses, zonal meetings and other visits, there is a big chance you will see Hamid da Silva around, who is the Coordinator of our World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT).

Hamid has started presenting and promoting the next Subud World Congress that is planned to take place in Fatima, Portugal, from July 17-30, 2028. He is working hard to establish positive relationships with all the local stakeholders, and – together with his enthusiastic team of some twenty members to negotiate cost effective terms for accommodation, transport, meals, and so on. The WCOT team has its second in-person meeting coming up this June. Please note that the World Congress Logo Competition is waiting for your creative ideas!

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To help prevent any incidents of harassment, bullying, discrimination, and other forms of unacceptable behaviour

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during international Subud meetings (both online and in-person), and support members when they are affected by such behavior, the Safeguarding Working Group has completed its first draft of a Code of Conduct and a draft Safeguarding Policy. These documents will be reviewed at the council meeting this February. We must all be committed to creating a safe, respectful and inclusive environment to be in.

- Events
- The Human Force Camp in Amanecer
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There appears to be a growing number of people who are aiming to work together using consensus-based decision-making. To further support the implementation of this fundamental issue in our Subud culture, Raymond Lee and I are offering online workshops. We will start with a group of youth members, who have shown an interest.

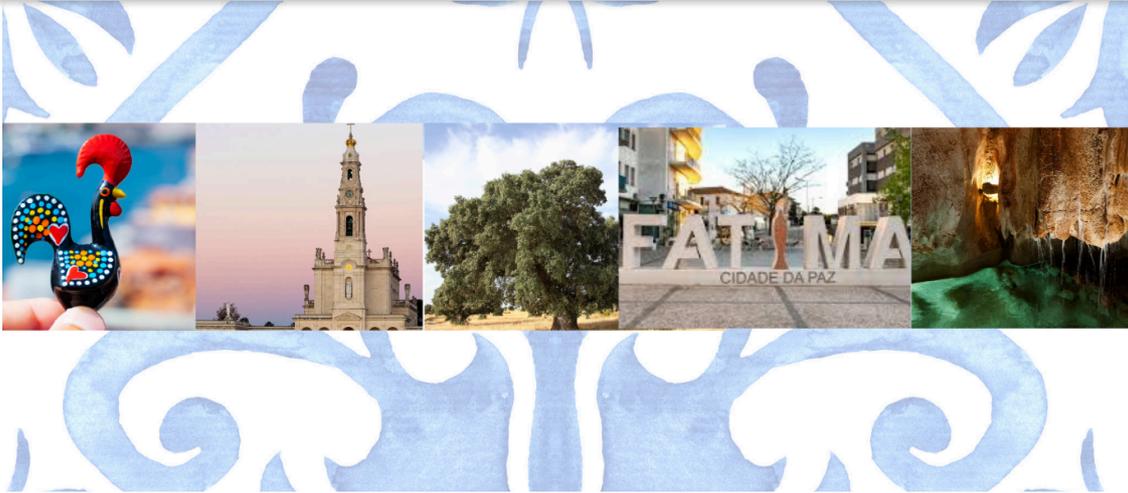
Out of the discussions around consensus came another topic, which is currently under discussion in the council. This concerns long term, or 'frozen' conflicts, which can sometimes have a damaging effect on Subud life in local groups, or even on a national level. We are questioning ourselves: What can the role of WSA be in such cases? Of course, if you have any ideas or feedback, please pass it on to me.

To end on a personal note: since last summer I am living in the south of Spain, and I'm now a member of the lively Alpujarras group in Orgiva. If you ever plan to visit this beautiful part of Spain, you are most welcome. We have plenty of accommodation, a fantastic Latihan hall, and lots of interesting people with all sorts of nationalities, young and not so young. Every time I go to Latihan it's a bit like a mini Subud world congress, which makes me feel deeply grateful.

With love from Hannah de Roo,  
WSA Deputy Chair.  
Hannah.deroo@subud.org

## *Trending topics*

**Call for the 17th Subud World Congress 2028 Logo Contest**



With great joy, we are pleased to announce the official launch of the Logo Design Contest for the 17th Subud World Congress 2028, to be held in Fátima, Portugal. Fátima is recognized worldwide as a deeply symbolic place, associated with hope, faith, and the vision of a peaceful future for humanity. In this spirit, we invite you to create a design that reflects the Fátima World Congress as a space of inner and outer peace, unity, and trust in a more harmonious world.

See full details [here](#)

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### WCOT Update – January 2026 | World Subud Congress 2028



We are pleased to share the January 2026 update from the World Congress Organising Team (WCOT), highlighting the progress achieved so far and outlining key upcoming milestones for the World Subud Congress.

The World Congress Organising Team is now formally established.

Most core teams have been completed, with the Families and Youth program still pending.

## Planning Timeline and Key Milestones

Some important dates and developments include:

- Core teams completed: December 2025 (Families/Youth pending)
- Venue contracts and modular structure in progress: March 2026 target date
- Preliminary congress budget in progress: March 2026 target date
- Congress logo competition: Launched this month! April 15, 2026 deadline
- Congress website launch: September 2026 target date
- Early registration, financial aid, visa assistance, and accommodation information in progress: July 2027 target date

## Programme Development

The congress programme is expected to include:

- Daily Latihan (simultaneous)
- Kejiwaan programme: Bapak and Ibu's talks, International Helpers, Helpers Desk
- Personal testing in modular structures
- Zone and National Delegation meetings
- Wing activities (SDIA, SICA, SES, SIHA, SYAI)
- Opening and closing ceremonies
- Cultural evenings

The Programme Team has begun a series of small Zoom meetings with WSA, ISC, IHs, MSF, and Wings to gather ideas and assess space requirements. Site meetings in June will be critical for refining logistics and next steps.

## Fiscal Planning and Risk Management

A preliminary budget is being drafted, covering venues, infrastructure, programme costs, interpretation, childcare, accessibility, staffing, and volunteers.

Additional planning includes sponsorships, grants, international fundraising, scaled registration fees, and robust contingency planning addressing health, safety, visa, financial, and operational risks.

Questions or offers of support?

Please contact the team at [hello.swc2028@subud.org](mailto:hello.swc2028@subud.org)

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# Muhammad

## Subuh

### Foundation

#### **Trustee Appointment Process 2026-2030**

**Deadline March 30, 2026**

The World Subud Association (WSA) kindly invites you to apply for the role of trustee of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF). We are looking to fill four vacancies at the World Subud Council Meeting in 2026 in Rungan Sari, Kalimantan, from July 15-26.

Active Subud members around the world are encouraged to consider applying.

the role and responsibilities of an MSF trustee; the minimum criteria to serve as a trustee; the nomination process, and the timeline of the appointment process. The deadline to submit applications is **March 31, 2026**.

[Call for new trustees](#)

[MSF trustee nomination form](#)

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## **WSA SERVICES**

#### **Centerprises and Subud Archives**

A ten-year celebration of the completion and opening of the Amani Center in the Washington, DC area was held on January 12, 2026. To mark this milestone, we are sharing two short videos that document the construction of the Amani Center. The primary builders were Harris Woodward, Ra'uf Ramsey, and Damanhuri Alkaitis, with the support of many generous donors who made this project possible.

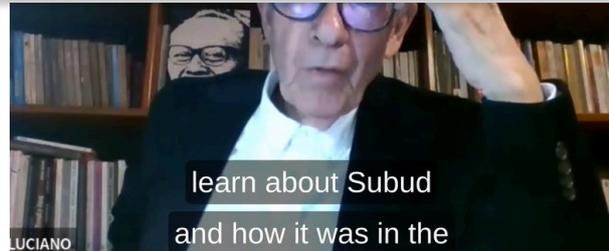
- Construction video by Harris Woodward: [https://youtu.be/I4WTT\\_S0TB0](https://youtu.be/I4WTT_S0TB0)
- Landscaping video: [https://youtu.be/RD45Q7AU\\_do](https://youtu.be/RD45Q7AU_do)

The Amani Center stands as an example of how a Subud building can serve both as a spiritual home and a support center for Subud-related work such as the Subud International Archives.

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**How did you find Subud?  
stories about how members**

These kinds of stories are always very interesting and diverse. Stories full of curious details and “coincidences” that result in contact with the transformative experience of the *latihan kejiwaan*.



Thanks to the work of Mayerly Mendoza, a Subud member from New York, originally from Colombia, and Samuel Marcks, Subud members can enjoy 38 interviews of Latin American brothers and sisters, which have been completed so far since 2020.

This initiative is similar in spirit to the “Memories of Bapak” project, started by Jerry Chalem in 1995, which ultimately documented 250 interviews around the world. Projects like these are essential to preserving the living history of Subud, so that future generations can understand how Subud developed and grew around the world.

### How to find what you are looking for?

Log in into the [wsaarchives.org](https://wsaarchives.org) if you do not have your log in information, request access to: [admin@WSAarchives.org](mailto:admin@WSAarchives.org). Then type the name of the Subud member interview you would like to see.

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## *International Helpers Travels*

**Visit of the International Helpers of Area 2, to Subud Spain,  
November 24 to December 8, 2025**

**By Anwar Ziesel**



In November 2025 the whole Dewan of International Helpers of area 2 visited the groups in Spain, to meet and do Latihan with the helpers, committees and members in Barcelona, Alicante, Madrid and Orgiva. Isolated members Ibiza joined as well. Our visit ended with our attendance to the Spanish National Congress in early December. Miguel Perez, present KC of Subud Spain was travelling with us, being a travel agent, interpreter and host for 2 weeks.

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## **IH Area 1 – From A to Z**

### **By Suzanna Dayne**

*From Auckland to the Zone 1&2 meeting... with much of Area 1 in the Southern Hemisphere, we are always very busy at the start of the year.*



First stop was New Zealand – our first trip this term to Kiwiland! One of us went to Auckland and two to Wellington and Nelson on the North Island.

We met up in Christchurch, down south. This group is finishing their new Subud Centre – which will house their National Archives and serve as a Centerprise. Subud

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## **The USA helper development gathering was held in Durham Subud house in North Carolina from Feb 6-8, 2026**

**By Hoan Toan**



Subud Durham was established in 1995. 46 helpers and four international helpers (IHs) attended the gathering (Halinah, Helena, Kohar and Hoan Toàn), 8 national helpers (4 women and 4 men), 7 regional helpers (5 women and 2 men).

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## ***News from the Zones***

### **Zone 3**

#### **Invitation to the 2026 Zone 3 gathering - Salobreña, Spain**

Dear brothers and sisters,

With great pleasure, we warmly invite you to the 2026 Zone 3 Gathering, which will take place in Salobreña, South of Spain. We very much look forward to welcoming you and spending this time together.

#### **Dates of the gathering:**

May 4 to May 10, 2026 for KCs

May 7 to May 10, 2026 for delegates and observers

If possible, please plan to arrive on May 6 so that we can all begin together on May 7.

[Registration](#) before 28 of February

### **Zone 4**

**In memoriam Harina Easty**

chuckling, happy with a cup of coffee and a cigarette at the balcony and happy about a call in the middle of the night, when we met from time to time as night owls at the phone.

She did care for all around her like a mother. At the end of the Zone 4 meeting in Hübigen 2025 she gave to me as a good-bye-present a pillowcase with embroidering.

Now she went on her last journey, all of a sudden. Her last greeting had been a pulsing heart in our women's chat.

I'm very thankful for having met Harina and for the opportunity to share with her so many special and happy moments together in our IH2 team. She even gave me a little push at the end to start again with my music.

Thank you so much, dear Harina! You will be missed, but we will carry your presence as we have experienced it in our hearts.

Love, Mariam Tikale

Harina was a wonderful Subudlady -  
carrying her inner light with her -  
which was shining on all of us.  
When travelling as IHs we felt as one  
person on a mission.  
And I will never forget that we  
laughed a lot. Her sense of humor  
lifted everybody around her.  
Many of us will miss her a lot .

May God Almighty grant her His  
Grace and Love.

Kamilia Konrad



What is so wonderful is how many  
brothers and sisters around the  
World are showing love and  
respect for her, simply because she  
was the way she was, open,  
surrendered and joyful. It was always  
a blessing to be together with her,  
and for us in area 2 to travel with  
Harina had been special!!

Valentin Pizzi

Harina was – warm, intelligent,  
caring, clear, direct, surrendered  
and much loved.

Alan Boyd

She was always happy and loving.  
Travelling with her was travelling  
with a very dear friend. It was a  
blessing to have served with her.

Howard Ray

Read Harina's [interview](#) done by Ruth Taylor and published in *issue 8 of the Zone 3 newsletter Projects & Properties*, September 2020

In Zone 4 we are extremely proud to have engendered Subud Marketplace, a brand new online platform, created BY SUBUD, FOR SUBUD

It is a global online platform where Subud entrepreneurs, freelancers, and professionals from all backgrounds can present and offer their products and services. The platform makes it easy to connect directly with Subud entrepreneurs across a wide range of fields — from creative services and education to wellness, technology, and craftsmanship. All Sellers featured on the Marketplace are Subud members.

Whether you are looking to discover meaningful services and products, or explore the diversity of Subud talent worldwide, the Subud Marketplace is a practical tool for building community through enterprise and highlighting how Subud members contribute to the world with skill, purpose, and integrity.

The website is open to all visitors: no permission, registration, or special access is required to explore the offers. Subud Marketplace does not handle transactions; it is a promotional and discovery platform - a stage for talents, services and offers to emerge.

Read the full story [here](#)

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## *Wings and affiliates*

### **Upcoming SIHA Zoom Events**

We would like to draw your attention to several upcoming SIHA Zoom events.

The first kejiwaan zoom workshop was held on the 8th of February, 19:00 CET on the topic “The Spiritual Journey of Ageing,” exploring aging as a conscious, inner, and spiritual process. If you missed it, the recording is uploaded on the SIHA website: [www.subudhealth.org](http://www.subudhealth.org)

#### **Save the date!**

22nd March 2026 at 19:00 CET

- SIHA Zoom (topic will be announced soon)

3rd May 2026 at 19:00 CET

- SIHA Zoom Workshop on Exercises for the Autonomic Nervous System

Contact [info@subudhealth.org](mailto:info@subudhealth.org) to request the Zoom link.

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### **The Human Force Camp in Amanecer**

**By Sebastian Wild, Subud Youth Activities International coordinator**



I was already sweating before our work even began. The afternoon sun was beating down on us. Our main group task was work on the “Kiosko”, a new building for the Amanecer Foundation. The main construction material was *guadua* (a type of bamboo).

The first thing we did was plant a Mangosteen tree, then we started digging two terraces on the hill to help manage rainfall. It didn’t take long before we were sweating profusely. The sun went down, the mosquitoes smelled fresh blood.

I was feeling tired but energised from a good day’s work. Everyone was still figuring out how to fit in, how to relate to each other, but very subtly, something started to shift.

One morning we got up early to go bird-watching, equipped with binoculars and a birdwatching app. It was peaceful and beautiful to hear and see so many birds. With the help of the biologists who accompanied us, we learned about the different birds that live in the Quindío area.

At night, we went out again. This time to see the nocturnal monkeys that live in Amanecer. The biologists told us to look out for moving branches. We waited. Once night fell, we saw some branches move up in the canopy. Following the movement with our torches, we managed to see two nocturnal monkeys up in the topmost branches of the trees. We looked up at them, observing them until our necks were sore. They appeared and disappeared. At one point, I felt water fall on top of me. The “water” turned out to be monkey pee.

Our other Human Force activities were: a gymkhana with Melao Collective and Ecoaventuras, identifying trees and tagging them, team-building and reflection activities, teaching English at a nearby school, learning about the different Susila Dharma (SDIA) projects in Colombia, what The Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP) does and, of course, the big work on the “Kiosko,” which was

During the camp, a young Colombian participant received his opening. Subud was present even though some participants weren't in Subud.

Halfway through the Camp I could sense tiredness kick in. Apart from the demanding work many of us were going through a lot. In those moments of hardship, it was amazing to see how everyone helped and supported each other. I don't know when it happened, but at one point the group gelled. It felt like a group of people that had known each other for a long time.

On the final day we went on an excursion to the Parque del Café, a massive theme park which was both thrilling and great fun. On that evening, we gathered in a circle. Everybody shared their experience and I realised the importance of these Human Force Camps. They offer a space for young people to get to know themselves, others, and the world around them.

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## *World Latihan schedules*

### **March 7, 2026**

12:00 (Los Angeles) - 14:00 (Mexico City) - 15:00 (New York/Bogota) - 17:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 20:00 (GMT) - 20:00 (London) - 21:00 (Paris)

### **March 8, 2026**

03:00 (Jakarta) - 07:00 (Sydney) - 09:00 (New Zealand)

### **April 4, 2026**

20:00 (Los Angeles) - 21:00 (Mexico City) - 22:00 (Bogota) - 23:00 (New York/Santiago de Chile)

### **April 5, 2026**

3:00 (GMT) - 4:00 (London) - 5:00 (Paris) - 10:00 (Jakarta) - 13:00 (Sydney) - 15:00 (New Zealand)

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## *Subud Gatherings*

Check full detail on <https://subudworldnews.com/events.html>

## **World Subud Council, Rungan Sari, Indonesia, July 16 - 26, 2026**

This year the World Subud Council will meet in Rungan Sari Indonesia. Arrival day the 16th and departure day the 26. The business meeting will start on the 17th and end on the 25th.

## Family Congress 2026 at Milton Abbey School, England

### Scheme for assisting volunteers:

We will provide camping free of charge in return for 4 hours volunteering per day throughout the Congress week. That means no registration fees and no charge for meals.

Alternatively we will provide a 50% camping discount for 2 hours volunteering per day. That would reduce the registration fee to £110 for adults and £75 for children aged 14 to 15. The minimum age for volunteers is 14 years.

We will provide volunteers coming from abroad with tents and sleeping bags. Volunteers will be needed for a wide variety of jobs at Congress 2026 including assisting in the café, creche, registration, youth activities, erecting and dismantling the marquees, greeting and directing arrivals, the campsite, support with bags on arrival and exit etc.

Interested volunteers are asked to register on the website <https://congress.subudbritain.org/> and state that they are volunteers.

This is the link to the website and the registration form:

<https://congress.subudbritain.org/>

## The Americas gathering 2026 at Puerto Varas, Chile

The registration for the Americas gathering is now open!

Check out the meeting [website](#), you will find all the information you need to plan your trip to the Americas gathering in Puerto Varas Chile.

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### *Special Thanks*

We extend our gratitude to the Subud brothers and sisters: Arnaud De Lune, Mardiana Situmeang, Angela Rivera, and Lucian Parshall for translating and proofreading the newsletter in French, Indonesian, Spanish, and English respectively.

### *Relevant links*

- Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA)  
[www.susiladharm.org](http://www.susiladharm.org)

- Subud International Cultural Association (SICA)  
[www.subud-sica.org](http://www.subud-sica.org)
- Subud Enterprise Services International (SESI)  
[www.subudenterprise.com](http://www.subudenterprise.com)
- Subud International Health Association (SIHA)  
[www.subudhealth.org](http://www.subudhealth.org)
- Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF)  
[www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org)
- Subud Marketplace  
[www.subudmarketplace.com](http://www.subudmarketplace.com)

**Deadline for next content submission**

Please send your news and newsletters or any comments to **amanda.rivera@subud.org** before March 27, 2026.

Thanks you for sharing!

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