

## **GRANADA STATEMENT**

DIRECTORS OF FESTIVALS DEVOTED TO CINEMAS FROM THE SOUTH

In Granada, on June 15th, 2007

The film festivals present in Granada the 14th and 15th of June of 2007, which are dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of the cinematography produced in countries of the South, wish to make the following statement:

- Diversity is a value that must be preserved and shown in all of its expressions (continental, national, regional and local) so that the enrichment propitiated by plurality can make us better people and increase our respect for differences.
- The South must be considered a space to be promoted, a concept of life and culture which, even with its enormous diversity, is identifiable by its difficult social, political and economic conditions that make culture, and especially film, a tool that can contribute to substantial improvements in such conditions.
- The directors of the festivals present will work together to establish links and relationships which continue the line of work begun by all in Granada, with exchange and representation initiatives that will be extended to festivals and events with similar characteristics, while also encouraging the incorporation of new members to this Platform.
- The quality of the filmmakers and the relevance of the values displayed by Cinemas from the South have been instrumental in the existence of our festivals, which will maintain their firm support for this exceptional vehicle that in the future is certain to continue surprising us with its vigour and creativity.

For all these reasons the directors of the festivals present today sign this statement in the city of Granada, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June of 2007.