Social groups and sectors place their hope in accumulation of knowledge which allows giving solutions to problems of a conflictive world. Experience shows us that generation of this necessary and useful knowledge should emerge from several points of view and contributions from all of us; that is, a collective construction of knowledge should be promoted.

Consequently, tools such as disclosure and sharing of ideas make it possible for several production spaces to become oxygenated; that is, already existing knowledge can be transformed, purged, opposed, reconstructed or supported.

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