

INVITATION FOR JOURNALISTS

In the context of the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, small-scale food producers organised under La Via Campesina, European Coordination Via Campesina and numerous national organisations are mobilising in Geneva to denounce the impact of free trade agreements (FTAs) and how they relate to the global food crisis.

As peasants, rural workers and small-scale farmers and founders of the concept of food sovereignty, we invite members of the press to attend various moments of the mobilisation. Get a first-hand look into the global commitments of the food sovereignty movement and its fair trade systems and better understand how the WTO and FTAs are inflicting poverty, hunger, instability and crises around the globe.

• 11 June - Public demonstration of small-scale farmers and food sovereignty organisations.

Location: Leaving from <u>Place Lise Girardin</u>, Geneva

• Time: 2 PM CEST

• 15 June - Press conference with speakers from La Via Campesina comprising peasant representatives from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

Location: Parc Chateaubriand (Find on the Map)

Time: 11 AM CEST

 The press conference will also be streamed live on <u>Zoom</u> and interpretation will be provided in EN/ES/FR.

The speakers will react to the outcomes of the 12th Ministerial meeting of the WTO. They will also present concrete proposals and demands to address the food crisis and build an equitable global trading mechanism that is built on the principles of food sovereignty, solidarity.

Please <u>fill out your details here</u> to indicate your interest in the event or send an email to <u>press@viacampesina.org</u> for more information or questions.

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