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HIGHLIGHTED ARTICLE

Peasant agriculture is a true solution to the climate crisis



La Via Campesina call to action for COP21 in Paris

Climate disruptions this year have again caused widespread hunger, migration and the worsening of living conditions for millions of rural families, especially women and youth. While small farmers around the world continue to produce the food most people eat, glaciers are melting at an alarming rate, species of plants and animals are disappearing daily, islands and nations are being reclaimed by oceans, soils are eroding and forests igniting, and catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and tsunamis are becoming commonplace. Meanwhile, the global food system imposed on people by Transnational Corporations (TNCs) is both a total failure and one of the main causes of the human-induced climate crisis – dependent on fossil fuels to produce, transform and transport, it is responsible for an estimated 44 to 57% of all global greenhouse emissions¹. Instead of nutritious food for the world's people, TNCs have produced hunger and obesity, land grabs and rural displacement, and a climate crisis they now hope to cash in on with

false solutions sold at the United Nations. [Read more...](#)

ARTICLES FROM THE REGIONS

In memory of Lee, the struggle against the WTO continues



LVC Call to Action: WTO Ministerial 2015 (Harare, 10 September 2015) Today, as la Via Campesina, we celebrate International Day of Peasant Struggle

Against the WTO, and remember the life and legacy of our brother and leader Mr. Lee Kyun Hae. A Korean farmer leader whose right to life with dignity was destroyed by the WTO, Mr. Lee sacrificed himself in 2003 to radically denounce those responsible for the disappearance of peasant economies around the globe. Now, in 2015, the World Trade Organization (WTO) is at it again. Promising to force through “all aspects of the Bali Package”, the multilateral killer of farmers will convene its 10th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 18 December, 2015. Further liberalization of trade is not only on the agenda, it is the agenda, with corporate agribusiness looking to destroy the few public policies that still protect some national food systems. [Read more...](#)

United States: Black US Farmers, Honduran Afro-Indigenous Share Food Sovereignty Prize



Press release -National Family Farm Coalition, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, US Food Sovereignty Alliance (Des Moines, Iowa, United States – September 1,

2015) In this moment when it is vital to assert that Black lives matter, the U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance honors Black and Afro-Indigenous farmers, fishermen, and stewards of ancestral lands and water. We especially commemorate them as a vital part of our food and agriculture system – growers and workers who are creating food sovereignty, meaning a world with healthy, ecologically produced food, and democratic control over food systems.

In 2015, the U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance’s two prize winners are: the Federation of Southern Cooperatives in the U.S., and the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras. The prizes will be presented in Des Moines on October 14, 2015. [Read more...](#)

Be a Palestinian farmer for a week or more this October

Like Olive Trees' Roots We Resist-Olive Harvest Campaign 2015

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(Palestine, Ramallah, August 18, 2015) It is of no new news that the Israeli Occupation continues its violations against Palestinian farmers and their resources. According to the Union of Agricultural Work Committee’s 2015 semi-annual violations fact sheet, the Israeli army and Israeli settlers uprooted more than 9910 trees most of them were olive trees in the first six months of 2015 only. In comparison, the total number of trees uprooted in 2014 was 9400. Thus, there is a tangible increase in the number of trees uprooted in 2015. Other statistics of the first six months of 2015 include: settler violence recorded reached 95 incidents, Palestinian-owned structures demolished in the West Bank reached 280 structures, and violations in Access Restricted Area (ARA) in the Gaza Strip reached at least 370 incidents. [Read more...](#)



Anti-farmer policies of NDA Government force Farmers to plan a Blockade of Delhi in September 2015: BKU

Press Release



The Central Government is not serious towards

the problems of farmers. If the problems are not resolved, we will block all highways coming to Delhi on 30 September 2015, Lakhawal

Farmers unions affiliated with the All India Coordination Committee of Farmers Movement (AICCFM) met today at the Punjab Bhawan in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Ajmer Singh Lakhawal, President Bhartiya Kissan Union, Punjab. During this meeting, farmer leaders intensely discussed the current burning issues which included, the Land Acquisition Bill, NDA government position on the WTO and the FTAs with Australia, New Zealand and other agri-exporter countries, the government push for commercial release of genetically engineered Mustard, the increasing farmers suicides, the Shanta Kumar High Level Committee report for restructuring FCI, and others. The farmer suicides in India are continuing despite many promises by the Narendra Modi before the election that he would work for the Indian farmers. However after becoming Prime Minister, he expressed no concern for agrarian crisis and the continuing farmer suicides. During NDA Government since May 2014, several thousand farmers have committed suicide including hundreds of sugarcane growers due to non-payment of their long-standing dues. [Read more...](#)

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"We are La Via Campesina"

(Zimbabwe, Harare, August 18, 2015) We are happy to release a [new Video](#) by La Via Campesina, the international peasant movement. In this video, men and women, leaders of La Via Campesina member organizations in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe share their struggles and fight for food sovereignty, peasant and climate justice.

Again, in the video (shot during the 2015 World Social Forum in Tunisia), we hear peasant’s experiences about solidarity, women struggles, land, seeds, water, etc...

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