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## UN Decade of Family Farming; peasants voice their hopes and concerns

The Decade was officially launched at FAO headquarters in Rome on 29th May 2019 and was preceded by sessions to exchange and discuss the priorities to implement the global action plan, with the participation of key stakeholders, including the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty and La Via Campesina.

La Via Campesina, with a strong delegation of representatives from several regions around the world, different agricultural activities and battlefields for agroecology and food sovereignty, had an active participation in the dialogues and shared its expectations, hopes and concerns with regards to the Decade. Will this Decade simply be another declaration of intent, adding to other ineffective instruments? How is family farming defined? What is the role to be played by governments? And where is the place for peasant agroecology?

The answers to these questions will be determining for the success of the Decade.

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## FEATURED ARTICLES



### Peasant's Rights Declaration enriches the human rights system

On 28 September 2018, the Human Rights Council adopted the declaration, which was voted in by a comfortable margin, and which represented, without a doubt, an important step forward on the part of the human rights system from a pluricultural and humanist perspective. [Read more](#)



### The agrarian issue and current challenges

Throughout history, the progressive transformation of agricultural production has at its basis the struggle for land. This struggle aims to introduce a radical change in the productive structure; as a consequence, the agrarian issue is significant for the coexistence of humanity and it was dealt with by the leaders of social struggle. [Read more](#)



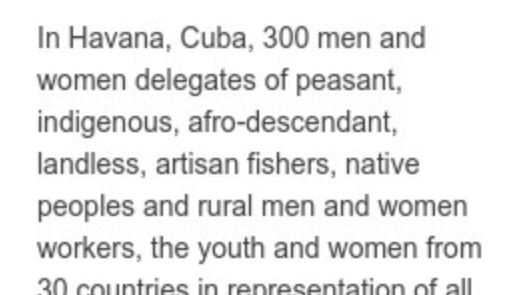
### South Asian Peasant movements meet in Kathmandu, Nepal

Members of La Via Campesina from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India took part in the 3-day long meeting making a collective commitment to unify the struggles in the region to realize food sovereignty and to also strengthen the solidarity across the region. [Read more](#)



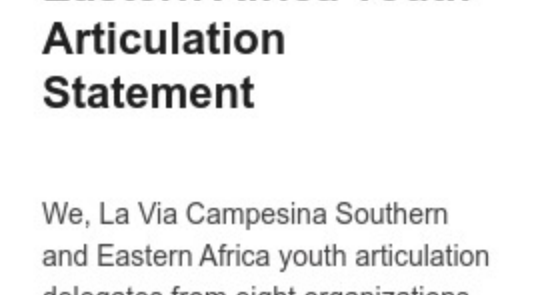
### Korean Forum of Rights of Peasants

On May 24, KPL News and Nyeoreum Research Institute of Agriculture & Peasant Policy, with the support of peasants movement in Korea including Korean Peasant League (KPL), Korean Women Peasants Association (KWPA), launched Forum of Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas in Korea. [Read more](#)



### Declarations from the VII Congress of the CLOC LVC

In Havana, Cuba, 300 men and women delegates of peasant, indigenous, afro-descendant, landless, artisan fishers, native peoples and rural men and women workers, the youth and women from 30 countries in representation of all of the regions of America, as well as delegates from Via Campesina International, Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, and over 50 international guests all met to hold the VII Continental Congress of the CLOC Via Campesina. [Political Declaration of the VII Congress](#)



### La Via Campesina Southern and Eastern Africa Youth Articulation Statement

We, La Via Campesina Southern and Eastern Africa youth articulation delegates from eight organizations (ESAFF Uganda, ZIMSOFF, Kenyan Peasant League, COPACO, Landless People Movement, Agrarian Campaign for Food Sovereignty, União Nacional de Camponeses [UNAC], MVIWATA) gathered at Mutoko, Zimbabwe for the Youth training, are concerned about the current precarious state of the youth in our region and the African continent. [Read more](#)



### Forceful Mass Displacement as a Result of House Demolitions in Occupied East Jerusalem

The Israeli occupying authorities are accelerating illegal policies and practices to forcibly transfer Palestinians out of Jerusalem. [Read more](#)



### 2019 will be a decisive year for the Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, say campaigners

The Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity (Global Campaign) has issued a call to mobilise in protest against corporate power on October 12 across the planet and to pressure governments to advance the Binding Treaty. [Read more](#)



### Protests in El Paso against Border Patrol facilities, treatment of migrants

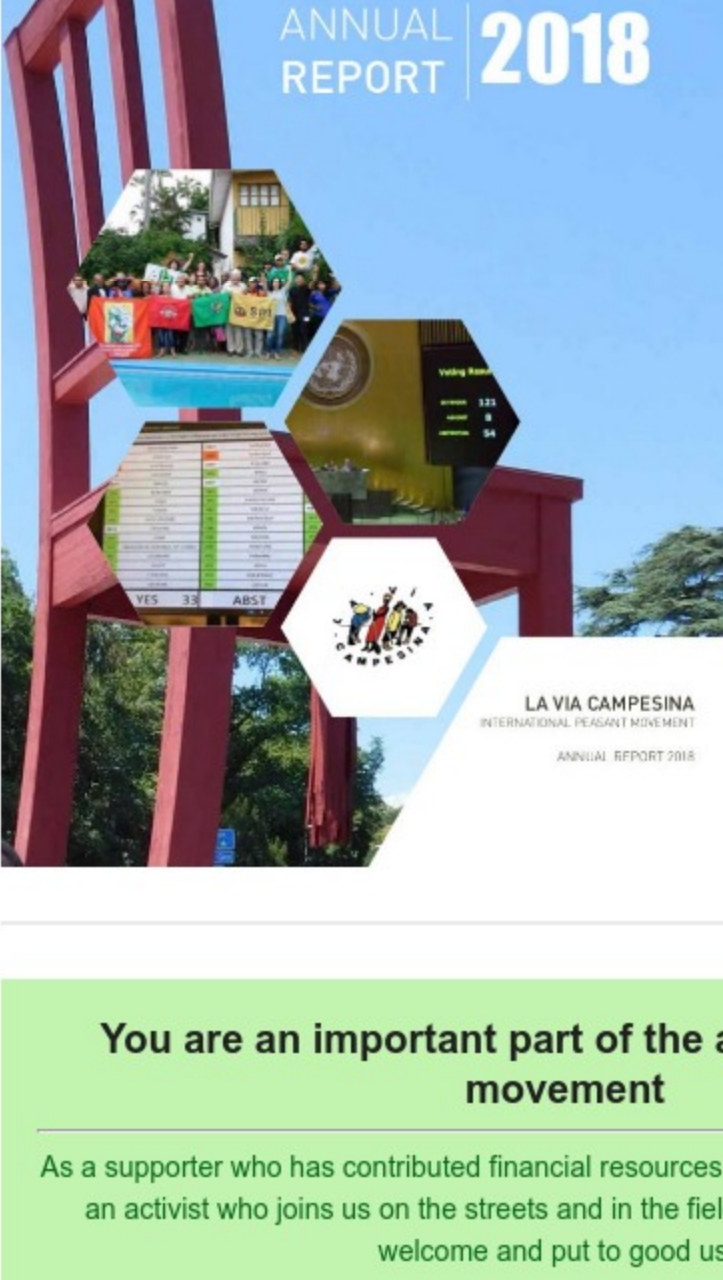
"It's critical now," she said. "Children are being held in cages now. Mothers are without their babies. Families are without their children.", says Rosemary Rojas, president of the board of directors for the Border Agricultural Workers Project (BAWP) [Read more](#)



### Mercosur: hypocrisy of the European Union

In the midst of a climate crisis, how can EU sign an agreement that promotes a model of industrialization of agriculture instead of the localised agricultural systems which completely flies in the face of the objectives of the Paris agreement on climate change?, ECVC asks. [Read more](#)

## Featured Publication



**La Via Campesina: 2018 Annual report**

The 2018 Annual Report highlights the selected activities and the advances made during the year towards strengthening the movement. [Download here](#)

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