

FORMALISING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

"... was the start of the appropriation of farmers' knowledge, resources and institutions by professionals, the State and agribusinesses - creating a dependency of farmers on whatever new technologies may be offered by the formal sector and corporations."

Global Agricultural Research for local Food Sovereign Can the CGIAR respond to the demands and aspiration of poor farmers?



CGIAR

"The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and all other organisations involved in agricultural research, [should] avoid the patenting of knowledge, prevent the privatization of research and the concentration of knowledge by the transnationals."

Via Campesina, Bangalore, 2000

CONFRONTING THE BIOTECH ONSLAUGHT

- World Food Summit
- World Agriculture Forum
- · Sacramento Ministerial
- US EU trade war
- NEPAD / SPFS
- · Agricultural research priorities



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FORUM FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY



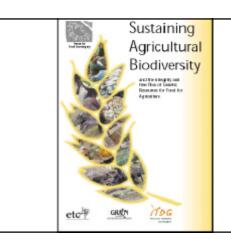
organised by the International Planning Committee (IPC), through regional, autonomous self-organising process with >2200 organisations and social movements worldwide.



FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

'the right of people and communities to define their own agricultural, labour, fishing and food policies, which are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate.'



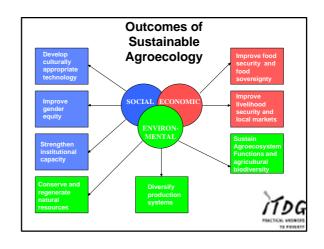




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- Right to food
- Trade and local markets
- · Access to and control over resources:
 - land
 - waters
 - genetic / agricultural biodiversity
 - biotechnology
- Agroecological production







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- NGOC 'froze' relations with CGIAR at system level because of the CGIAR's failings, e.g.
- · Mexican maize contamination with GMOs
- IPRs not defending the collections
- Promotion of Genetic Engineering
- · Accepting corporate membership
- Lack of focus on agroecological research.



PEOPLE'S STREET CONFERENCE





NGOC

As a result of the 'freeze':

- · No new members
- · Members came to end of term
- · One person left
- · No formal exchanges with CG system
- Informed Ian Johnson that FAO/IPC approached - process underway
- · Leave committee



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CGIAR REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEES

- Respect leadership of Social Movements
- Learn from World Bank agricultural science and technology assessment
- Decentralised governance driven by technology choices of the poor
- Defend public goods for the poor for longterm food production, sustainable livelihoods, living landscapes and ecosystem integrity

REGIONALLY-BASED RESEARCH

- Farmers' science and local knowledge systems - the starting point for new scientific endeavour
- Through networks and sophisticated partnerships, led by 'farmers'
- Prioritising research programmes that will restore degraded agroecosystems,confront global technological threats

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