



Call for mobilization towards the Lima Peoples' Summit

In Lima change the system, not the climate!



Social movements and organizations, trade unions, peasants, indigenous peoples' communities, women and environmentalist organizations, gathered in Lima, Peru, on the 12th and 13th of August, invited by the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA), to support the organization of the Peoples' Summit that will take place in parallel to the COP 20 of the UNFCCC, from 9 to 12 December 2014. We commit to work together and mobilize ourselves in this process. In this sense, we emphasize the call to participate in the demonstration organized by the Peoples' Summit on December 10 in Lima.

The climate crisis that affects the planet is a consequence of the capitalist system, its extractive model of production and consumption. This is a model that destroys nature, privileges the interests of transnational corporations, and tramples the rights of peoples. The climate crisis shows the exhaustion of this system. Confronted with its structural crisis, capital now seeks new ways out that allow its continuity, in order to produce greater concentration of wealth and power, guaranteeing profits for corporations and ruling classes. [Read more ...](#)

Mozambique: Peasants showcase their Agro-ecological Products at the Country's Largest Fair

Mozambique, Marracuene, 25 August 2014 - Mozambique's International Trade Fair (FACIM) started this Monday and will go on for the whole week. It has attracted many local companies and international companies and corporations too, to explore opportunities for new investments and businesses in the country. Besides the overwhelming presence of large-scale economic interests seeking new business opportunities, there are also peasant organisations at FACIM. UNAC (Mozambique's Peasants' National Union) and other peasant organisations have 'stands' placed at the CEPAGRI pavilion (Centro de Promoção da Agricultura), together with the Ministry of Agriculture and other several groups promoting national agricultural products and livestock, organic crops, as well as agricultural equipment and technology.



UNAC is showcasing at the FACIM the 'peasant agriculture'. It is taking advantage of the business and investment environment to showcase how peasant agriculture is both economically viable for Mozambique's agriculture, as well as for the sustainable development on the long run. As Rebeca Mabui, a peasant from the District Union of Manhiça, points out "for us Mozambican peasants, it's a question of gaining awareness of our potentiality and increase our capacity to produce. It is also an opportunity to share experiences with peasants from other provinces and participants from other countries". [Read more ...](#)

India - Don't allow field trials of GM crops: farmers, activists



India, August 21, 2014. The recent decision of the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) to allow field trials of GM rice, mustard, cotton, chickpea and brinjal has been met with strong opposition from farmers' groups and environmental activists. Seeking the intervention of Union Environment and Forests Minister Prakash Javdekar, the Bhartiya Kisan Union has asked for "annulment" of the approvals. Questioning the need for release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the fields, the BKU leaders said they were concerned over the nation's seed and food sovereignty. [Read more ...](#)

"NO to ProSavana Campaign": Mozambicans seek regional solidarity

(Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, August 16, 2014) UNAC, the Mozambique Union of Farmers, a member of La Via Campesina regionalises its "NO To ProSavana" campaign. The ProSavana, a mega agri-business project, is located in Mozambique and involves Brazil and Japan. The project, if developed, aims to turn 14.5 million hectares of agricultural land in the Nacala Corridor in Northern Mozambique, currently being used by small-scale farmers, into industrial monoculture agriculture driven by corporations for export production.



UNAC participated in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) People's Summit in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. It saw the regional gathering as an opportunity to promote and expand its campaign, and to seek and build support from other regional movements against the ProSavana project. UNAC, during the agricultural and land policies plenary, shared experiences on the project and how some of its farmer members have been affected. [Read more ...](#)

SADC: Building unity and solidarity to effect a system change

La Via Campesina, Rural Women Assembly, People's Dialogue and WoMin



Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, August 14, 2014- Women from all the corners of the Southern African region descended on Bulawayo to participate in a parallel of the SADC Heads of State Summit, the People Summit, which runs from the 14th to the 16th. They have converged to share their experiences on how they have been affected either by decisions made by governments with little consultations with the people or the inherited colonial agro-mining complex, which continues to grab land for extractive purposes. More importantly, the women have gathered to build and strengthen their solidarity, forge strong alliances and commit to the struggle to push for a system of change. [Read more ...](#)

Farmers, rural women and mining impacted communities at the 2014 SADC People's Summit to propose people-based regionalism

La Via Campesina Africa, Rural Women Assembly, People's Dialogue and WoMin: Media Advisory

Zimbabwe, Harare, August 8, 2014 – Hundreds of people from grassroots organizations, including small-scale farmers, rural women, farm workers and members of mining impacted communities from Southern African countries will be at the 2014 SADC Peoples Summit. The summit takes place in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe from 14 to 16 August, 2014. Members of Via Campesina Africa, the Rural Women's Assembly (RWA), WoMin and the People's Dialogue will be strongly present in Bulawayo, to build alternatives and propose a regionalism that prioritizes people, not corporations. [Read more ...](#)

India: Farmers Support GOI's pro-Farmer position at WTO, call for Agriculture out of WTO

(India, August, 2014) A network of farmers' organizations in India, comprising of farmers movements from Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Maharashtra, issued a call to the Minister of State Finance, Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman expressing their gratitude to the Government of India's support for farmers at World Trade Organisation. India stood for farmers at the WTO and held back on the Trade Facilitation Agreement in the interest of public stockholding. The network, however, calls upon the Indian government to continue to push for a new system, one that is based on peoples' sovereignty, economic, climate, social and cultural justice, and for agriculture to be out of the WTO. The network looks forward to a trade that is based on complementarity, solidarity and that has at its heart, the peoples' interests and not that of corporations; an agricultural system that is based on food sovereignty and not based on growing cash crops for the markets. To read the call, [click here](#)

Greece: Manolada Strawberry Trial, Shame on you!

(Greece, Manolada, August 21, 2014) Slightly more than one year ago, agricultural workers employed in strawberry fields in Manolada, in Greece, were shot at by foremen when they went to demand their unpaid salaries. These abuses carried out on a large agricultural holding producing strawberries for export revealed the disgraceful situation of migrant seasonal workers within Greek industrial agriculture. The Patras court, which was tasked with the preliminary proceedings and prosecution of the perpetrators of this crime, has just rendered a dismaying verdict. [Read more ...](#)

US and EU Free Trade Agreement is recipe for trouble

TTIP harms the interests of European farmers and citizens in favor of boosting profits for international corporations

(Netherlands, August 8, 2014) Proponents of the free trade agreement between the US and EU have denounced the opposition of TTIP as dogmatic (FD, June 10th). But our opposition is not based on chagrin, but on witnessing the real-life impacts of other similar agreements on our food, environment and social well-being.

TTIP was launched to the sounds of cheering and applause, with its advocates promising that the agreement could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and billions of euros in extra income. But, the European Commission's own research undertaken by the think tank Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), has shown that the predicted additional GDP growth per year with the free trade agreement will be very low (0.05%). Furthermore, the hundreds of thousands promised new jobs are far from guaranteed. [Read more ...](#)

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