INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
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Peasant Farming and Agroecology as an Alternative to the Crisis of the Industrial Food System

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June, 15th and 16th 2012

Address: Clube de Engenharia - Av. Rio Branco, 124 (June, 15th and 16th) and Health, Environment and Sustainability Tent in Flamengo Park (June, 16th)

This workshop is part of Peoples’ Summit Program in Rio+20: for social and environmental justice. It has for purpose to denounce the severe impacts of industrial food system on the environment and society. At the same time, the workshop intends to demonstrate the importance of peasant farming and agroecology for overcoming the socioenvironmental crisis.

The workshop will mobilize international experts and farmers’ leaders and will give inputs to a declaration to be presented at the plenary assembly on Food Sovereignty in the Peoples’ Summit.

This event is organized by a network of NGOs and social movements in Brazil in touch with international networks and organizations.

There is no need for previous inscriptions.

Informations:

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<td>▪ Edith van Walsun – Centre for Learning on Sustainable Agriculture, Agricultures Network</td>
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<td>▪ Maria Emilia Pacheco – National Council on Food and Nutritional Security (Brasil)</td>
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### Agriculture and environmental crisis
Chairperson: to be defined

**14 às 18 horas**

**Speakers:**
- Agriculture and Climate Changes: Miguel Altieri – Latin American Agroecological Society
- The crisis of soil destruction: Parviz Koohafkan (Food and Agriculture Organization - FAO/UN)
- Struggle against desertification in Brazilian semiardin: Luciano Silveira (AS-PTA Family Farming and Agroecology, Brazil)
- Agriculture and biodiversity: P.V. Satheesh (Deccan Development Society, India) to be confirmed
- Agriculture and energy: Almuth Ernsting (Biofuelwatch, England)

**Debaters:**
- Moisés Quispe (Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organisations)
- Via Campesina

### Support for agroecological transition: international policies
Chairperson: to be defined

**Speakers:**
- Hans Herren (Biovision, Suíça)
- Henri Rouillé d’Orfeuil (Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement, França)
- Robert Jordan (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements)
- Lin Li Ching (Third World Network)
- Shirley Varghese (International Agriculture and Trade Policies, EUA)
- Vandana Shiva (Navdanya - Research Foundation for Science Technology & Ecology, India)

**Debaters:**
- Via Campesina
- Elisabeth Atangana (Pan-African Farmers Forum) to be confirmed

### Pesticides’ impacts on health and environment
Chairperson: to be defined

**Speakers:**
- Lia Giraldo (National Association of Collective Health, Brazil)
- National Campaign Against Pesticides and for Life, Brazil
- Javier Souza (Pesticide Action Network in Latin America) to be confirmed

**Debaters:**
- Esther Penunia (Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development) to be confirmed

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**Promoters:**
- Articulação Nacional de Agroecologia (ANA)
- Articulação no Semiárido Brasileiro (ASA)
- Associação Brasileira de Agroecologia (ABA)
- Confederação Nacional de Trabalhadores e Trabalhadoras na Agricultura (Contag)
- Coordenação Nacional de Articulação das Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas (Conaq)
- Federação Nacional dos Trabalhadores e Trabalhadoras na Agricultura Familiar (Fetraf)
- Frente Nacional em Defesa dos Territórios Quilombolas
- Rede Cerrado
- Via Campesina