

# Food Sovereignty

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# SDGs

- SDGs process should NOT develop another set of reductive goals, targets and indicators that ignore the transformational changes required to address the failure of the current agro-industrial development model,

but ...

- place human rights and gender justice firmly at the centre of SDGs in terms of its functions, organisational structure, Means of Implementation (MOI), criteria for programme design, and all implementation

# Aim at

- **Set targets to achieve sustainable agriculture and agro-ecological production processes, including in the livestock sector, aiming at 100% by 2030, with a view to ensuring nutritious, toxic-free, GMO-free food for all**

# Not sell out

- Reassert **states' responsibility to uphold**, through policy regulation and enforcement, the **interests of the public and of the environment** over that of corporate industry, including policies related to agro-chemicals, GMOs and industrial livestock farming.
- Reverse the dismantlement of state's institutions

# Re-orient to smallholders

- **Re-orient national development plans away from export-oriented agribusiness** toward local women-led and small-holder agro-ecology practices.
- **Reverse** the concentration and misappropriation of land and **redistribute** lands held by feudal landlords, transnational corporations and financial investors **to small and landless farmers, with women as key beneficiaries**

# Halt unsustainable practices

- phase-out Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in agriculture and hazardous harmful **pesticides, biocides, chemical fertilizer**, and other harmful agro-industrial practices.
- Reduce Meat consumption : the livestock sector alone causes 19% of all greenhouse gas emissions

# Seed banks and resources

- **Reinvigorate** and facilitate the continued maintenance of traditional seed banks by women, and support the reclamation of genetic resources from multilateral institutions.
- **Guarantee** that, as small producers, women have equitable access to and control productive resources such as land, credits, technology, seed, water, animal genetic resources, traditional knowledge and forests

# Fisher women

- Promote the **participation of fisherwomen** in all relevant the fora to discuss global and national actions concerning the conservation of marine ecosystems
- support the process for the approval of the FAO International **Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries**
- encourage community-based governance models for marine protected areas
- **elimination of subsidies, and multilaterally regulated fishing load limits for industrial fishing fleets;**

# Halt Landgrabbing

- Create global and national binding rules and safeguards in the area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to protect women and men from the negative impacts of, amongst others, **land grabbing and large-scale monocultures** for fodder and bioenergy production

NB: including by applying the Maastricht Principles on Extraterritorial Obligations of States

Why...

# Current System Fails

- **Unacceptable that there are 868 million people hungry and malnourished, and up to 2 million ill from lack of nutrients, in majority children and women.**
- It is the clearest signal that **our current development model is wrong**

# Women are the key to end hunger, but...

- Globally, women own **only 1-2 %** of the land,
- Even though they are the **majority of those working in food** production

Example: In Africa, 42% of women, produce 60% of the food, in some regions up to 80% but have hardly any control of over land.

## Increasing inequalities – examples of:

- The **current agro-industrial development model**, exacerbates violence, poverty and gender, race and class inequities
- There is **no respect for human rights and the fights of indigenous peoples, women's rights,**
- Where **violence** is supported even with money obtained from a **World Bank Loan or a Carbon Credit scheme ....**

# Concentration in hands of a few

- Privatisation of knowledge
- Intellectual property rights
- GMOs

# Example Central America