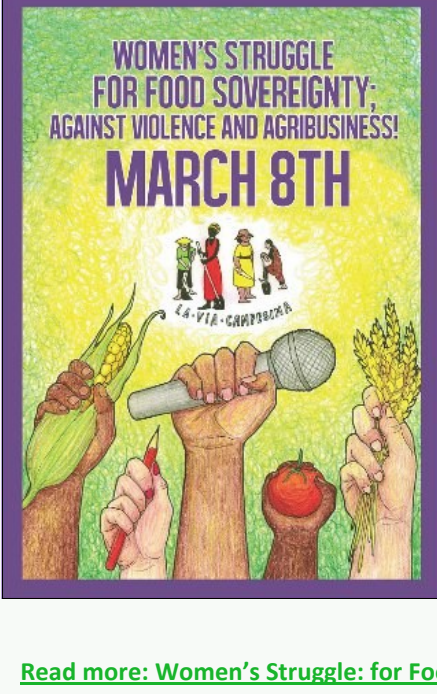




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HIGHLIGHTED ARTICLE

Women's Struggle: for Food Sovereignty; against violence and agribusiness



(Harare, March 8th, 2015) Today, March 8th, International Women's Day, the Via Campesina calls for the coordination of actions to highlight the fundamental role played by women in guaranteeing Food Sovereignty – not only as a means of confronting the food crisis but as an essential ethical principle that has as its basis social justice and equality. On this day of struggle, we denounce the prevailing violence, against women specifically, because the agribusiness model and capitalist interests in the countryside have exacerbated social and gender inequalities.

It is in this way that we struggle against patriarchy, which affects all aspects of our lives within our families, our organisations and communities and all that has to do with our gender and our sexuality. We also express our condemnation of femicide, the murder of millions of girl children and women in all parts of the world, and we stand in solidarity with all the people who suffer discrimination and violence because of their gender and/or sexual identity.

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ARTICLES FROM THE REGIONS

International Women's Day: Via Campesina South Asia calls for gender justice



LVC South Asia (March 8, 2015) On the International Women's Day, La Via Campesina South Asia issues a call for gender justice:

Women of the World, Unite! Farmer, adivasi, pastoralist, and landless women – defend your rights! Without organized women, there can be no agroecology, no agrarian reform, no food sovereignty! We struggle against violence and agribusiness!

For the full international call, please click [here](#).

Rural women of the world, unite!

Though word "farmer" is gender neutral, when people think of farmers, they automatically picture men. This is so internalized that we have to specify "women farmers" to address the significant half of 'the farming world'. The blindness to women in agriculture goes beyond language; the visible-invisible contribution of women in the agriculture sector and rural society is completely neglected. Members of LVC South Asia take this day as an opportunity to share the realities of rural women in each of our areas – farmers facing sexual violence in North India, religious fundamentalism in Bangladesh, and militarism in Sri Lanka.

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20,000 Protesters Hold Demonstrations Across Brazil



Brazilian social movements are staging massive protests across Brazil demanding agrarian reform

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(Porto Alegre, Brazil, March 11, 2015) Thousands of activists, including members from the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement (MST) staged demonstrations in the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre on Wednesday demanding the implementation of land reform, food sovereignty and the creation of public policies for small-scale agricultural producers.

"Within this national round of mobilizations, with the small farmers' movements throughout the state, our goal is to once again put agrarian reform on the national agenda and to demand the construction of a program for the production of healthy food for the nourishment of the Brazilian people," explained the national coordinator of Via Campesina, Cedenir de Oliveira.

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Rights to Natural Resources



New edition of the Nyéléni Newsletter is now available online! As the world lurches from crisis to crisis, the value of land, water, forests, minerals and other natural resources as sources of wealth creation continues to rise. For those with long-standing ties to land, water and territories, nature's greatest wealth and value is life itself, and these crises simply confirm the necessity for humans to live symbiotically with nature. However for many, natural resources are things that can be parceled, packaged, changed, bought, sold and traded in markets far away from the original location of the resource. In this edition of Nyéléni learn more how peoples across the world are fighting to secure and defend their rights to natural resources and the rights of nature. [Click here to download the english edition](#) or read it directly from [www.nyeleni.org!](#)

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March 14th: International day of struggle against dams, in defense of the rivers, water and life!



The Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB) calls and encourages all organizations, pastoral, networks, activists and social movement to join the mobilizations that will mark the International Day of Struggle Against Dams, in defense of the Rivers, Water and life, which will happen during the week of struggles of March 14th. (Brazil, March 6, 2015) This date was defined in 1997 during the 1st International Encounter of People Affected by Dams in Brazil. Since then at this date the dam affected population in the world denounces the hydro-electrical power sector which has caused serious economic, cultural and environmental consequences.

[Read more: March 14th: International day of struggle...](#)

1000s farmers stay put on Parliament Street in Delhi: Farmer Unions launch massive agitation against NDA's anti-farmer policies

(First Published by Farmer's World)

India, New Delhi, March 18th 2015: Major farmer



unions of India affiliated with the All India Coordination Committee of Farmers Movement (AICCFM) have launched a massive agitation against NDA's anti-farmer policies, and to seek a resolution to several burning issues pertaining to farm livelihoods, on March 18th 2015 through a Kisan Maha Panchayat in the heart of India's capital. Thousands of farmers have resolved to stay put on Parliament Street in India's capital until the government engages them in a dialogue to resolve various burning issues. Anti-farmer measures through the Land Acquisition Ordinance, recent report of Shanta Kumar High Level Committee on restructuring FCI, the mindless push by the government of GM crops, lack of fair and remunerative prices for farm produce, demand for a farm income commission, removing agriculture from free trade agreements including WTO, adequate disaster relief for farmers etc., are issues on the agenda of these farm unions. The acute farm distress in India, marked by unabated farm suicides was flagged as a matter that needs urgent address.

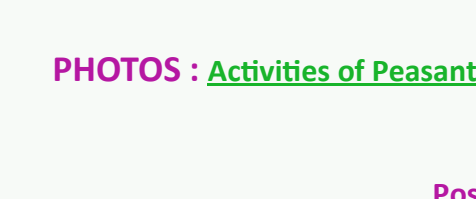
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New Videos!



Soil, Struggle and Justice: This film examines a cooperative of the Brazilian Landless Movement (MST) in the South of Brazil, which struggled for access to land and then transitioned to ecological agriculture, or agroecology. This MST cooperative is demonstrating the possibility of an alternative model of flourishing rural life, which provides thriving livelihoods for farmers, produces high quality and low cost food for the region, and rehabilitates the earth. This film is available freely online in English, Portuguese and Spanish. [Click here to watch](#)



TIPP, Agriculture and Food Industry: Hanny Van Geel, farmer and member of Via Campesina, explains in this interview how the implementation of TTIP affects European farmers and agriculture, the quality of the food we eat and how we live. [Click here to watch](#)

PHOTOS : Activities of Peasant Woman - La Via Campesina

Post cards to End violence againsts Women

