Navdanya International Annual Report 2015

Navdanya International's work in 2015 has been centered on building awareness on connecting Seed Freedom, Food Freedom, Soil and Climate as key to securing a safe and just future for the planet. Citizens, farmers and movements are steadily being empowered and strengthened in reclaiming the seed as commons and defending seed and food sovereignty. Our Manifesto 'Terra Viva' Our Soils, Our Commons, Our Future – a new vision for planetary citizenship, provides the underlying engine to our activities.

Navdanya International through its work and campaigns not only links various regions of the world but also various social groups towards the common goal of Seed Sovereignty and thereby our Food Sovereignty. The Seed Freedom movement thus targets - Small farmers who are losing their seed freedom, scientists who are losing their freedom of research, the cultural heritage of nations and communities, society at large because of the loss of biodiversity, loss of food freedom and loss of seed freedom as well as the growing number of youth who are returning to the countryside to create ecological and organic communities. Navdanya International through this project has worked with movements and citizens by building awareness, inspiring actions, advocacy and campaigns and building alternatives towards the objective of empowering and making aware citizens, farmers and movements to reclaim the seed and defend our seed and food sovereignty.

The concentration and co-ordination of the Call to Action for Seed Freedom, the International Caravan and Conferences on Seed Freedom has empowered many groups and movements and thus playing a role of a catalyst has generated new initiatives for Seed Freedom. The seed freedom website and social media have now become a very dynamic platform and point of reference for the movement's information exchange, and movement-building and action. The annual Call to Action of Navdanya International has had an overwhelming response with over 500 actions in the defense of seed, soil and biodiversity in over 38 countries. Over 25000 individuals and 750 organizations have joined our movement. Our movement building work whether in Latin America over the past 3 years followed by capacity building workshops, joint campaigns and reports has resulted in an alliance of Seed Freedom in Latin America. Similar work was done with movements and activists in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Greece, California, Croatia. The annual Call to Action of Navdanya International of Navdanya International has had an overwhelming response with over 500 actions in the defense of seed, soil and biodiversity in over 38 countries.

Our manifestos Terra Viva, Law of The Seed and Seed Satyagraha as well as the Global Citizens Report on Seed Freedom has provided the engine to our acitvities by making visible that the control over seed is today being shaped by new laws that are being written by the very corporations that are destroying the diversity of seed and the freedom of our food. These have been put forward as a tool to be used by citizens everywhere and in every context to defend their seed freedom and seed sovereignty as well as to provide a practical guide to all future development of laws and policies on seed.

Importantly, the Seed Freedom campaign has shown how seed and food sovereignty is linked with climate change, soils as well as health and social equity.

Thus it is imperative that we build upon the momentum and democratic energy created by the Seed Freedom movement and speak in a unified voice to reclaim our Seed Freedom. The yearly capacity building workshop on agro ecology have empowered representatives of associations around the globe in their mobilisation to defend seed sovereignty and farmers' rights through seed saving, participatory breeding and organic farming.

Most importantly our work has connected seed savers with seed defenders, and linked issues of biodiversity, soils, climate change and food sovereignty with seed sovereignty, thus creating

synergy between actions for creating alternatives and resisting seed monopolies, patents on seeds, biopiracy and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) as well as climate change.

A comprehensive picture of Navdanya's outreach for 2015 are outlined in the time lines of events and campaigns .
In addition to the Terra Viva, our Soils, our Commons, our Future manifesto - the need to move from a linear, extractive way of thinking to a circular approach based on reciprocal giving and taking, two key Navdanya components, which took form at COP21 in Paris - the Pact with the Earth and with Each Other and the creation of the Gardens of Hope campaign, have been underlying themes at events and festivals during this year.

EUROPE

COP21 Climate Change Summit, Paris, December 2015.

Navdanya attended The United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP21) for a collective response to the interconnected issues that define 2015 as the year of Soil: the Soil crisis, the Agriculture crisis, the Climate Crisis, and the Refugee crisis. Together with movements and governments from across the world, Dr. Shiva and Navdanya participated in numerous meetings, media events, working and discussion groups, highlighting the connection of soil and seed to climate change, and showing that the solution to climate change lies in the care of our seeds and our soil.

Gardens of Hope : On the afternoon of World Soil Day – December 5, 2015, leaders in defence of life and our Planet, Seed Savers, Community Supported Agriculture Networks, spiritual leaders, artists and concerned citizens, gathered at La Villette in Paris and planted a 'Garden of Hope' as a reminder that our seeds, our soils and our biodiversity, kept in the hands of local farmers and caring citizens, are solutions to climate change, and that our Seed Freedom and Food Freedom are the keystones to a prosperous and secure future for our Earth and for humanity.

'Pact with the Earth and with Each Other' : At the same time we launched the Pact with the Earth – a Pact to defend our commons : seeds, soil, water, biodiversity, air and climate systems. The Pact affirms that in ecological organic agriculture and local food systems lie the answers to the food, nutrition and health crises, water and climate crisis, and the creation of millions of climate refugees. The Pact has been translated into French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Portuguese, Indonesian and has been signed by 12,000 individuals and 126 organizations worldwide.

The Pact, as well as our Manifesto 'Terra Viva' our Soils, our Commons, our Future – A new Vision for Planetary Citizenship - were distributed in both English and French at key events. (Pact and Terra Viva manifesto attached). The Summit was an occasion for much networking, building and strengthening of alliances as well as strategizing with partners and individuals from around the world.

http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-at-cop21-in-paris/

http://seedfreedom.info/lauch-of-citizens-pact-on-soil-day/

http://seedfreedom.info/wp-content/plugins/newsletter/do/view.php?id=51

"Sardinia Terra Viva", Workshop on Global Health, Sardinia, Italy, 28 July 2015

The Italian national organization Doctors for the Environment (ISDE), in collaboration with Navdanya International, organized a dynamic and very successful international workshop with our Manifesto Terra Viva central to the initiative and a keynote by Dr Shiva on "From a linear economy of consumption to a circular economy of resources". The workshop aimed to both highlight the plight of Sardinia as being the Region with the highest environmental contamination in Italy, with one of the highest percentage rate of health risks, and one of the most marginalized in the country and to inspire and offer solutions. Farmers, peasants, doctors, academics, youth and local institutions attended the workshop from all parts of the region. The Manifesto was translated into the Sardinian language from the Italian in preparation for the workshop.
http://seedfreedom.info/events/v-workshop-nazionale-e-internazionale-isde-italia-e-sardegna-sulla-salute-globale-con-vandana-shiva/

International Meeting and Festival of Commons in Greece, May 2015.

Navdanya International, Seed Freedom and Peliti organized The First Global Meeting of the Commons in May 2015. The meeting saw the integration of movements working with seed, soil, land as well as refugees into the global meetings of the Commons. Nearly 5,000 people from 20 countries joined seed savers, activists and movements in Greece to celebrate agricultural diversity and exchange seeds and reclaim our commons. Dr. Vandana Shiva outlined the road map and strategies for the movement for recovery of the commons. Several workshops were held for seed saving, bee keeping and seed laws by Seed Freedom partners such as Kokpelli and Arche Noah. Seed Freedom International Co-ordinator Ruchi Shroff held strategy workshops to jointly plan actions for the upcoming Call to Action in October 2015. It was agreed to have a theme of living seed and living soil in the context of the UN year of Soil. In addition it was decided that Seed Freedom could play a major role in the defence of farmers' rights and seed sovereignty against unjust seed laws that are being imposed throughout the world based on patents, compulsory registration and breeders' rights. (See California mobilization tour below).
http://seedfreedom.info/1st-global-meeting-for-the-commons-15th-pan-hellenic-seed-exchange-festival/

Seed Freedom Mobilization Tour of Croatia, 13,14 May 2015.

Navdanya International team travelled to Croatia on 13th and 14th May 2015 as part of Seed Freedom's mobilization in the Balkans, to strengthen local movements for seed saving, food sovereignty as well as strategize for the Global Call to Action for Seed Freedom. A 2 day Seed and Food Forum was held in Sisak with workshops on food sovereignty, seed saving of traditional varieties, breeding and soil fertility. Farmers from Croatia, Bosnia, Slovenia, Montenegro and Serbia attended. There was an organic fair and a seed exchange between farmers from across Europe. Workshops on soil management, traditional Croatian practices of seed breeding, campaign against TTIP were held in addition to a workshop with all participants to plan actions for the Global Call to Action for Seed Freedom and Food Freedom. The Seed Freedom team also held workshops with the women's seed sovereignty movements in Croatia (Udruga Zemija Za Nas) and launch of Seed Freedom in Croatia. (SHE – Sibenik Hub for Ecology)
http://seedfreedom.info/seed-freedom-in-croatia/

Launch of 'Terra Viva' Our Soils, Our Commons, Our Future, Expo 2015, 2 May, Milan

The Civil Society Pavillion at Expo 2015 chose to open its cultural programme with the launch of Navdanya's manifesto 'Terra Viva', a new vision for a Planetary Citizenship, with Vandana Shiva, Don Luigi Ciotti, President of Libera, Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agricultural,

Alimentary and Forestry Policies and Ugo Biggeri, President of Banca Etica (Ethical Bank). http://seedfreedom.info/the-new-democracy-is-the-democracy-of-the-earth-launch-of-terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

The manifesto is the basis of Navdanya's activities over the next years. It has been distributed at events and meetings since its launch in English, Italian and French. A Spanish version can also be downloaded from our website.

THE AMERICAS

Ecuador - Festival Tierra Madre, Ecuador 2-4 October 2015 - Meeting of Seed Freedom Networks of the Americas – 4-6th October

Building on the work done by the Seed Freedom movement in the past years in Latin America – (Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Chile and Mexico and others) Navdanya helped facilitate the organization of the Festival Tierra Madre and the meeting of the Seeds of Freedom Networks of the Americas in the Tarqui, Southern Ecuador. Over 1500 people attended from 9 countries of the Americas and from across Ecuador, including native communities and indigenous women seed custodians, farmers, fishermen, students, activists, in celebration of seed freedom, biodiversity and Mother Earth. This was followed by a two-day strategy General Assembly meeting of representatives of seed networks of the Americas (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, and native peoples from North America) and Navdanya International. http://seedfreedom.info/international-festival-madre-tierra/

Main outcomes:

-- The creation of the Red Semillas de Libertad (Seeds of Freedom Network of the Americas), an international network of seed guardians created to answer the need of communication, experience sharing and strategic planning at the continental level

-- the Declaration of Cuenca, Ecuador on Seed Freedom

-- The agreement that the RSL members will provide support to each other, exchanging knowledge and experiences as needed. Special attention will be given to Brazil and Argentina, to promote the connection of local seed workers and networks at the national level in these countries.

-- RSL joined the Global Seed Freedom campaign.

California - Seed Freedom Mobilization Tour, 5 - 10 September 2015

Soil not Oil International Conference, Richmond 5 and 6 Sept. Dr. Shiva gave the keynote speech. Inspired by her book, Soil Not Oil, the Conference examined the crisis on food security and highlighted the implications of oil-based agro-chemicals and fossil fuels in soil depletion and climate change. The conference was organized by Soil Not Oil Coalition, a cross-sector, multi-level and inter-ethnic alliance of over 50 organizations, scientists, farmers, businesses and individuals. The Conference launched a **Soil Not Oil Pledge** (attached). (http://seedfreedom.info/events/soil-not-oil-international-conference/).

Navdanya also participated in the **Save our Seeds March and Rally** in San Francisco, to fight back the California Seeds Law AB-2470. (http://seedfreedom.info/events/sos-save-our-seeds-march-rally/)

Heirloom Seed Expo, Santa Rosa, California, 8 and 9 September 2015. We have been collaborating with the National Heirloom Seed Expo since 2011 on issues of seed diversity, the threats to seed freedom through seed laws, GMOs and patents and the importance of building alliances across issues and geographies. Over 10,000 people attended the 3 day Expo. Navdanya and the Seed Freedom Campaign held workshops on biodiversity, IPRs, Seed Laws and Free Trade Agreements, GMOs, California Seed Law as well as the Call to Action against unjust seed laws. Dr. Shiva gave the keynote address, and a Seed Summit was convened with Food Democracy Now, OSGATA and Navdanya. The Expo was the venue for the launch of the white paper and handbook on Seed Laws that seek to criminalize farmers' rights, seed saving and our seed and food freedom. In answer to the AB2470 in California and multiple seed laws criminalizing seed libraries in USA, the Seed Freedom movement **launched a campaign of civil disobedience** against unjust seed laws (http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-2015-national-heirloom-exposition-the-worlds-pure-food-fair/) (http://seedfreedom.info/civil-disobedience-against-ab2470-the-california-seed-law/). The Seed Satyagraha report by the Seed Freedom campaign was picked up by over 10,000 people and became a major theme for the Call to Action in October 2015 (see attached and/or http://seedfreedom.info/publications-and-campaigns/). **The Seed Satyagraha pledge** (attached) was translated in multiple languages including German, Croatian, Greek, Portuguese (Portugal)

Key Outcomes and Impacts

-- Launch of American Network Seeds of Freedom (over 100 American organizations)

-- Decision of Red Seeds of Freedom of Americas to join the Global Movement for Seed Freedom

-- Campaign for Satyagraha against Seed Laws was translated in multiple languages including Greek, Croatian, and Portuguese and reached to over 10,000 individuals and 100 movements throughout the world.

-- Launch of Coalition Soil not Oil and Regeneration International integrating movements working on soil, climate, health and agro-ecology.

-- Agreement to hold capacity building workshops in 2016 to strengthen seed saving groups in at least 2 countries including Argentina, Brazil.

Costa Rica: Workshop and Launch of Alliance for Regenerative Agriculture, June 2015

A meeting of scientists, business representative, activists, and farmers from 21 countries, jointly organized by Navdanya, Organic Consumers Association, IFOAM, Millennium Institute and Mercola, was convened on regenerative agriculture in Costa Rica in June 2015. It launched a new alliance, Regenerative International, aimed at highlighting global awareness of how regenerative agriculture can mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration, improve human and environmental health, and provide long-term agricultural productivity and resilience to smallholding family farmers. http://seedfreedom.info/regeneration-international-conference-press-release/

AFRICA

Seed Freedom and Soil Not Oil Tour of Nigeria, July 2015

Continuing, the work of movement building and capacity building with activists in Africa (S.Africa, Ghana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe), Navdanya in collaboration with Home of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) conducted a Seed Freedom and Soil Not Oil tour of Nigeria in July

2015. In marking the UN International Year of the Soil and the decades long struggle against oil extraction in the Niger Delta, Vandana Shiva, gave a lecture at the Right Livelihood College in Port Harcourt. A seed democracy workshop was held in Abuja in collaboration with Ogoni women followed by a press conference. Two Gardens of Hope were launched as well as a partnership on food sovereignty between the Ogoni women's group and Navdanya.

Main outcome:

-- Women activists from Nigeria will attend capacity building in seed saving and agro ecology at Navdanya Farm in Setpember 2016.

-- Joint food sovereignty partnership between Navdanya International and HOMEF Nigeria involving joint research and capacity building of women's groups.
http://seedfreedom.info/nigeria-tour-for-soil-not-oil/

ASIA

India

Mahila Anna Swaraj (Diverse Women for Diversity): Organic Women of India Exhibition, New Delhi.

On 13 November, In collaboration with the ministry of Women and Child Development, Navdanya organized the first ever organic Women of India Exhibition at Dilli Haat. Navdanya's MAS initiative has connected over 5 million women from 22 states of India as one force for sustainability and women's empowerment. Members of MAS are women seed savers, women organic growers, artisanal processors. http://seedfreedom.info/events/women-of-india-exhibition/

Satyagraha for Living Seed, Living Soil, Living Food, Living Economies, 2 October 2015

Navdanya celebrated this anniversary of Gandhi's birthday with a worldwide "Seed Satyagraha", renewing at the same time India's commitment to civil disobedience against unjust seed laws.
http://seedfreedom.info/seed-satyagraha/

Touch the Earth: A soil pilgrimage, Maharashtra – Madhya Pradesh, India, 2nd – 5th October:

Soil Pilgrimage to Gandhi's Ashram and Howard's Centre in Indore. Gandhi's movement was based on peaceful non-cooperation with the British and constructive action based on Swadeshi-economic freedom and democracy. http://seedfreedom.info/events/touch-the-earth-a-soil-pilgrimage/ - http://seedfreedom.info/touch-the-earth-soil-yatra-a-pilgrimage-towards-a-nonviolent-relationship-with-soil/

Global capacity building workshop (A to Z on agroecology and organic farming) 1 to 30 September 2015 at the Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation farm on seed saving, seed exchange and participatory breeding and links between Seed freedom and Food Security as well as issues of Intellectual Property Rights, Patents, Seed Monopolies and Farmers Rights. Farmers and representatives of citizens' organizations and movements From India, Africa, Latin America, Europe, and USA/Canada participated. As a result of both the African and Latin American tours, participants included representatives of movements from both continents.
http://seedfreedom.info/a-z-of-agroecology-and-organic-food-systems-2015/

Indonesia

Our Seeds Our Future: Strengthening Indonesia's Food Sovereignty, September 2015
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As part of the collaboration between Seed Freedom and the program Our Seeds Our Future in Indonesia, a group of 10 activists from different regions in Indonesia attended the A-Z of Agro ecology courses at Navdanya Farm on seed saving, participatory building, soils and food sovereignty in September 2015.

Based on their experience, they plan to set up seed banks through different regions as well as raise awareness on seed freedom, seed production and seed conservation. During this period, the government of Indonesia passed a law to approve planting of GM corn and sugarcane in Indonesia. As a response, it is hoped to organize a high level conference with government officials, followed by a food sovereignty tour in West /Central/East Java-Bali in September-October 2016 to respond to the threats on seed and food sovereignty through the imposition of GMOs in Indonesia. This is a collaborative initiative of Navdanya International, Mantasa (Indonesia), IFOAM and Regeneration International.

Outcomes/achievements

-- Satyagraha and National Resistance Campaign against GMO Mustard in India.
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/

-- The No to GMO Banana Biopiracy campaign launched by Navdanya has collected over 50,000 signatures. http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-gmo-banana-campaign/

Key Campaigns and Films launched through Seed Freedom in 2015

1. Diverse Women for Diversity Campaign : Biodiversity or GMOs – Will the future of nutrition be in women's hands or under corporate control?
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/biodiversity-or-gmos/

2. No GMO Banana Biopiracy Campaign
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-gmo-banana-campaign/

3. Round Up Round Up http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/round-up-round-up/

4. The Golden Rice Hoax
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/the-golden-rice-hoax/

5. Civil Disobedience (Seed Satyagraha) against Seed Slavery
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/

6. Call to Action for Living Seed and Living Soil
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/

7. Films on Living Seed and Living Soil
http://seedfreedom.info/the-living-seed-and-the-living-soil-new-navdanya-films/

8. Terra Viva – Our Soils, Our Commons, Our Future
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Communication and Social Media:

- A blog at Huffington Post Italy for Dr. Vandana Shiva was opened in April. It has generated open discussion especially with regard to GMOs and events leading up to Expo 2015 in Milan in May.

- The Global Alliance for Seed Freedom fortnight of actions to mobilize global citizens' response on the issue of Seed Freedom saw a World Wide Civil Disobedience (Seed Satyagraha) for non cooperation with patents and IPRs on Seeds and Seed Laws that criminalize farmer's varieties and farmer seed saving.

- The Seed Freedom campaign (www.seedfreedom.in) continues to grow in strength. Between Navdanya, Seed Freedom and Navdanya International the number of Facebook subscribers is over 100,000 and other social media means are reaching hundreds of thousands of people (www.seedfreedom.in).

- The Call to Action in October resulted in 298 events in 36 countries. http://seedfreedom.info/events/categories/2015-call-to-action/. Of particular note for the Call to Action, Seed Freedom partnered with 'March against Monsanto' taking the campaign to hundreds of thousands of individuals throughout the world.

- The Global Map for Seed Freedom, where citizens, movements, organizations can directly add their actions for Seed Freedom and share it with the world community, continues to be a key rallying point and force multiplier for movements throughout the world. (http://seedfreedom.in/seed-freedom-map/)

- These events have become the platform by which people as a unified whole are able to make known their opposition to the corporate takeover of the seed and food systems and to GMOs

- An up-dated version of the Seed Freedom Report has been produced. http://seedfreedom.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Global-Citizens%E2%80%99-Report-on-Seed-Freedom-2014_A13.pdf

Navdanya International Timeline 2015

Event
Sugarcane and Gur Festival
10 January – 30 March 2015
New Delhi, India

Sugarcane and Gur festival is aimed at creating awareness about sugarcane crisis and offer alternatives. The three month long festival which would be on in Dilli Haat, will try to involve people and farmers in conserving and protecting economy, health and ecology.

Speaking about the festival, Maya Goburdhun, Director Navdanya said that 'sugarcane and sugar making processes is of ancient Indian origin. This is the heritage we should be defending and promoting to solve today's economic, ecological and health problems'. Navdanya's founder Dr.Vandana Shiva said,"On the 100th anniversary of Gandhi's return to India from South Africa, let us implement his perennial concept of swaraj and swadeshi in our daily lives. Gur embodies both swaraj and swadeshi, gur is good for our health, good for our farmers."

Photos and Articles:
http://seedfreedom.info/sugarcane-and-gur-festival-inauguration-photos-articles/

Event
Seeds, Soil and You – Mumbai Rooftop Garden
Mumbai, India
December 2014 – January 2015

Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy of the The Hummingbird Project held a session titled 'Soil, Seeds and You' at Flyover Farm covering how and why to grow a living soil, the importance of saving seeds and practical tips.

At Fresh and Local's Flyover Farm in Mumbai, the founders believe that urban farming is an integral part of improving the overall health and wellbeing of a city. Flyover Farm is a community urban farm showcasing and experimenting with rooftop organic farming in one of the most dense and heavily trafficked areas of Mumbai. Flyover Farm works with the residents of

Mohamadi Manzil Building and a city-wide network of volunteers to grow food naturally, compost kitchen waste and address issues of air and noise pollution. In addition, Fresh and Local hosts monthly workshops and events for hands-on learning and researches and develops best practices specific to the urban context. Fresh and Local began in May 2010, and to date has worked directly with over 2,000 individuals in Mumbai, Alibaug, and Goa.

Photos and Articles: http://seedfreedom.info/mumbai-rooftop-garden/

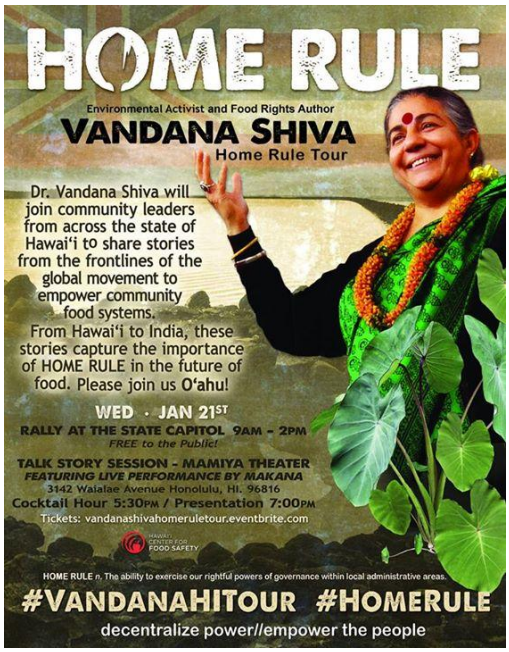
Through a partnership with Dr. Vandana Shiva and her organization, Navdanya, Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy have been going to India to educate farmers about the damaging effects of chemical farming. The Hummingbird Project's partnership with Navdanya has allowed Kennedy and McHugh to connect with rural Indian farmers and teach classes at Earth University, Navdanya's learning center. The two nonprofits have collaborated to "reduce dependency on GMO seeds, train farmers in organic methods, and re-establish sustainable agriculture throughout India." Kennedy says "The work with farmers in India is so critical because while here in the U.S., chemical versus organic farming is viewed as a choice or preference, the epidemic of farmer suicides in India shows it is often a question of life or death."

Event

Seed Freedom Home Rule Tour - Hawaii

Oahu, Hawaii, USA – 21st January 2015

Maui, Hawaii, USA – 25th January 2015



Dr. Vandana Shiva and Andrew Kimbrell (Center For Food Safety Executive Director) joined community leaders from across Hawaii on Oahu and Maui to share stories from the frontlines of the global movement to empower community food systems. From Hawaii to India, these stories capture the importance of home rule in the future of food.

More than anywhere else, counties in Hawaii should have the right and authority to determine the future of their food system. This is home rule. Hawaii is home to untold biodiversity and some of the most beautiful landscapes on Earth. However, it is also ground zero for the outdoor experimentation of pesticide-promoting plant technologies, genetically engineered to withstand heavy spraying of toxic chemicals.

On Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai, chemical and biotechnology companies like Monsanto, Syngenta, Dupont, Dow Chemical, Bayer, and BASF have purchased prime agricultural land, taking advantage of Hawaii's isolation and year-round growing season, in order to field test crops that have been genetically engineered (GE) to withstand greater applications of pesticides. Despite public health concerns and contamination of natural resources, the State of Hawaii has taken no action to regulate the activities of biotechnology companies performing open-air testing on genetically engineered seed and synthetic pesticides.

As a result, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii Counties asserted their county's authority to create policies that address these issues and protect the safety and health of its residents and land. Otherwise

known as “Home Rule,” Hawaii has shown the world just how important this kind of political power is in the movement to create more safe and sovereign food systems.

More information and Videos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-vandana-shiva-home-rule-tour/
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-vandana-shiva-home-rule-tour-on-maui/
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/defend-the-maui-gmo-moratorium/

Articles:

- ✓ http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/video/2519/cfs-videos/cfs-hawaii/3689/hawaii-home-rule
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/tag/hawaii/

Event

Earth Democracy: Defending the Rights of Mother Earth and Human Beings

Navdanya Bija Vidyapeeth, Dehradun, India

2 – 6 February 2015

The course explored the links between the Rights of Mother Earth, and Human Rights. Participants experience d concretely how the rights of diverse species are related to food security for humans. Dr Vandana Shiva shared issues related to seed freedom, which includes the freedom of seeds , the freedom of farmers, and the freedom of eaters to be free of toxics and GMOs. Sr Pat brought to the course the new potential and promise of the emerging movement of the Rights of Nature, and how it offers solutions to climate change and the ecological crisis.
Dr Mira Shiva, a medical doctor, connected the health of the planet to health of people. Participants had an opportunity to join the Ganga Aarti at Rishikesh, and also discuss the challenges of cleaning the Ganga.

More information, Articles and Photos:

- ✓ http://www.navdanya.org/blog/?p=1953
- ✓ http://www.navdanya.org/news/487-dont-create-divisions-in-society
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/earth-democracy-defending-the-rights-of-mother-earth-and-human-beings/

Event
Seed Festival in Nuremberg
Nuremberg, Germany
14 February 2015

The Seed Festival took place on February 14th 2015 and was organized by open house and the urban gardening group Stadtgarten from Nuremberg.

A Seed Market for free seed exchange was available where communities and urban gardening groups could gather to exchange seeds, stories and knowledge.

Highilights

- ✓ Biodiversity exhibition of Tomatoes, Potatoes and Apples
- ✓ Guests from Peliti, Greece made the festival international one and shared their seeds

Photos and Articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/seed-festival-in-nuremberg-event-report/
- ✓ [Deutsch] http://seedfreedom.info/de/saatgut-festival-nurnberg-veranstaltungsbericht/
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/seed-festival-in-nuremberg/

Event
Food Matters Aotearoa Conference and Tour
New Zealand
February 2015

The Food Matters Aotearoa conference saw internationally renowned scientists, health professionals, physicians and advocates of healthy food production come together to talk to a wide audience from all sectors. The conference was organized with the objective of making available to the public of New Zealand the latest cutting edge knowledge from across the world on the links between agriculture, food and health.

In New Zealand, as in the rest of the world, food which should be bringing us health is bringing us poisons and disease. The right to know how our food is produced and what the impacts of systems of food production are on our health is a fundamental right of every citizen.

Dr. Vandana Shiva "The conference connected the dots, overcame divisions and fragmentation. In our perceptions of the food systems, no matter what the background and disciplines of the speakers, a common vision emerged. Real food is about health and nutrition, as well as freedom and democratic choice. Food is not nutritionally empty commodities produced for profit!"

Photos, Videos, Articles and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/food-matters-aotearoa-conference-and-tour-video-photos-other-resources/

Event

Planet On Plate – Eating and Farming for Our Future

Sydney, Australia

20 February 2015

In celebration of 2015, the Year of the Soil, Dr Vandana Shiva gave a talk on the importance of seed freedom and food democracy for the future of our food and land. Dr Shiva also addressed the US human trials of GM banana.

Joel Salatin of Polyface Farms is an American organic farmer and author featured in the documentary "Food Inc". Joel gave an introduction to Dr Shiva's talk. Find out more about Joel Salatin at http://www.polyfacefarms.com.

Conference Videos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/planet-on-plate-eating-and-farming-for-our-future-conference-videos/

Campaign

Biodiversity Or Gmos: Will the Future of Nutrition be in Women's Hands or Under Corporate Control?

8 March 2015

Women have been the primary growers of food and nutrition throughout history, but today, food is being taken out of our hands and substituted for toxic commodities controlled by global corporations. Monoculture industrial farming has taken the quality, taste and nutrition out of our food. As a result, India is facing a nutritional crisis: every fourth Indian goes hungry, and in 2011 alone, diabetes took the lives of 1 million Indians

On this international women's day, we call on all women – the world's primary food-growers and food-givers – to stand together and reclaim our knowledge, our farming, and our food. To expose the lies generated by the GMO industry, to reject the false promises of Golden Rice and GMO Bananas, and to reclaim the planet for all living beings.

Full Declaration Text and Sign-up:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/biodiversity-or-gmos/

Video message

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/re-generation/

Campaign
The Golden Rice Hoax
March 2015

The PR army promoting Golden Rice is descending on Phillipines, Bangladesh and India.

Sign and share the Declaration for International Women's Day, 8th March, to pre-empt the GMO propaganda:
http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/declaration-for-international-womens-day-8-march-2015/

Campaign page with Articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/the-golden-rice-hoax/

Campaign
Round-Up Round Up
April 2015

RoundUp ready crops are designed to withstand copious applications of RoundUp, a highly toxic, non-selective herbicide produced by Monsanto. Contrary to what Monsanto would have us believe, RoundUp ready crops require far more chemical applications than traditional seeds. With the same large, money hungry company responsible for selling farmers both seeds and herbicides, it is no surprise that Monsanto's GM plants need more RoundUp to thrive. The application of RoundUp to our food has dire implications for the health of both people and planet.
Let's roundup RoundUp. Say no to the genetically engineered foods; say no to the patenting of seeds; and say no to the corporatization of agriculture.

Campaign page with Articles

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/round-up-round-up/

Event

Mahila Anna Swaraj – Food Sovereignty in Women's Hands

Navdanya Bija Vidyapeeth, Dehradun, India

27 – 29 March 2015

Mahila Anna Swaraj is Navdanya's programme for women's food sovereignty. It is based on celebrating and rejuvenating women's knowledge and skills in biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture and food production and in artisanal organic food processing.

Once a year, Navdanya organizes a Mahila Anna Swaraj gathering and Grandmother's University to celebrate women's traditional knowledge. Navdanya also works with a network of women's organizations on advocacy on women's right to food through a National Alliance of Women for Food Rights.

Pledge To Be Seed Guardians and To Protect Our Traditional Seeds (plus photos):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/mahila-anna-swaraj-food-sovereignty-in-womens-hands-report/

Event

1st Global Meeting for the Commons & 15th Pan-Hellenic Seed Exchange Festival

Mesochori, Paranesti, Greece

April 2015

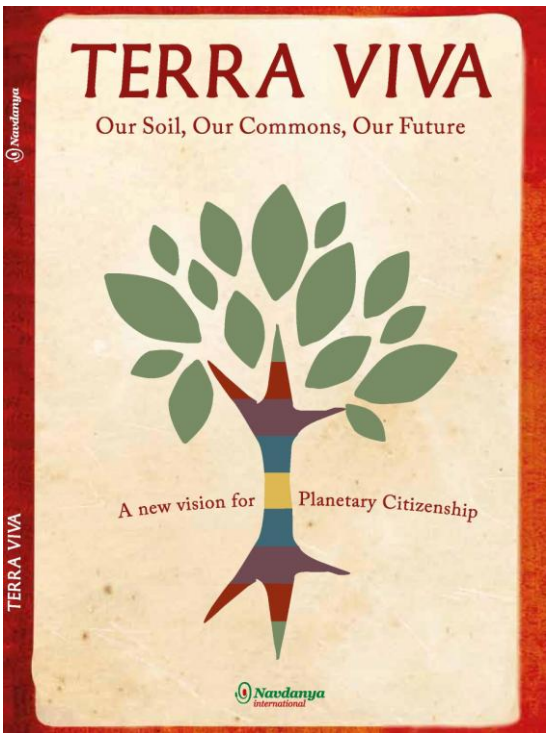
This year, nearly 5,000 people from 20 countries joined Peliti to celebrate agricultural diversity and exchange seeds. In additional to the annual seed exchange, this year's event was opened with the First Annual Global Meeting for the Commons, a meeting co-organized by Navdanya, Peliti, and Seed Freedom.

Several prominent figures in the seed movement attended the event, including Hugo Blanco of Peru, Dr. Vandana Shiva of India, and representatives from the seed conservation organizations Arche Noah and Kokopelli. The event also featured workshops and sessions about seed saving, seed laws, and other related topics.

Photos, Videos and Articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/1st-global-meeting-for-the-commons-15th-pan-hellenic-seed-exchange-festival/

Campaign and Publication
'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future
May 2015



By 2030, an urbanized expanse equal to the whole of South Africa will be added to the already urbanised land. Fertile land has been eroded at a rate between 10 and 40 times superior to its regenerative capacity. In the last 60 years, 40% percent of wars have been caused by climate, land and resources issues.

The war in Syria and Boko Haram terrorism have been spawned, among others, by climate change.

The current industrial agricultural model has been a failure. Completely intertwined as it is with the dominant economic model, which is based on extraction and never on reintegration, on economic systems that are life-destroying and cause the extinction of animal and vegetable species, it eventually leads to ecosystem collapse.

This model is for the benefit of the few, and is the cause of economic injustice, dangerous instability, desperate poverty, hunger and unemployment. For the first time in the history of humanity, the future of the human species is no longer certain: climate catastrophes, conflicts and war are pushing us to the brink ofecological, economic and social collapse.

However we can choose another path. A path based on global citizenship and the sharing of resources, a path which aims for **a circular economy based on regeneration of resources**. **Agriculture plays a key role within this new vision**. The new agriculture restores fertility to the land through organic regenerative farming practices. It ensures farmers receive fair pay thus enabling them to remain on their land, while continuing to provide food to cities and communities. **It exchanges a linear process of exploitation of land and resources with a circular process based on reintegration and regeneration** which in turn guarantees resilience, sustainability, justice and peace. This new agriculture is part of a process which aims to redefine the very concepts of democracy and freedom. It is capable of generating both a new economy and a new democracy; Earth Democracy.

Photos, Events, Videos and Articles

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Mobilization Tour
Seed Freedom in Croatia
Sisak, Croatia
13-14 May 2015

As part of the Seed Freedom Movement, the Navdanya International team travelled to Croatia on 13th and 14th May 2015 to strengthen local movements for seed saving, food sovereignty as well as strategize for the Global Call to Action for Seed Freedom.

The first stop was the 2 day Sisak Seed and Food Forum where workshops were held. In the two days forum a story was told about the main resources that we need in order to grow food – traditional varieties, and breeds and fertile soil.

Besides Dr Shiva's message on the first day there was a fair of organic and small scale farmers in the city park, seed swap and the opening of photography exhibition by local amateur photographer, activist and seed saver Andrea Shipush.

The Forum was also an opportunity to promote a new book of about traditional varieties in the Dalmatian coast.

The next day, after four interesting presentations about soil management, preserving breeds on common pasture as in the Croatian traditional practice, and a presentation about the Anti TTIP campaign, the group of participants from different food sovereignty initiatives worked on their plans for joining the Fortnight of Action for Seed Freedom.

Photos, Video and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/seed-freedom-in-croatia/

Films
"The Living Seed" and "The Living Soil"
May 2015

The debates on GMO and organic farming, the future of farmers and agriculture, and the politics of food are not new. Navdanya has been fighting for the rights of the farmer and seed freedom for 25 years. Today, we find ourselves at a crucial point, not just in terms of a movement committed to resisting biological and ecological destruction, but also in the presence of a network of 'living' and thriving economies.

The Living Farms series explores these questions, looking at five specific aspects of farming – Seed, Soil, Food, Fibres and Farmers. Produced by Navdanya with the support of Fred Foundation, the films are based on the testimonies of farmers, seed savers, agronomist and scientists from across India, as well as from indigenous farming cultures abroad.

Films:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/the-living-seed-and-the-living-soil-new-navdanya-films/
- ✓ Subtitles available in**: French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Croatian, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian, Portuguese**

Event
Regeneration International Conference
San Ramón, Costa Rica
7-9 June 2015

Seeking to elevate sustainable forms of agriculture such as agroecology, holistic grazing, cover cropping, permaculture, and agroforestry over industrial practices that degrade soil, introduce toxins to the food supply—and exacerbate climate change—a group of farmers, scientists, and activists are convening for the Regenerative International Conference in Costa Rica this week.

The conference, the first of a planned series of similar gatherings around the world, will focus on uniting movements, developing campaigns, and creating a global media plan to communicate specifically how restoring soil health can reverse damage to ecosystems around the world.

"If governments won't solve the climate, hunger, health, and democracy crises, then the people will." —Dr. Vandana Shiva, speaking at the founding meeting of Regeneration International, La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica, June 8, 2015

When literally billions of people, the 99 percent, are hungry or struggling to survive with justice and dignity; when the majority of the global body politic are threatened and assaulted by a toxic environment and food system; when hundreds of millions are overwhelmed with chronic health problems; battered by floods, droughts, and weather extremes; when endless wars and land grabs for water, land and strategic resources spiral out of control; when indentured politicians, corporations and the mass media conspire to stamp out the last vestiges of democracy in order to force a "Business-as-Usual" paradigm down our throats, it's time for a change, Big Change.

It's time to move beyond degenerate ethics, farming land use, energy policies, politics and economics. It's time to move beyond "too little, too late" mitigation and sustainability strategies. It's time to inspire and mobilize a mighty global army of Regenerators, before it's too late.

Photos, videos, articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-at-regeneration-international-conference/
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/regeneration-international-conference/

Press Release – GM Biocolonization in Costa Rica

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/press-release-gm-biocolonization-in-costa-rica/

Celebrating Soil! Celebrating Life!
Amsterdam, Netherlands
26-27 June 2015

On 26th and 27th June 0215, the Celebrating Soil! Celebrating Life! conference took place in Amsterdam, in the Royal Tropical Institute. Business-, political-, civil society- and spiritual leaders shared their vision, passion and commitment with regards to Soil Challenges, 'Soilutions' and how to become 'Soilmates'.

Photos and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/celebrating-soil-celebrating-life/

Event

Seed Freedom Day against California Seed Law AB2470

1st July 2015
Finley CA, USA

Photos and Articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-freedom-day-against-california-ab2470/

Related Campaigns:

Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/civil-disobedience-against-ab2470-the-california-seed-law/

SEED SATYAGRAHA (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/

Event

open house Garden Tour

11 July 2015
Mainstockheim, Germany

More information and Video:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/open-house-garden-tour/

Event

International Festival of the Commons / Festival Internazionale dei Beni Comuni

9-12 July 2015
Chieri, Italy

Dr Vandana Shiva held the Lectio Magistralis "Food and Water as Commons" on July 11th, 2015 on the occasion of the International Festival of the Commons in Chieri.

"We are living through very strange times, where the idea of privatizing the Commons and all public goods is the foundation of the growth model.
And how do you get growth? You take what circulates in society or in nature – you take it out of that system through a process of extraction and exploitation - and show extraction and exploitation to be contributing to growth. What's happening with Greece is such a dramatic example of the dominant ideology of growth.
Sadly most governments have been made captive to this ideology, because – who advices them? People who have come out of that paradigm, the so-called 'economic experts'; I would call them: 'experts in ecocide, experts in genocide'. Governments have become part of the process of the enclosures of the Commons. And that's why it'll have to depend on societies and communities to reshape other economies, so that every species and every person has a chance to thrive and live on this planet"

Introduction by Fabio Ciconte, President of Terra!onlus association, which – together with daSud and terrelibere.org – is carrying out #FilieraSporca Campaing, to discover and denounce labor exploitation in agriculture.

Photos, videos and articles:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/festival-internazionale-dei-beni-comuni/

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Event

Garden Visit and Seed Swap Gathering

15 July 2015
Durban, South Africa

Photos and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/garden-visit-and-seed-swap-gathering/

Event

Community Seed Sharing, Exchange & Picnic

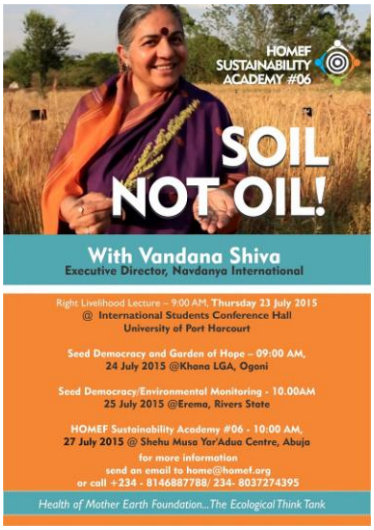
25 July 2015
Byron Bay, Australia

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/community-seed-sharing-exchange-picnic-byron-bay-australia/

Mobilization Tour
Seed Freedom and Soil not Oil in Nigeria

23-27 July 2015



On July 23, to mark the UN International Year of the Soil and the decades long struggle against oil extraction in the Niger Delta, 1993 Right Livelihood Award Laureate, Vandana Shiva, gave a lecture at the Right Livelihood College in Port Harcourt.

The event, organized in collaboration with Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) and 2010 Right Livelihood Award Laureate, Nnimmo Bassey, was followed on July 24 by a seed democracy workshop in collaboration with Ogoni women and a press conference in Abuja on July 27.

"With oil spills occurring with a disturbing frequency of almost one a day, the soil and waters of the Niger Delta are being severely degraded, thus raising challenges for production of wholesome food," said Nnimmo Bassey, Director of HOMEF.

"Vandana Shiva's visit is timely and we expect that she will raise critical issues on the need to preserve our soils, seeds and food systems, rather than allowing them to be destroyed by the irresponsible activities of oil companies in their bid to extract resources of diminishing value."

Photos, Articles and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/nigeria-tour-for-soil-not-oil/

Stemming the Tide Together: Soil, Not Oil
Statement by Vandana Shiva and Nnimmo Bassey at a Media briefing held on 27 July 2015 at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/stemming-the-tide-together-soil-not-oil/

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Event

5th ISDE Italy/Sardinia National & International Workshop on Global Health / V° Workshop Nazionale e Internazionale ISDE Italia e Sardegna sulla Salute Globale

28 July 2015
Abbasanta, Italy

The sub-headline of the event organized by ISDE Italy and ISDE Sardinia (International Society of Doctors for the Environment), in cooperation with Navdanya International, was 'Sardinia Terra Viva – Sardigna Terra Bia'

One of the aims of this event was to raise awareness about Sardinia environmental issues.

"Today, the Sardinian region sums the largest contaminated area (total 445.000 ha in Sardinia and 345.000 ha in Campania). The third of the Sardinian population lives in contaminated sites (compared to an average of one to six for whole Italy). According to the Italian National Institute of Health, in 44 Sites of National Interest for decontamination (SIN) on a total rate of 10.000 deaths including all causes, in Sardinia almost 4.000 ones are caused by cancers resulting in excess comparing other regional data. These clear figures related to SIN's in Sardinia confirms the existence of a high health risk"

Source: "Sardinia Terra Bia: an open letter to the Sardinian Society": http://www.isde.it/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Manifesto-Terra-Viva.pdf

Vincenzo Migaleddu, ISDE representative in Sardinia gave a speech on social, environmental and health problems in Sardina.
He was followed by Dr Vandana Shiva, who presented 'Terra Viva' Manifesto: "We can choose another path. A path based on global citizenship and the sharing of resources, a path which aims for **a circular economy based on regeneration of resources**."

Video, photos and more information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/v-workshop-nazionale-e-internazionale-isde-italia-e-sardegna-sulla-salute-globale-con-vandana-shiva/
- ✓ https://youtu.be/-pEtV73XbZQ

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Campaign Launch
Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

31st July 2015
Raj Ghat, New Delhi, India

On 31st July 2015—Navdanya continued the Sarson Satyagraha that was started in 1998. Representative of groups, associations and concerned citizens gathered in Rajghat to take a pledge to protect India's mustard.

India's Seed Freedom and Food Freedom depends on staying free of GMO mustard.

"We need to stop the insanity of transforming mustard — the symbol of spring and abundance in our culture — into a toxic crop with terminator genes, sprayed with lethal herbicides that kill everything green and directly damage our health.

On July 31, 2015, we renewed the Sarson Satyagraha by taking a pledge at Mahatma Gandhi's memorial at Rajghat to protect the diversity, purity and safety of our mustard because "Anna Swaraj" is our birthright."

GMO in my mustard
By Dr Vandana Shiva – The Asian Age, 11 August 2015

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/gmo-in-my-mustard/

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard
(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/

Campaign Launch
Launch of Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities Campaign

2nd August 2015
Meerut, India

Navdanya and IMA (Indian Medical Association) in Meerut on 2nd August to start Anna Swaraj Andolan (Food Freedom Movement) to reclaim our food, with a campaign on Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities – connecting producers to consumers and the village with the town in direct links of safe, fresh, local and fair food
Dr Vandana Shiva:
"Food freedom is based on the liberation of the earth from ecological destruction and toxic pollution, the liberation of the farmers from suicides due to debt created by dependence on purchase of costly chemicals and seeds, and the liberation of the citizens from malnutrition and disease caused by toxic pesticides."

Dr VK Bindra:
"Even low exposure to pesticides can lead to cancers. Pesticides can be mutagenic to human being."

Mitul Jain of Meerut :
"India spends over hundred billion dollars in cancer treatments alone. I think if we just change our food habits and eat fresh and organic, all the pain and medical expenditure can easily be avoided. I hope they carry this message to all parts of the country."

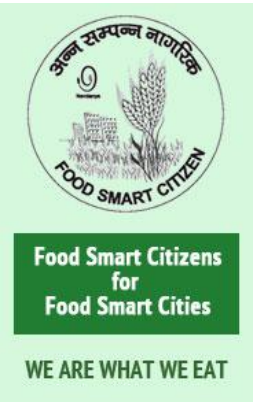
Photos and article:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/green-activist-roots-for-food-freedom-rights-of-farmers/

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/



Event

AFSA (Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa) holding its 4th Annual General Meeting

5 – 8 August 2015
Accra, Ghana

Statements:

African governments sell out their farmers in secret seeds protection deal

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/african-governments-sell-out-their-farmers-in-secret-seeds-protection-deal-2/

African Civil Society Says No to Mining – Yes to Life!

- ✓ http://afsafrica.org/african-civil-society-says-no-to-mining-yes-to-life/

Event

Ancient Grains Project 2015 / Progetto Cereali Antichi 2015

30 August 2015
Sedico, Italy

More information:

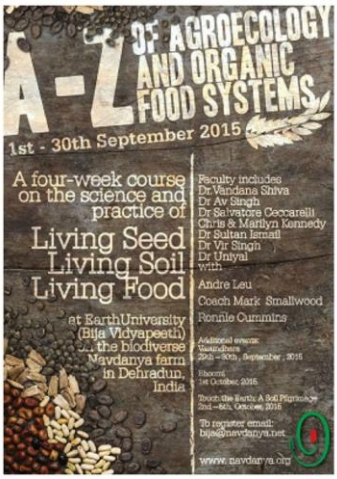
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/progetto-cereali-antichi-2015/

Event overview and ancient grains collection photos:

- ✓ http://coltivarcondividendo.blogspot.it/2015/09/cereali-antichi-il-progetto-prosegue.html

Learning experience on the Farm
A-Z of Agroecology and Organic Food Systems 2015

1 – 30 September 2015
Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India



A Global Capacity Building Workshop every year is being held at the Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation farm for citizens' organizations and movements on seed saving, seed exchange and participatory breeding and the links between Seed Sovereignty and Food Sovereignty and issues of Intellectual Property Rights, Patents, Seed Monopolies and Farmers Rights at Dehradun, with eminent scientists and environmentalists like Dr. Vandana Shiva, Dr. Salvatore Ceccarelli, Dr. Mira Shiva, Dr. Sultan Ismail, Andre Leu, President of IFOAM, Ronnie Cummins, Director & Co-founder Organic Consumer Association (OCA), Will Allen, author of the book 'War on Bugs', Dr. JC Tarafdar, Dr. Vir Singh, Dr. V.P. Uniyal / Preeti Virkat, Dr. Vinod Kumar Bhatt, Dr. Av Singh, Mr. Hari Raj Singh, Ms. Marilyn McHugh, Mr. Chris Kennedy, R.S. Rawat, D.S. Negi, Bija Devi and the Navdanya team. More than a dozen specialists and 56 participants from all over of the world have joined this program this year.

Group of attendees from Circles of Seeds (Portugal) and Mantasa (Indonesia)

Graduation Day

More information and Photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/a-z-of-agroecology-and-organic-food-systems-2015/

Related Campaign:

Call To Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/

Event
Soil Not Oil International Conference

4 – 5 September 2015
Richmond CA, USA

Practicing Sustainable Agriculture to Restore Ecosystems and Mitigate Climate Change

Inspired by Dr. Vandana Shiva's book, Soil Not Oil, the 2015 Soil Not Oil Conference examines the crisis on food security while highlighting the implications of oil-based agro-chemicals and fossil fuels in soil depletion and climate change.

The conference focused on educating, through national and international experiences, about the multiple problems and possible practical solutions that surround the profound consequences resulting from synthetic enhanced agriculture in industrialized nations.

The conference featured a keynote address by Dr. Vandana Shiva, along with presentations featuring noted soil scientist Rattan Lal; author Fritjof Capra; environmental and land use attorney Claire Hope Cummings; Earth Guardians director and youth leader Xiuhtezcatl Martinez; author Anna Lappé; agro-ecologist Miguel Altieri; Adelita San Vicente Tello, Ph.D., director of Seeds of Life; Regeneration International and Organic Consumers Association co-founder Ronnie Cummins; John Roulac, CEO and founder of Nutiva; and other international leaders, farmers, researchers, climate change experts, and environmental and food justice advocates.

More information and Photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/soil-not-oil-international-conference/

Dr Vandana Shiva's keynote speech video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/e3syIKl9A6o

More Videos of the Conference:

- ✓ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6GOqYlNuLF2oUgD7v9JVAQ/videos

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Event

Save Our Seeds March and Rally

6 September 2015
Richmond CA, USA

In protest of AB2470, the California Seed Law, the "Save our Seeds" march took place in San Francisco , starting from the Ferry Building at the Embaradero and ending at the Civic Center.
The march was sponsored by Biosafety Alliance and the CSG following the two day "Soil Not Oil" conference in Richmond.

Ronnie Cummins (Organic Consumers Association, USA)
Adelita San Vicente (Semillas De Vida, Mexico),
Ruchi Shroff (Seed Freedom) and Dr Vandana Shiva.

Adelita San Vicente, Ruchi Shroff, Jim Becket (Becket FIlms),
Dr Vandana Shiva and Miguel Robles (Biosafety Alliance)

Dr Vandana Shiva and Vani Hari (The Food Babe, USA)

Adelita San Vicente and Ruchi Shroff

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/sos-save-our-seeds-march-rally/

Related Campaigns:

Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/civil-disobedience-against-ab2470-the-california-seed-law/

SEED SATYAGRAHA (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/

Event and Campaign Launch

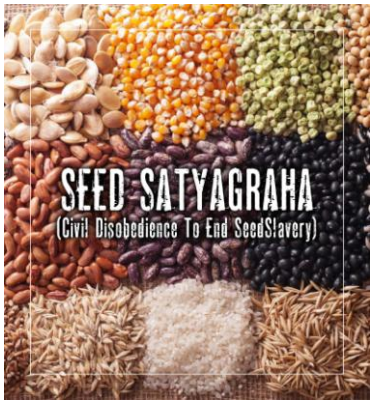
Seed Satyagraha Campaign Launch
at 2015 National Heirloom Exposition

8 - 10 September 2015
Santa Rosa CA, USA

In September 2015 Baker Creek Rare Seeds held its 5th annual fair in Santa Rosa.
Dr Vandana Shiva gave a call for a Seed Satyagraha (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery) along with the Declaration of Civil Disobedience against AB2470, The California Seed Law and the launch of the Seed Satyagraha publication.

Seed Library of Los Angeles, GMO Free LA, Seed Freedom LA Laura Maher, David King & Lori Bennett

Rachel Parent, Kids Right To Know, Canada and Dr Vandana Shiva



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Dr Vandana Shiva, Rebecca Newburn, Betsy Goodman John Torgrimson and David King

Seed Satyagraha (Civil Disobedience to end Seed Slavery) - Campaign

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/seed-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-to-end-seed-slavery/

Event Photos and article:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-2015-national-heirloom-exposition-the-worlds-pure-food-fair/
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/national-heirloom-festival-hope-to-end-seed-slavery/

Dr Vandana Shiva's keynote speech video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/PcjcZnEn7yQ

Event

Video launch Seed Saving at Home with Vandana Shiva

13 September 2015

Produced by The Growing Club:

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/Xar4vixyzUs

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/video-seed-saving-at-home-with-vandana-shiva/

Event

Food for a Sustainable Life – Conference

25 September 2015
Bolzano, Italy

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/vandana-shiva-alla-giornata-della-cooperazione-allo-sviluppo/

Dr Vandana Shiva's conference video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/FlSMhJmVvvw

Event

Seed Freedom Food Festival

26 September 2015
Adelaide, Australia

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-freedom-food-festival-2015/

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/3C9d_GUEam4

Event

Vasundhara: National Gathering of Farmers —
Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya

29 - 30 September 2015
Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India

Vasundhara festival is a celebration of Prithvi, Earth goddess and hopes to reconnect the participants with the ancient teachings enshrined in the Indian tradition.

On the first day, farmers from India and other parts of the the world – converging at Navdanya for 'Vasundhara' – celebrated the 'Day Of Corn' in solidarity with all defenders of indigenous, renewable, open pollinated corn seed globally and in particular with Mexico where corn diversity and the 'Día del Maíz' first started, centuries ago.
Farmers exchanged Corn Seeds with farmers from over 10 countries at the National Organic Farmers' gathering at Navdanya to commit themselves to Seed Freedom announcing that no law, no corporate power will come in the way of their duty to protect the Living Seed. Navdanya together with Regeneration International and IFOAM Organics International renewed the Pledge for Seed Freedom.

The second day of Vasundhara festival began with over 300 farmers from all over India dividing into regional groups to discuss Anna Swaraj 2020. The Anna Swaraj 2020 vision is call for farmers to unite and demand independence from the agro-chemical companies, suicides and debt. During the two hour meeting, they discussed solutions to current agrarian crisis such as soil degradation, loss of pollinators, drought, debt etc. Afterwards farmers pledged their commitment to Bija swaraj, Bhu swaraj, Jal and Van swaraj

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/vasundhara-national-gathering-of-farmers/

Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya [Video]

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/farmers-celebrate-the-day-of-corn-at-navdanya/

Vasundhara Festival - Day Two

- ✓ http://navdanya.org/news/526-vasundhara-festival-2015

ANNA SWARAJ (Food Sovereignty) 2020

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/anna-swaraj-food-sovereignty-2020/

Event

Bhoomi Maati Maa: the Festival of The Living Soil

1st October 2015
India International Centre, New Delhi, India

Bhoomi - 2015: Maati Maa – The Festival of The Living Soil

All day Art Exhibits on The Living Soil in Gandhi King Plaza

10:00-10:15 am	Welcome Address by Ms. Maya Goburdhun, Trustee, Navdanya
	Book release of *Bhoomi: The Living Soil*
10:15-10:30 am	Invocation by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer
10:30-10:40 am	Lighting of the Lamp
10:40-01:30 pm	Session1: The Living Soil
	Film on The Living Soil by The Tadpole Artists Collective
	Panel on The Science of the Living Soil
	Theatrical performance on "H R M Lumbricus Terrestris – The Earthworm, King of Edaphon"
01:30-02:30 pm	**Lunch**
02:30-03:30 pm	Theatre performance by Space Theatre Ensemble
03:30-04:30 pm	Session 2: The Culture of The Living Soil
04:30-05:30 pm	Session 3: The Living Soil & Earth Democracy
	Book Release of Hindi Translation of *Terra Viva*
05:30-06:00 pm	**Tea**
06:00-08:00 pm	Cultural Evening: Music from the Soil
	Gede Robi Supriyanto Indonesian rock musician, activist, writer and farmer.
	Songs celebrating the Living Soil by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer
	Tenzin Choegyal, Tibetan Australian musician
08:30 pm	**Dinner: Navarasa– The Diverse Colours, Aromas & Tastes of Food** *(on prior registration)*

In this Year of Soil, Navdanya - in collaboration with India International Centre - organized the annual festival Bhoomi. , dedicated to *Maati Maa*, the ever nurturing Living Soil.

A day long festival, featuring panel discussions and the Culture of Soil, then theater, film, music and an exhibition.

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/bhoomi-maati-maa-the-festival-of-living-soil/

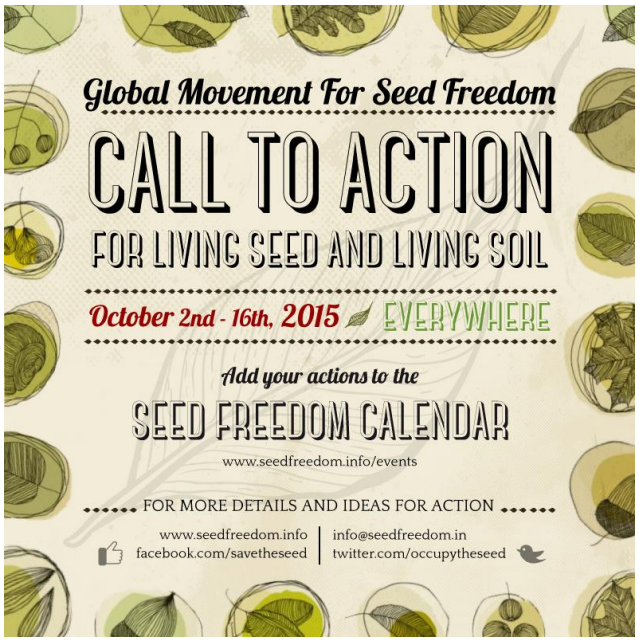
Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Campaign
Call to Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

2 - 16 October 2015 – Extended: September - October
Everywhere



The **Global Movement for Seed Freedom** invited everyone to join people and communities around the globe, to celebrate our seeds, our soils, our land, our territories, and to create an Earth Democracy based on **Living Seed, Living Soil**, healthy communities and living economies.

We believe that in the seed and the soil we find the answers to every one of the crises we face. The crisis of hunger and disease, the crisis of violence and war; the crisis of the destruction of democracy.

We care for Life and we believe in the power of caring. We will build living economies, we will become the change we want to see. With our love: for biodiversity, for the soil, for the Earth, and for fellow human beings.

Campaign page:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/

Dr Vandana Shiva's video message:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/biNnaoaat-I

Text and video translated in 10 other languages:
Italian, French, German, Spanish, Greek, Indonesian, Portuguese, Croatian, Japanese, Korean.

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Calendar.
No. Events 2 – 16 October
No Events: 89
No. Events September - October
No Events: 153
No. Countries: 31

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/categories/2015-call-to-action/

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Map/Calendar. No. Events 2015 (January – December) – Ongoing Campaign
No. Events: 326
No Countries: 38

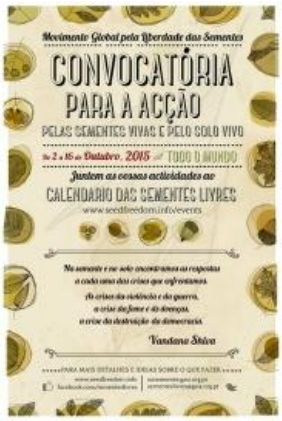
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events-calendar-list-2015/

Promoted through Social Media: http://on.fb.me/1hFMdMz

CALL TO ACTION FOR
SEED AND FOOD FREEDOM
Seed, Plant, Skill, Film + more
COMMUNITY SHARING
SAT OCT 3
ARRIVE 2PM
Farm Tours
Skill Sharings
Shared Community Picnic
Open- Air Film Screening
Seed+ Plant Sharing Circle
Kids Activities
Live Music
END 8PM

Community gardeners
Join Costa for a
SEED SOIREE
Cygnet Community Garden
3:30 Sunday 11 October 2015
CALL TO ACTION
FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL

Festival de Semillas
14 al 17 de octubre
entrada libre


Movimento Global pela Liberdade das Sementes
CONVOCATÓRIA
PARA A ACÇÃO
PELAS SEMENTES VIVAS E PELO SOLO VIVO
CALENDÁRIO DAS SEMENTES LIVRES
Vandana Shiva

Mouvement global pour la liberté des semences
APPEL A L'ACTION
pour des sols et des semences vivantes

Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres
CONVOCATORIA
PARA LA ACCIÓN
POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

Fall Harvest
Seed Swap
Saturday · Oct 3 · 11am- 2pm
Habitat for Humanity ReStore

SEEDS THE SOURCE OF LIFE
Organic Seed swap and supplies, seedlings, compost,
Amazing recycled garden ideas, Talks, Music, Food
SEED
FREEDOM
3 OCTOBER
Elukholweni Farm School Seaview rd

Oct 16-17, 2015
ALL ROADS LEAD TO DC
#FOODJUSTICE
MARCH
Join the Food Justice Coalition

Gemeinsam stark für
Lebendige Saat und lebende Böden
am 10.Oktober 2015 - 11 bis 17 Uhr
LEBEN findet STADT

Global Movement For Seed Freedom
CALL TO ACTION
FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL
October 2nd - 16th, 2015 // EVERYWHERE
Add your actions to the
SEED FREEDOM CALENDAR
March Against Monsanto supports the
Call To Action for Living Seed and Living Soil
As part of the global activities, we will
be joining Global Movement of Seed Freedom
through activities in Washington DC,
and cities across the world
March
Against

ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΣΠΟΡΟΦΥΛΑΚΩΝ ΑΤΤΙΚΗΣ

El Programa de Extensión y Educación
Ambiental y le invita a unirse al
Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres
CONVOCATORIA PARA LA ACCIÓN
POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO
Intercambio de plantas nativas y
semillas criollas
13 y 14 de octubre 2015
7:00 am a 2:00 pm
Jardín Botánico Wilson

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2015.10.14
생명은

बचेगा, किसान बढ़ेगा
बिहार एवं झारखण्ड यात्रा
दिनांक – 6 से 12 अक्टूबर 2015 तक।

JORNADA GLOBAL DE ACCION POR LAS SEMILLAS LIBRES
Por una verdadera agricultura
SUSTENTABLE, ORGÁNICA
Y NO DEPENDIENTE
POR NUEVAS SEMILLAS LIBRES
Este 17 y 18 en
EL BLOQUEO CONTRA MONSANTO
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FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GHANA
DAVID CAN STILL
BEAT GOLIATH!!!
JOIN US IN COURT!

1° FESTIVAL
DELLA TERRA
FESTA DEL BIODISTRETTO SAN GIMIGNANO
San Gimignano sabato 31 Ottobre
e domenica 1 Novembre
BIODISTRETTO
SANGIMIGNANO
EQUO
mondo
Terra Nuova

Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres
JORNADA POR LA LIBERTAD
DE LAS SEMILLAS Y LA
SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA.
POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO
PROGRAMA DE ACTIVIDADES

La Semilla Campesina y las Abejas
¡¡en peligro!!
Conversatorio en PAINE
en adhesión al día Internacional de la
Soberanía Alimentaria
Sábado 10 de octubre,
11 a 12 am
Mercado Agroecológico,
Plaza de Champa
Con la participación de
Lucía Sepúlveda, por
YNQT en Chile
YO NO
TRANSGÉNICOS
SEED FREEDOM

SEMINIAMO IL FUTURO
18 ottobre 2015 - dalle ore 10.00

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Event

Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra
"A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil"

2 – 5 October 2015
Maharashtra – Madhya Pradesh, India

Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, Dr Vandana Shiva, along with international organic farmers, students and activist started on a three day soil pilgrimage to Central India.
Key speakers at the events were Dr Vandana Shiva, Ronnie Cummins, founder & director Organic Consumers Association (OCA), Dr Will Allen, writer War on Bugs & Anthropologist, Andre Leu, President IFOAM, M.N. Khadse, Director of Dhara Mitra, Vani Hari, food activist, who gave a reading of Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge.
The group also visited farmers in the Wardha region.

The second day of the pilgrimage October 3rd, Navdanya hosted a seminar at the Centre for Science in Villages, Wardha. This seminar was dedicated to the living soil and had presentations by agricultural experts, along with local farmers and activists.

On October 4th, the group went to Indore to pay their respect to the memory of Sir Albert Howard, who made the Indian pest and peasant his teacher and wrote the Agricultural Testament in honour of the farming practices of India. At Indore, Navdanya organised an exhibition and a seminar to discuss the issues threatening our sacred soils.

Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/gandhi-howard-soil-pledge/

Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra — "A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil"
By Dr Vandana Shiva — The Asian Age, 8 October 2015

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/touch-the-earth-soil-yatra-a-pilgrimage-towards-a-nonviolent-relationship-with-soil/

Slideshow

- ✓ http://bit.ly/1PH91EN

Event

Madre Tierra International Festival and creation of
Red Semillas de Libertad (Latin America Seed Freedom Network)

2 – 4 October 2015
Tarqui, Azuay, Ecuador

More than 1.500 people gathered in the little town of Tarqui, in the south of Ecuador, to celebrate life with a series of workshops, music, theatre, documentary screenings, a fair and a seed exchange. Participants came from all the regions of Ecuador, including native communities, farmers, fishermen, students, activists, etc. and from 9 other countries of the Americas.

After the Festival, representatives from seed networks of the Americas gathered for two days for a General Assembly**,** to discuss common agendas and strategies. 10 countries and one international body were present: Chile, Argentina, Brasil, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, native peoples from North America and Navdanya International. The main results of the meeting where:

- The creation of the Red Semillas de Libertad (Seeds of Freedom Network of the Americas), an international network of seed guardians created to answer the need of communication, experience sharing and strategic planning at the continental level.
- Scheduling the next meeting of the RSL in Mexico, 2016.
- The agreement that the RSL members will provide support to each other, exchanging knowledge and experiences as needed. Special attention will be given to Brazil and Argentina, to promote the connection of local seed workers and networks at the national level in these countries.
- The decision to articulate the RSL into the Seed Freedom campaign and with other like-minded national and international bodies.

Madre Tierra International Festival

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/festival-madre-tierra-internacional/

Las semillas siembran comunidad – Festival Madre Tierra Internacional

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/es/las-semillas-siembran-comunidad-festival-madre-tierra-internacional-ecuador-octubre-2015/

Slideshow

- ✓ http://bit.ly/1RWe7Uf

Event

Seed, the Source of Life

3 October 2015
Port Elizabeth, South Africa

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-the-source-of-life/

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/XIEJrdUCDjk

Event

The Byron Shire Community Sharing: Seeds, Plants, Skills, Knowledge, Film + more

3 October 2015
Possum Creek, Australia

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-byron-shire-community-sharing-seeds-plants-skills-knowledge-film-more/

Article:

- ✓ http://santosorganics.com.au/articles/seed_freedom.html

Event

1st Festival of Fruits in the land of Peliti

4 October 2015
Mesochori, Greece

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/1st-festival-of-fruits-in-the-land-of-peliti/

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/Itz21g89WpQ

Event

Traditional Seed Saving – a symbol of the continuation of life

4 October 2015
Mesochori, Greece

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/traditional-seed-saving-a-symbol-of-the-continuation-of-life/

Mobilization Tour
Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Bihar and Jharkhand

6 – 11 October 2015
Bihar and Jharkhand, India

On the first day Navdanya team met with over 50 farmers in two villages, in an effort to tell them about the clouding threat of GM mustard entering the market. In turn forcing them to use only GM Mustard and abandond desi sarson.

3 Villages were visited on the second day. Villagers were very interested in the use of organic inputs instead of and not chemical fertilizer. They understood the gravity of the threat of GM mustard entering the market and their food. Some farmers are still using their traditional means of saving seeds in clay and cow dung containers.

The people of the villages visited on the third day were exposed to the use of hybrid seeds and fertilizers like DAP & urea. On the issue of sarson satyagraha they pledged to use desi and local sarson without the use of fertilizers.

On the fourth day 31 villagers participated in the meeting, and the message will be spread across 2500 people.

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-bihar-and-jharkhand/

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard
(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/

Event

Talk on Bees and Farmers' Seeds in danger

10 October 2015
Paine, Chile

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/conversatorio-en-paine/

Event

Let's stand together for Living Seed and Living Soil

10 October 2015
Düsseldorf, Germany

More information and photos:

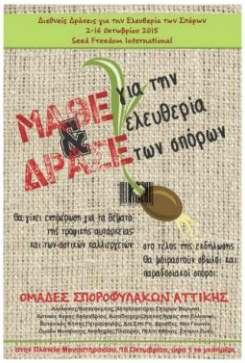
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/gemeinsam-stark-fur-lebendige-saat-und-lebende-boden/

Photo album:

- ✓ https://www.flickr.com/photos/raastah/sets/72157659696030601/

Event
Learn and Act for Seed Freedom

10 October 2015
Athens, Greece



More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/learn-and-act-for-seed-freedom/

Event
Food Justice From Seed to Market – Online Event

11 October 2015
Rhinebeck NY – USA

Vandana Shiva and Winona LaDuke were joined by Hudson Valley Seed Library cofounder Ken Greene, cofounder of Freedom Food Alliance Jalal Sabur, author of *The Color of Food* Natasha Bowens, CEO of Growing Power Will Allen, and many regional leaders and organizations advocating for GMO labeling and equal food access.

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/food-justice-from-seed-to-market-online-event/

Link to Dr Vandana Shiva's conference video (registration required):

- ✓ https://www.eomega.org/online-workshops/seeds-of-change#-workshop-description-block

Campaign
Navdanya Campaign in support
of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab

11 October 2015 – ongoing
Punjab, India

Recently Punjab has lost 90-95 percent of its Bt Cotton to a common pest, the whitefly. 12-15 sprays of chemical pesticides have failed to control pests. An agrarian crisis now looms over the state, as farmers continue to commit suicide and police are killing protestors with bullets. Navdanya travelled to the cotton growing Malwa belt of Punjab to report the damage done by the whitefly on Bt cotton in October '15. Despite spraying pesticides 10- 15 times, 1.2 million acres of cotton was destroyed by the whitefly, a common pest. This short film is an attempt to make the pain of the Bt Cotton farmers be heard and make the lives our farmers' lives matter.

Video: Farmers' Lives Matter - Punjab
Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ https://youtu.be/8R6nIUb8XRs

Video: Bt Cotton Seeds of Suicide
Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/

Campaign Page

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/

Pests, Pesticides and Propaganda: the story of Bt Cotton
By Dr Vandana Shiva, 10 October 2015

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/pests-pesticides-and-propaganda-the-story-of-bt-cotton/

Biotech fails – farmers pay the price
by Indra Shekhar Singh, 16 December 2015

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/

Event

GEE Seeds Collecting

11 October 2015
Lund, Sweden

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/gee-seeds-collecting/

Event

Food Sovereignty Ghana goes to Court !
Legal Action Against Commercialization of GM Crops

12 October 2015
Accra, Ghana

More information:

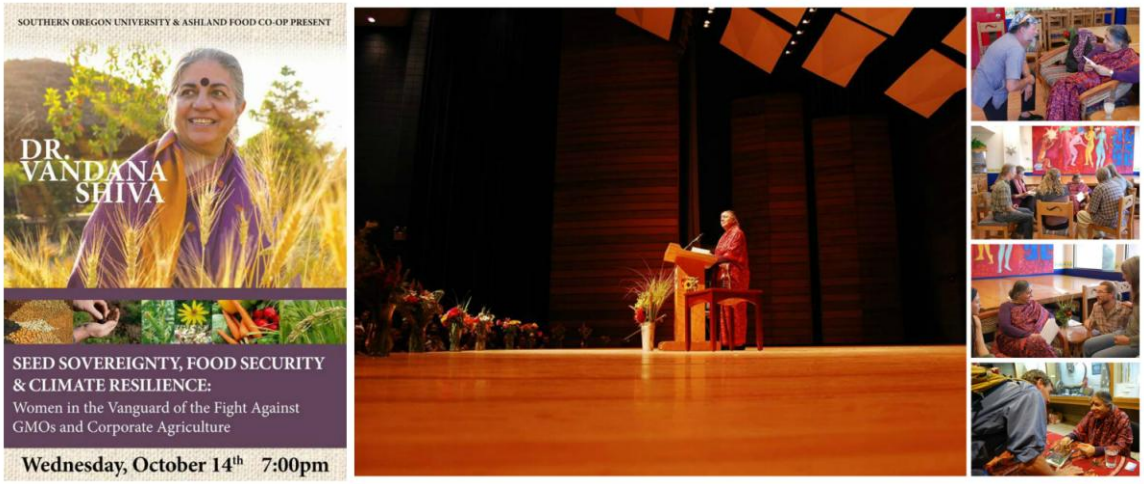
- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/food-sovereignty-ghana-goes-to-court-legal-action-against-commercialisation-of-gm-crops/

Update: **Ghana: Court Ruling On GMO Case: Why We Intend To Appeal**

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/ghana-court-ruling-on-gmo-case-why-we-intend-to-appeal/

Event
Seed Sovereignty, Food Security and Climate Resilience: Women in the Vanguard

14 October 2015
Ashland OR, USA



The event took place in the heart of GMO Free Jackson County.
On December 22nd 2015 an Oregon Federal Magistrate approved a settlement that will allow Jackson County Oregon's voter-approved law prohibiting cultivation of genetically engineered crops to stand.

Dr Vandana Shiva's talk focused on the need for a paradigm shift away from the dominant view of industrial agriculture with its origins in war, greed, and power, to a nature focused, women-centric view based on non-violence, the recognition of the intelligence in all life and all people, and the co-creation of partnerships for the well being of all.

With scientific evidence and 30 years of experience in evolving Navdanya, Dr Shiva showed how an agriculture that respects both the earth and women, produces more food and nutrition, more health and well being, more health and higher income for women and small farmers. She believes that solutions to hunger and climate change are the same – intensification of biodiversity and ecological processes, instead of intensification of fossil fuels and toxic chemicals through GMOs.

More information, video and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-sovereignty-food-security-and-climate-resilience-women-in-the-vanguard/

Conference Video:

- ✓ http://vp.telvue.com/player?id=T01550&video=253117

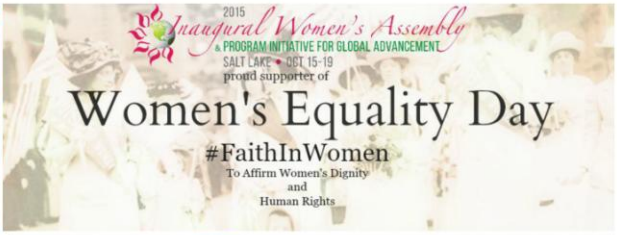
Jackson County's Ban on Genetically Engineered Crops Will Stand!
Federal Court Approves Settlement
Our Family Farms Coalition, 22 December 2015

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/jackson-countys-ban-on-genetically-engineered-crops-will-stand-federal-court-approves-settlement/

Event

2015 Parliament of the World's Religions – Inaugural Women's Assembly

15 - 19 October 2015
Salt Lake City UT, USA



The Women's Assembly provided an important opportunity for women to address and discuss two areas of vital interest:

- the responsibility of the world's religions to affirm women's dignity and human rights
- religious and spiritual inspiration for women's empowerment

More information:

✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions/

Photos, tweets and quotes:

✓ http://seedfreedom.info/vandana-shiva-speaks-at-2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions-inaugural-womens-assembly/

Event

Navdanya World Food Day Celebrations and Events

15 - 19 October 2015
Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India
Navdanya Organic Café, Dilli Haat, New Delhi, India

The first event organised by Navdanya began with over **60 organic women farmers coming together** at Navdanya farm. There were lectures and discussions on the GM Mustard issue. Women farmers shared their experience of cooking in soy oil and pledged not to let the Indian Rai (mustard) disappear. Groups of women enthusiastically took the responsibility of varieties of seeds to preserve and return next harvest season with ten times more. The farmers also discussed the Bt cotton failure in Punjab and expressed solidarity.

The second event organized by Navdanya was food awareness seminar at Jawaharlal Nehru University: "Poisons in our Food: Safety, Biosafety and Public concerns of chemical agriculture", held by public health expert Dr Mira Shiva.
Drawing from her vast experience as the advisory committee member of Peoples' Health Movement & former Chairperson, Health Action International Asia Pacific, she spoke to the students about the importance of food and further discuss about the health and biosafety of GMOs.

The third event was held at **Navdanya Organic Cafe at Dilli Haat**, New Delhi, where Navdanya's organic chefs proposed India's capital forgotten delicacies to celebrate the day in a gourmet way.

More information and photos :

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-world-food-day-celebrations-and-events/

Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/Q7qDhidNuY8

Which Future of Food and Farming
Reflections on World Food Day 16th October 2015
By Dr Vandana Shiva

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/which-future-of-food-and-farming/

Event

Food Justice March

16 October 2015
Washington DC, USA

More information, videos and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/foodjustice-march/

Event

The Future of Food: From Degeneration to Regeneration

16 October 2015
Washington DC, USA

More information, videos and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-future-of-food-from-degeneration-to-regeneration/

Video

- ✓ https://youtu.be/Sre-5qz-QB0

Event

‘Semilune’ and ‘Amici dell’Orto 2’ meeting for Seed Freedom

18 October 2015
Bracciano, Italy

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/semilune-e-amici-dellorto-2-semi-ortaggi-antichi-e-tradizionali-per-seed-freedom/

Event

Terra Viva: our soil, our commons, our future at Novo Modo Festival

23 October 2015
Florence, Italy

Dr Vandana Shiva “Lectio Magistralis”, in cooperation with Navdanya International
The Lecture was held within “Novo Modo”, a three day event of debates and discussions with the aim of developing new ideas and proposal for a fairer and more equitable future.

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/terra-viva-il-suolo-beni-comuni-e-futuro-terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Dr Vandana Shiva’s conference video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/TIEvRDuaoBc

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Event
Eine gute Welt für alle – A good world for everyone

24 October 2015
Vienna, Austria

"Nature shrinks as capital grows. The growth of the market cannot solve the very crisis it creates." Vandana Shiva talks about the negative effects of genetic engineering, the role of women in the fight for biodiversity and the struggle of civil society for food sovereignty.

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/eine-gute-welt-fur-alle-a-good-world-for-everyone/

Dr Vandana Shiva's Conference Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/G8KQalpjGvg

Related Campaign:

'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/

Mobilization Tour
Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Uttar Pradesh

24 – 27 October 2015
Uttar Pradesh, India

The Sarson Satyagraha Uttar Pradesh 2015 started on October 24th and travelled through 4 villages in Uttar Pradesh. Farmers and concerned citizens had the opportunity to share their problems related to the consequences of Green Revolution, but also what each village still had saved of their knowledge in traditional agriculture, seed saving and food. The Navdanya team held talks and debates on health risks posed by GM crops, the threat of Glyphosate use on fields, the problems of soil degradation, the heavy debts on the small farmers and the way India's rural oil seed economy would be ruined by the introduction of GM mustard. Each village received mustard seeds from the Navdanya Seed Bank and took a pledge to use the local sarson seeds.

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-uttar-pradesh/

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard
(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/

Event

Dr Vandana Shiva joins farmers' protest at Jantar Mantar

24 – 27 October 2015
Uttar Pradesh, India

Vandana Shiva joined a group of farmers protesting against farmer suicides and alleged that agro-chemical companies were pushing them into spiralling debt.

Around 200 farmers, led by Azadi Bachao Andolan, said that the government should focus on the promotion of traditional agriculture and discourage use of chemicals.

"Indian farmers are being exploited by the agro-chemical companies through their high cost seeds, chemical pesticides and failed yields. The farmers of India have been pushed into a debt trap and finally into suicides," Shiva said.

The farmers raised slogans against several companies in this sector accusing them of pushing farmers into debt and polluting land and water of rural areas with carcinogenic substances.
"The only way we have now to save rural India is to revive traditional methods of agriculture and fight for a healthy food sovereign organic India," Shiva asserted.

More information, photos and article:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/dr-vandana-shiva-joins-farmers-protest-at-jantar-mantar/

Related Campaign:

Navdanya Campaign in support of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab
(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/

Mobilization Tour
Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Rajasthan

31 October – 3 November 2015
Rajasthan, India

This journey aimed to promote traditional Mustard and to oppose GM. Mustard and chemical farming in the state. Meetings with Rajasthan farmers were held in 3 villages covering issues like the importance of seeds in India's tradition and the agenda of agro-biotech companies to take over the seed market and make India dependent on expensive genetically modified seeds.
Influenced by Navdanya's message, famers came out in a large numbers to collect local mustard seeds.

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-uttar-pradesh/

Related Campaign:

Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/

Event
It takes a seed to make everything / Per fare tutto ci vuole un seme

31 October 2015
San Gimignano, Italy

The conference was held within the 1st Earth Festival in San Gimignano 'Biodistretto' Area. Maria Grazia Mammuccini, Navdanya International Vice President, Ruchi Shroff, Seed Freedom Campaign Corrdinator and Riccardo Bocci, Rete Semi Rurali (Rural Seeds Network) spoke about the silent corporate invasion in the world of seeds and the loud resistance of farmers around the world.

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/per-fare-tutto-ci-vuole-un-seme-it-takes-a-seed-to-make-everything/

Campaign Launch and debate

Le rôle des citoyen.ne.s dans la transition agricole / The role of citizens in agricultural transition

9 November 2015
Paris, France

On November 9th, 2015, Dr Vandana Shiva participated in a citizens' day around the theme of agricultural transition organised by SOLIDARITE and AMAP Network Île-de-France.

The day started with a breakfast meeting with the Minister of the Environment Ségolène Royal. They discussed the need for government's support to ecological agriculture in spite of pressure from agro-food industry lobbies and free trade agreements.

The meeting was followed by the planting of a plum tree and the sowing of seeds in a community garden of the 11th arrondissement in Paris,

The evening was then rich in teachings and of proposals for citizen engagement for an agricultural transition. The panel debate was hosted by Jade Lingaard journalist of Médiapart. The diversity of participants, together with Dr Shiva and Aurélie Trouvé gave a realistic view on the possibilities of a Citizens' commitment for an agricultural transition and the tools to be implemented starting from today.

The French Version of the "Pact for the Earth: A People's Pact to Protect the Planet and Each Other" was launched and distributed and people were invited to add their signature online on Seed Freedom website.

More information:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/le-role-des-citoyen-ne-s-dans-la-transition-agricole/
- ✓ [French] http://seedfreedom.info/events/le-role-des-citoyen-ne-s-dans-la-transition-agricole/

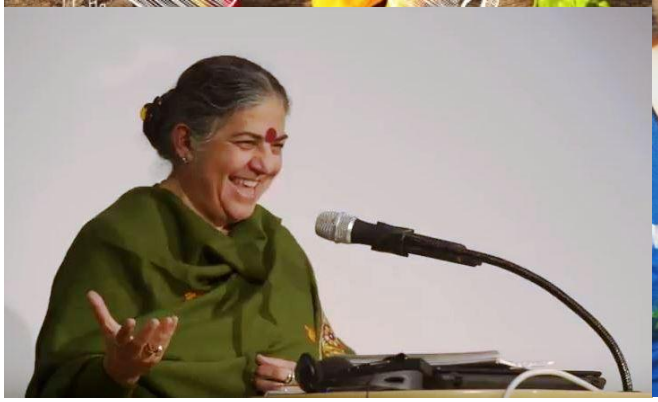
Related campaign:

Pact for the Earth: A People's Pact to Protect the Planet and Each Other

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/

Event
Symposium "Vielfalt ernährt die Welt" / "Diversity feeds the world"

10 November 2015
Vienna, Austria



Within the celebration of Arche Noah 25th anniversary a day of conferences and debates was organized around the following topics:

What crop diversity is related to sustainable agriculture?
Can a farmer have a livelihood based on diversity? Does Europe need even more monoculture in order to "feed the world"?
Can crop diversity contribute to the achievement of the global sustainable development goals of the UN?

Dr Vandana Shiva gave the keynote speech. Leaders of other prominent organisations also took part in the event: Chee Yoke Ling, director of the Third World Network. Benedikt Haerlin of the Foundation on Future Farming, Margit Mayr-lamb by the Upper Austrian organic farm life Fair

More information and press coverage:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/symposium-vielfalt-ernahrt-die-welt-diversity-feeds-the-world/

Dr Vandana Shiva's Conference Video:

- ✓ https://youtu.be/6wt7o5F21mM
- ✓ [German] https://youtu.be/mqtsK1lHvdY

Event and Campaign Launch
Women of India Exhibition and Launch of Yuva Anna Swaraj

12-23 November 2015
New Delhi, India

Navdanya, in collaboration with the ministry of Women and Child Welfare brought to Dilli Haat, INA the first ever organic Women of India Exhibition through the Mahila Anna Swaraj (MAS) (Diverse Women for Diversity) initiative which connects over 5 million women (seed savers, organic growers, artisanal processors) from 22 states of India as one force for sustainability and women's empowerment. We all aim to revive our women centered traditions and once again make women the keepers of health, nutrition and seed. Throughout history women's knowledge and skills that have kept India diverse, nutritious and healthy.
On Children's Day 2015, Navdanya launched a campaign on Children's Right to Healthy Food (Yuva Anna Swaraj). Within the exhibition Navdanya's 2016 "Pulse of Life" Campaign was also announced, in celebration of the UN 2016 Year of Pulses.

More information, photos and press coverage:

Navdanya organises Women of India Organic Exhibition with Ministry of Women and Child Welfare

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-organises-women-of-india-organic-exhibition-with-ministry-of-women-and-child-welfare/

Navdanya launches campaign on Yuva Anna Swaraj (Youth Food Sovereignty) on Children's day

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-launches-campaign-on-yuva-anna-swaraj-youth-food-sovereignty-on-childrens-day/

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/

Mobilization Tour, Campaign Launch
Navdanya at COP21

1 – 9 December 2015

Please refer to the annex Report "Navdanya at COP21" (page 63)

Event
"Annam" – National Food and Agrobiodiversity Festival

10-14 December 2015
Kochi, Kerala, India

This National Seminar focused on the changing paradigms in food and agro-biodiversity and the impacts on health, ecological, social, economic and environmental scenarios. Further, a wide array of multi-disciplinary subjects including innovations in promoting locally produced food materials and processing technologies, health benefits of indigenous foods, agro-biodiversity and nutritional security, food as medicine, traditional knowledge on food, etc were discussed in this platform. The deliberations in this seminar would provide necessary inputs to the food and health policies at national and regional levels.

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/annam-national-foood-and-agrobiodiversity-festival/

Dr Vandana Shiva's speech video

- ✓ https://youtu.be/pP8Mtv08NXY

Related Campaign:

Food Smart Citizens for Food Smart Cities

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/food-smart-citizens-for-food-smart-cities/

Event – Campaign

RoundupOut – Builders Warehouse

12 December 2015
South Africa, Nationwide

More information and photos:

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/roundupout-builders-warehouse-south-africa/

Related Campaign:

Roundup Round Up

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/round-up-round-up/

Mobilization Tour and and Campaign Launch
Seed & Food Sovereignty Awareness Campaign in Maharashtra and Vidharba

16-18 November 2015
Maharashtra and Vidharba, India

To defend Gandhi's Ghani, Dr Vandana Shiva joined with Gandhian organisations for a three day awareness campaign into the Vidharba region of Maharashtra. Gandhi's Ghani was served a notice to shut down after coming under attack from the pseudo-safety conspiracy of the industrial processing industries. With an aim to destroy all our rural and national oilseed economies industrial soy oil corporations are destroying our small scale traditional ghanis (artisanal oil press).

The tour included visits to Organic Cotton local farms and the oldest Seed Bank established by navdanya in Vidharba and also a meeting with more than 600 students to spread Yuva Anna Swaraj.

Satyagraha for Gandhi's Ghani – Awareness Campaign

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/satyagraha-for-gandhis-ghani-awareness-campaign/

More information and photos

- ✓ http://seedfreedom.info/events/satyagraha-for-gandhis-ghani-awareness-campaign/

Dr Vandana Shiva's Video Log

- ✓ Day 1: https://youtu.be/WjhWViLsniY
- ✓ Day 2: https://youtu.be/kyXAtDrEuRQ
- ✓ Yuva Anna Swaraj Pledge: https://youtu.be/gO0U4mBzviY
- ✓ Day 3: https://youtu.be/K4JD6JdN1i0

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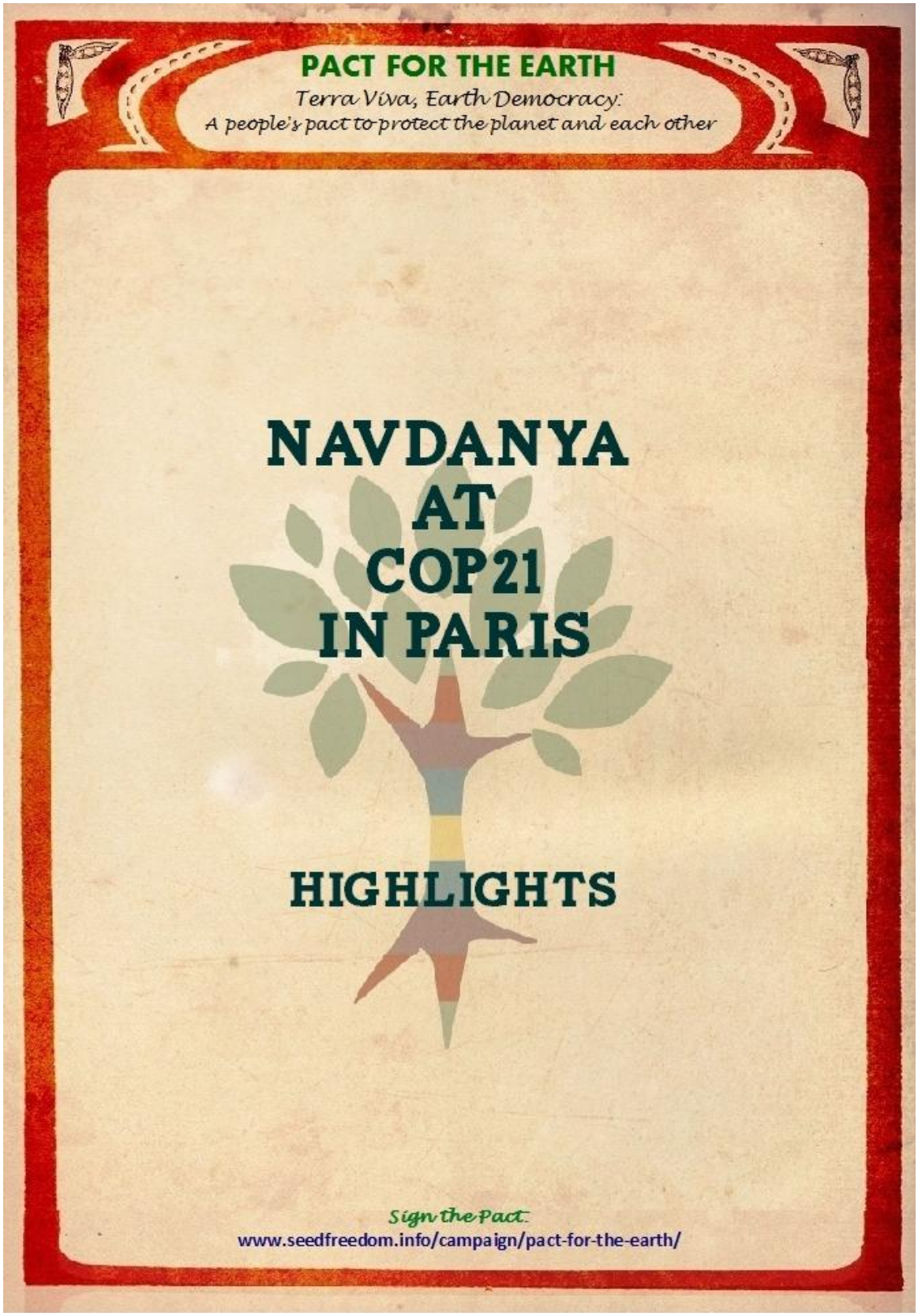

PACT FOR THE EARTH
Terra Viva, Earth Democracy:
A people's pact to protect the planet and each other
NAVDANYA
AT
COP21
IN PARIS
HIGHLIGHTS
Sign the Pact:
www.seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/

Connecting Peace, Justice and Sustainability
View online release

In early December 2015 Navdanya attended The United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris for a collective response to the issues that define 2015 as the year of Soil:

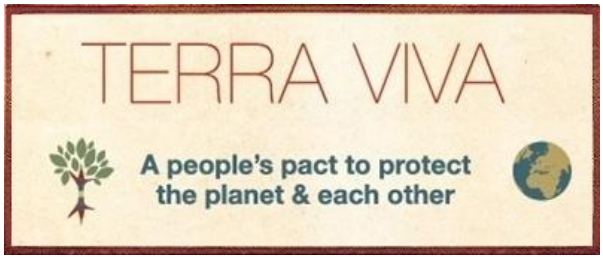
the Soil crisis, the Agriculture crisis, the climate Crisis, and the Refugee crisis.

We at Navdanya see, in care for the Soil and the Earth through ecological agriculture, solutions to the multifaceted crisis we face.

Humanity stands at the edge of an abyss. We have destroyed the planet, its biodiversity, water and the climate, and through this destruction, the ecological context for our survival as a species.

Ecological destruction and resource grab are generating conflicts, which are being accelerated into full blown wars and violence. A context of fear and hate is overtaking the human imagination.

We need to sow the seeds of peace - peace with the earth and each other, and in so doing, create hope for our future - as one humanity and as part of one Earth community.



Sign the People's Pact to protect the planet and each other:

http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/

The Pact is also available in: Spanish, Italian, Greek, French, Portuguese, Indonesian

Launch of Citizen's pact on World Soil Day

Photos by Seed Freedom, Dagmara Bojenko for Solidarité, Becket Films, Hummingbird Project and Todpole Artists Collective

On the afternoon of World Soil Day – December 5, 2015 – on the occasion of COP21, leaders in defense of life and of our Planet, representatives of Seed Savers – Community Supported Agriculture Networks, spiritual leaders, artists and concerned citizens gathered at La Villette in Paris and planted a 'Garden of Hope' as a reminder that our seeds, our soils and our biodiversity, kept in the hands of local farmers and caring citizens, are solutions to climate change, to which Industrial globalised agriculture makes a significant contribution.

Our Seed Freedom and Food Freedom are the keystones to a prosperous and secure future for our Earth and for humanity.

As Earth citizens, we launched a Pact with the Earth and with each other to defend our commons – our seeds, soil, water, biodiversity, air and climate systems – essential to building climatic resilience, and to affirm that in ecological organic agriculture and local food systems lie the answers to the food, nutrition and health crisis, water and climate crisis, and the creation of millions of climate refugees.

Read and Sign the Pact for the Earth

Watch event video: https://youtu.be/uqfRpQxLyj4

With: Vandana Shiva, Navdanya; Clotilde Bato, Solidaritè; Olivier Lavielle, MIRAMAP, who launched the Citizens' pact;

Philippe Desbrosses, farmer, Intelligence Verte (*We have planted his seeds from Sainte Marthe);* Florent Sebban, farmer, Réseau AMAP Ile de France; Andre Leu, President of IFOAM Organics International; José Bové, farmer, Co-Leader of the European Greens; Will Allen, farmer, Cedar Circle Farms USA, author of 'The War on Bugs'; Françoise Nyssen, President of Actes Sud: Lionel Astruc, journalist and writter; William Vidal, President of Ecocert ; Rob Hopkins, co-founder of Transition Town Totnes, UK and of the Transition Network ; Ronnie Cummins, co-founder and International Director of the Organic Consumers Association (OCA) USA; Julie Pretre, Alternatiba, Dena Merriam, Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW) network; Nicolas Boehm, person in charge of the Garden 'Jardins Passageres'; Vasso Kanellopoulou and Iro Benessaiah, Peliti – Greece; Hayu Dyah Patria, Mantasa – Indonesia, Marilyn McHugh and Christopher Michael Kennedy, The Hummingbird Project & Cleveland Seed Bank – USA; Camilla and Jim Becket, 'The Seeds of Vandana Shiva' film; Caroline Lockhart, Navdanya International; Ruchi Shroff, Seed Freedom, Tina Atel, (SHE)benik – Croatia, Corinne Lepage, CRIIGEN; Cyril Dion, co-founder of Colibris, Laurent Pinatel, Confédération Paysanne; captain Paul Watson of Sea Sheperd; *and many others….*

Caroline Lockhart (Navdanya International)
and Jim Becket (The Seeds of Vandana Shiva – film)

Vasso Kanellopoulou from Peliti, Greece
signs the Pact for the Earth
(Photo courtesy Iro Benessaiah, Peliti, Greece)

Hayu Dyah, Mantasa, Indonesia
Cooper Freeman,
Occidental Arts & Ecology Center, USA

Mercedes Lopez, Vía Orgánica Mexico Networking Coordinator
Ruchi Shroff, Seed Freedom International Coordinator
Ercilia Sahores, Regeneration International (RI), Latin America Political Director
Alexis Baden-Mayer, OCA Political Director

Lancement Pacte citoyen pour la Terre . COP 21
Solidarité, décembre 2015

Pacte pour la Terre dans un jardin
Camille Labro – Le Monde, Le ventre libre,
14 décembre 2015

ΤΟ ΠΕΛΙΤΙ ΣΤΟ ΠΑΡΙΣΙ ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗ ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΥ ΚΟΡΥΦΗΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΚΛΙΜΑ
Vasso Kanellopoulou, Peliti
5 January 2016

This event is featured in Transition Network new film: '**8 Days @ COP21**'

Seed Freedom Strategy Meeting

On December 9th, members of the Global Movement for Seed Freedom met to exchange views and draw a strategy plan for the coming year.

Photo courtesy Iro Benessaiah, Peliti, Greece

Marilyn McHugh, Hummingbird Project, USA
Hayu Dyah, Mantasa, Indonesia
Dr Vandana Shiva, Navdanya International
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Dr Vandana Shiva, Navdanya International
Vasso Kanellopoulou, Peliti, Greece

Ruchi Shroff in conversation with
Marilyn McHugh and Hayu Dyah

Dr Vandana Shiva's video message:
https://youtu.be/crP5EVZdvLE

Making Peace with the Earth, 17 November 2015

COP21 – PARIS, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LASTING PEACE

French, Spanish, Portuguese, Hungarian and Italian subtitles available

[The Raging Elephant in the Climate Change Room]

Fact-Sheet: More than 50% GHG emissions are related to industrial agricultural production, most of which is methane from animal husbandry and nitrous oxide from chemical fertiliser use.

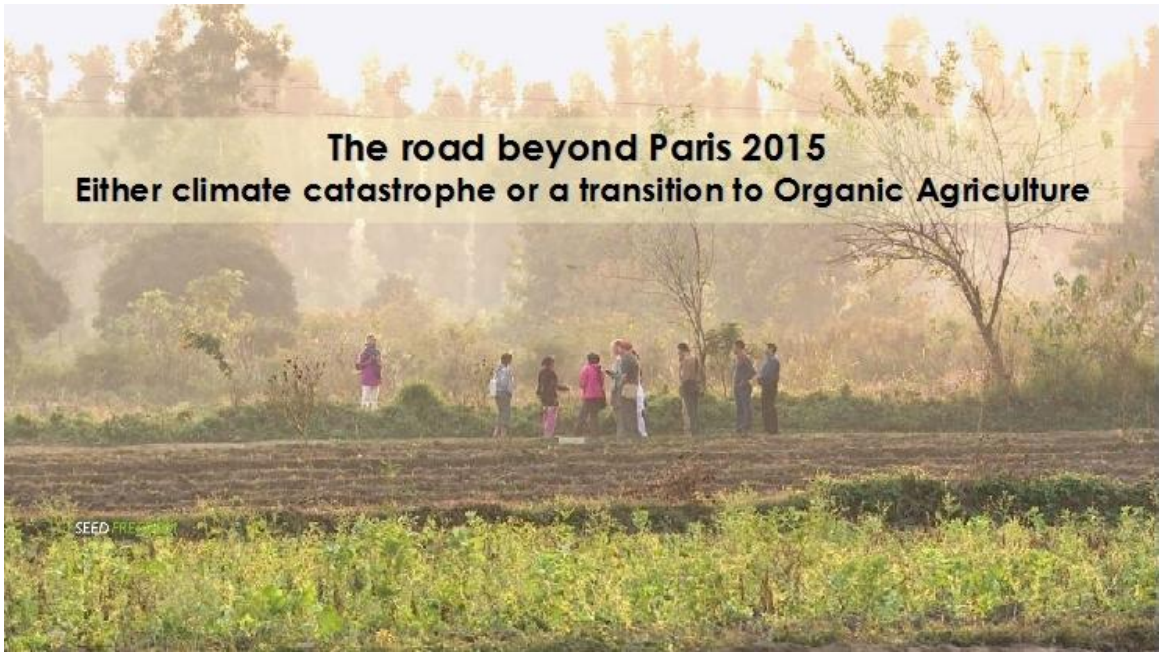
Returning organic matter to the soil builds up soil nitrogen. A study we are undertaking already shows that organic farming can increase nitrogen content of soil between 44 – 144 %, depending on the crops grown.

Not only does organic farming avoid the emissions that come from industrial agriculture, organic farming transforms carbon in the air through photo synthesis and builds it up in the soil, thus contributing to higher soil fertility, higher food production and nutrition, and a sustainable, zero-cost technology for addressing climate change.

[Making Peace with the Earth and Each other]

by Dr Vandana Shiva – The Asian Age, 2 December 2015

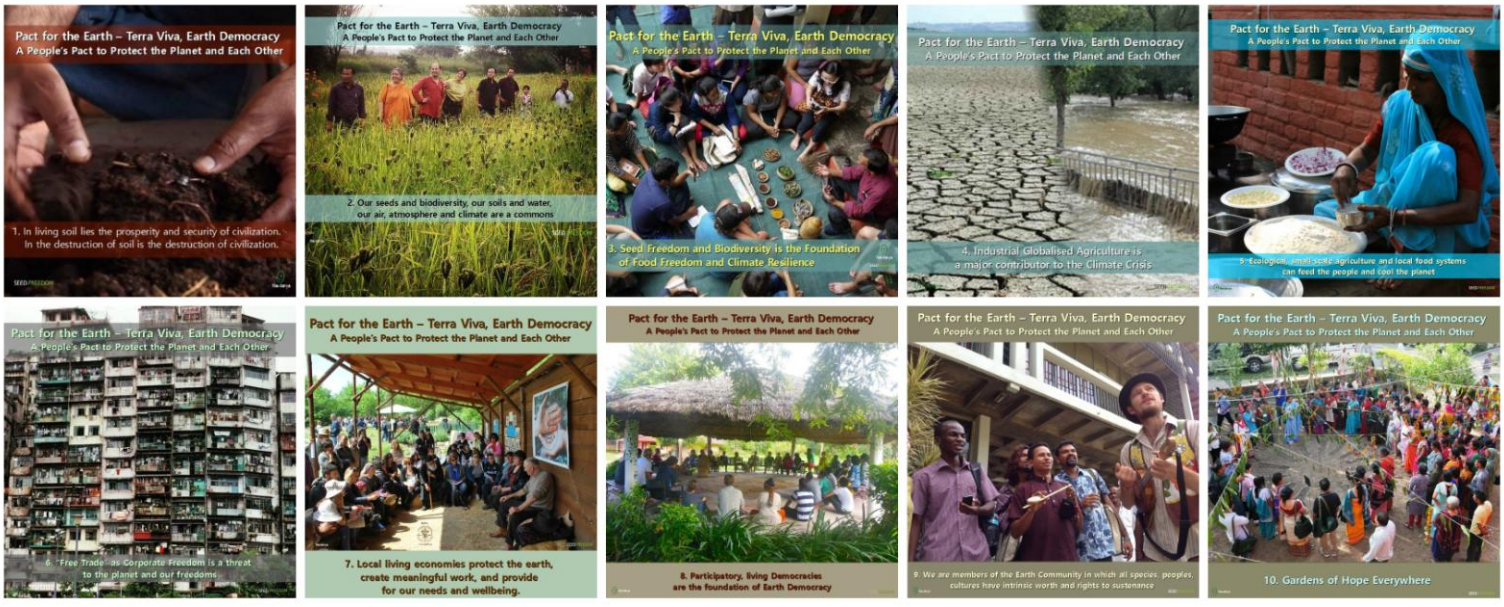
"Land, water and agriculture-related conflicts are deliberately mutated into religious conflicts to protect the militarised agriculture model which has unleashed a global war against people."



Age Debate: Curbs are history, not emissions

Debate, by Dr Vandana Shiva and Chandra Bhushan – The Asian Age, 17 December 2015

[...] There is a significant gap between the aggregate effect of national mitigation pledges made voluntarily by governments and the global reduction of GHGs necessary to achieve the 1.5° Celsius target.
The “emissions gap” cannot be enforced through the Paris agreement.
It rests on nations scaling up their commitments to reduce emissions, but most importantly, on citizens’ movements leading the path to a lower GHG pathway, while enhancing climate resilience and human well being.
That’s why citizens must push for “liability” in terms of emissions — the principle “polluter pays”.
Only when the destruction of the planet and human lives is perceived as a crime against nature and humanity will this emissions gap be closed.[...]



"That's a lot of shoes!! Banned from marching Parisians sent in thousands of pairs to take part in the #ClimateMarch"
— Jamie Henn @Agent350 on Twitter

Thousands of people march in the streets of Rome to ask world leaders to take action against climate change on the eve of Cop21 in Paris. Photos ©Manlio Masucci

Cop 21. L'appel de Vandana Shiva porte la voix des peuples
Marion d'Allard – L'Humanité, 30 novembre 2015

Global climate march: your GuardianWitness contributions
The Guardian, 29 November 2015

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to take to the streets this weekend in a bid to put pressure on leaders to take action against climate change.

THE DEBATE on France24 —
The heat is on in Paris: Who is going to pay the price?

Vandana Shiva: "humanity needs to learn
to make peace with the earth and with each other

Watch Video https://youtu.be/TGZwSGSM_hg

Watch full Debate: http://f24.my/1MTeUQE

"When the UNFCC process started - at real - in 1992 there was a very fundamental legal priciple laid out: The Polluter Pays. We seem to have forgotten it.

And I mean historical polluters, but also individual actors, the sectors: the fertilizers industry, the fossil fuel industry. It is time to do an honest economics, the way we do at local and national level. Something as seroius as this needs legally binding agreements.

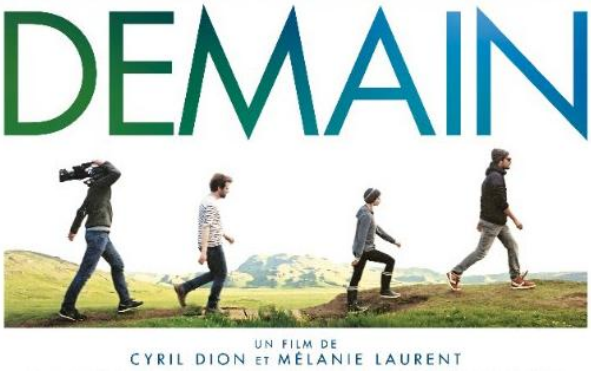
And if you add the cost, not just of climate damage but also the food insecurity, the conflicts and the refugee crisis, the growth of terrorism out of the destruction of livelyhood: those are externalities of being careless with the earth and our relationship to it.

So for me the success of Paris would be for humanity to learn once again to make peace with the earth and make peace with Each other, because otherwise we have no chance for our future."

OGM: la pasionaria indienne contre les multinationales

TV Interview *https://youtu.be/Wx9HaSnMu4w*
28minutes ARTE, 1er decembre 2015

Projection du film "Demain" / Screening of the film "Tomorrow"



Date: **2nd December 2015** – Time: 2pm

Location: Le Bourget, Paris

Many things have been tried to resolve the ecological and economic crises. They haven't really worked. According to Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mohammed Yunnus, the strongest driving force in human beings is their desire and their imagination. He believes that today we must make films and tell stories that spark the desire to build another world.
This is what Cyril Dion and Mélanie Laurent decided to do by lining up known solutions in all spheres side-by-side to show what our society could look like tomorrow…

7:46 p.m. · 01 Dec 15

https://twitter.com/RoyalSegolene/status/671762414573133824

Faces of Climate Change – Vandana Shiva, scholar and activist, India
Deutsche Welle, December 2015

"The solution is not desperation on our part. Any power problem, any issue of power demands of us that we unleash our highest creative energies and that we hold illegitimate power accountable."

Watch video: https://youtu.be/pXdhHmiY7dE

https://twitter.com/COP21/status/67

https://twitter.com/SoAnn/status/672059802198130689

A People's Pact to Protect the Planet

By Vandana Shiva — The Ecologist, 2nd December 2015

We cannot rely on governments in meeting in Paris to solve the many-headed climate problem, writes Vandana Shiva. It's up to us to safeguard the future of the Earth, and of our own and other species. So let's all join in this pact to love and protect our one and only home.
The governments under corporate influence may fail in Paris - but we as citizens cannot.
As citizens of this beautiful and bountiful planet, we make a pact with the Earth, to protect her, care for her, and give back to her the gifts she provides us with, in gratitude and love.
Here is my ten-point pledge that reflects what we can all do in our own way to protect the Earth in our own lives. If you agree with it, please join me in this pledge, and ask others to do the same

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INDE. Vandana Shiva, la déesse écolo

L'Obs Planète, 2 decembre 2015

L'icône écolo indienne vient à Paris pour faire signer son Pacte citoyen pour la Terre, qui appelle à la transition vers une agriculture écologiquement responsable.

International tribunal against Monsanto for crimes against humanity [Press Conference]

Date: **3rd December 2015** – Time: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Location: Place to B, 5 Rue de Dunkerque, Paris

"More than 1000 patents on crops evolved by small farmers are now patented by Monsanto or one of 5 other Big Ag Multinationals. For this and numerous other reasons we are taking them to trial." —Vandana Shiva

Videos: https://youtu.be/82I9gEECGGs — https://vimeo.com/149946087

Steering committee:

- **Marie Monique Robin**, film director and writer, author of the movie and book *Le monde selon Monsanto (the World according to Monsanto)*, sponsor of the tribunal (*introduction)*
- **André Leu (Australia)**, President of the IFOAM – International Foundation for Organic Agriculture – (*about the consequences of Monsanto on health and biodiversity*)
- **Dr. Vandana Shiva (India)**, general director of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology (*the consequences of Monsanto on farmers and food sovereignty*)
- **Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren (United States)**, President of the Millennium Institute of Washington *(the consequences of Monsanto on climate change*)
- **Ronnie Cummins (United States)**, International Director of Organic Consumers Association *(about the impact on the political and regulatory institutions)*
- **Dr. Olivier De Shutter (Belgium)**, former Rapporteur on UN Right to Food, Professor of International Law at the Université catholique de Louvain (*legal tools of the Tribunal)*
- **Valérie Cabanes (France)**, Spokeswoman of End Ecocide on Earth *(towards the recognition of ecocide as a felony*).

The Monsanto Tribunal Foundation has been created at the Hague, under the sponsorship of Marie-Monique Robin with the endorsement of international civil personalities in order to judge environmental crime committed by the american multinational and to contribute to the recognition of ecocide crime under international law.
The Tribunal will convene at the Hague from October 12 to 16, 2016.

Further details about #MonsantoTribunal at this link.

Monsanto to Be Put on Trial for 'Crimes Against Nature and Humanity'

By Organic Consumers Association – EcoWatch, 7 December 2015

[…]The time is long overdue for a global citizens' tribunal to put Monsanto on trial for crimes against humanity and the environment," Ronnie Cummins, international director of the Organic Consumers Association and Via Organica, said. "We are in Paris this month to address the most serious threat that humans have ever faced in our 100-200,000 year evolution—global warming and climate disruption. Why is there so much carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere and not enough carbon organic matter in the soil? Corporate agribusiness, industrial forestry, the garbage and sewage industry and agricultural biotechnology have literally killed the climate-stabilizing, carbon-sink capacity of the Earth's living soil."

Vandana Shiva, physicist, author, activist and founder of Navdanya agrees. "Monsanto has pushed GMOs in order to collect royalties from poor farmers, trapping them in unpayable debt and pushing them to suicide," she said. "Monsanto promotes an agro-industrial model that contributes at least 50 percent of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Monsanto is also largely responsible for the depletion of soil and water resources, species extinction and declining biodiversity and the displacement of millions of small farmers worldwide." […]

Monsanto on trial for crimes against nature and humanity

By Pavlos Georgiadis – The Ecologist, 6 December 2015

Watch video: https://youtu.be/nm1sdzse450

Monsanto was accused of 'crimes against humanity and the environment' at COP21 in Paris this week, writes Pavlos Georgiadis. And now the evidence against it is being gathered for presentation at a 'Monsanto Tribunal' taking place next October in The Hague.

[…]By launching the Monsanto Tribunal campaign during COP21, civil society groups and grassroots movements aim to expose the corporate control of the agrifood system and its ways of compromising real action for climate change adaptation and mitigation.[…]

Rights for the Earth: towards new international standards

Debate
Date: **3rd December 2015** – Time: 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Location/Organizer: Place to B, 5 Rue de Dunkerque, Paris

Place to Brief – How to reconnect with our human nature?

Debate: A panel of 3 to 5 international speakers will create a conversation on the thematic of the day. This program will be live streamed at placetob.org/live. (Paris Timezone: UTC+1)

Date: **3rd December 2015** – Time: 6pm – 8pm
Location/Organizer: Place to B, 5 Rue de Dunkerque, Paris

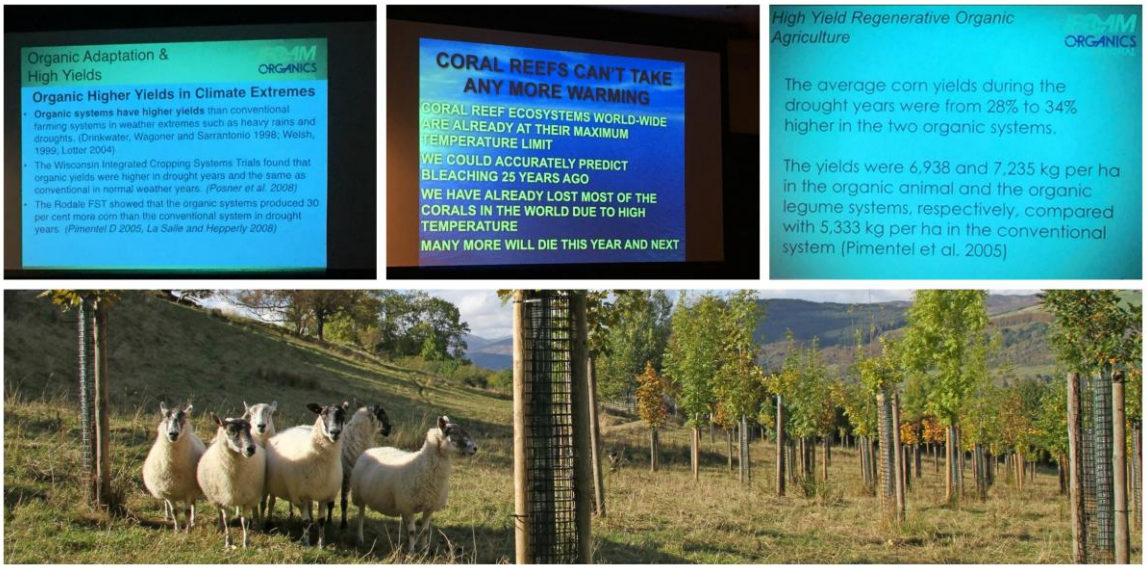
Videos by Valhalla Movement

- https://youtu.be/4dqJEsmQ3Ag
- https://youtu.be/u82iSLtylfQ
- https://youtu.be/GB3WR6wB8DM
- https://youtu.be/C-U3MoYY2d8

"Vandana Shiva drops wisdom on some of the puppetry of the Paris COP21 talks and discusses a variety of topics from the massive problem of industrial agriculture to seeds and the evils of Monsanto in India and around the world.

We couldn't be more honored to sit down and discuss with a powerful women who is resonating the truth..."

Workshop on Regenerative Agriculture and Land Use



Participation Organizations: Kiss the Ground, and Project Drawdown, and *Regeneration International*

Date: **3rd December 2015** – Time: 9am – 5.30pm
Location: St Christoper's Inn Canal

This workshop was an opportunity for participants to share skills and expertise in regenerative agriculture and land use, soil carbon sequestration, and mitigating global warming through regenerative agriculture. It provided participants with an overview of the science, philosophies, and concepts behind regenerative agriculture to build the regeneration movement beyond Paris.

False Solutions from Industry – The Next Resource Grab

Dr Vandana Shiva and José Bové at the International Tribunal for the Rights of Nature.

- ✓ *https://youtu.be/wlx9M06UZXA*

Outside the International Tribunal for the Rights of Nature showing support to "The Solution is under your feet" initiative by Kiss The Ground

Photo courtesy by Becket Films (The Seeds of Vandana Shiva)

International Rights of Nature Tribunal – Paris

The Tribunal is a unique, citizen-created initiative
It gives people from all around the world the opportunity to testify publicly as to the destruction of the Earth.

Dates: **4th – 5th December** 2015 – Time: 9am – 6.30pm
Location: Maison des Métallos, 94 Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud, Paris

Organizers: Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature in partnership with End Ecocide on Earth and supported by NaturesRights and Attac France.

International Rights of Nature Tribunal – Paris

Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, December 2015

The current ecological crisis requires that we transform our international and domestic legal systems to nurture, rather than allow the destruction of the Earth community.

Watch video: https://youtu.be/cXVrxNwGLuw

The third International Rights of Nature Tribunal was held concurrently with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 21) in Paris, France.

Hosted by the Global Alliance of the Rights of Nature in partnership with End Ecocide on Earth, NatureRights & Attac France, the panel of judges consisting of internationally renowned lawyers and leaders for planetary justice heard evidence and pronounced judgments on 4 cases after the first day and 4 cases on day 2.

The Tribunal is a unique, citizen-created initiative that relies on the mandate granted to it through the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth. It gives people from all around the world the opportunity to testify publicly as to the destruction of the Earth. The Tribunal provides a **systemic alternative to environmental protection, acknowledging that ecosystems have the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate their vital cycles.**

The Tribunal features internationally renowned lawyers and leaders for planetary justice, who will hear cases addressing issues such as climate change, GMOs, fracking, extractive industries and other environmental violations. The Tribunal offered judgments and recommendations for the Earth's protection and restoration based on the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth. Among other things, the Declaration binds us to respect the integrity of the vital ecological processes of the Earth.

Read more: http://therightsofnature.org/rights-of-nature-tribunal-paris/

« Les multinationales ont empêché les COP de résoudre le problème du climat »

Entretien avec Vandana Shiva –Reporterre, 4 December 2015

Let's change all climates / Faisons changer tous les climats

Watch video : https://youtu.be/L3hsg6vxDd8

Conference – All the different types of climates raise questions about our society. How can we change the economic climate? This forces us to examine the evolution of our means of production, trade and consumption. A new economy can arise and develop.

Dates: **4th – 5th December** 2015 – Time: 11am – 8pm
Location: Maison de l'UNESCO, 125 avenue de Suffren, Paris
Organizer: Université de la Terre / Earth University

Pathway to Paris

Tribute video by Tapole Artists Collective, produced by Navdanya:
https://youtu.be/bK_CJey2PGI

An evening of music and talks dedicated to raising awareness around the importance of establishing a legally binding and ambitious agreement on climate during the UN climate change conference.

Date: **4th December** 2015 – Time: 6.30pm – 11.30pm
Location: Trianon, 80 Boulevard de Rochechouart, Paris
Organizer: Pathway to Paris

Watch videos : https://youtu.be/BTP6daF8d-0 — https://youtu.be/dsPUKjgW3Wc

Pathway to Paris Highlights - Dec 4th & 5th 2015, Le Trianon, Paris
Featuring Jesse Paris Smith, Rebecca Foon, Patti Smith, Thom Yorke, Flea, Warren Ellis, Tenzin Choegyal, Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein, Vandana Shiva, Fally Ipupa

Pathway To Paris @ Le Trianon
Rockurlife, 13 décembre 2015

Launch of Citizen's pact on World Soil Day

Date: **5th December** 2015 – Time: 3.30pm – 5pm
Location: La Villette**,** 211 Avenue Jean Jaurès, Paris
Organizers: Navdanya, Navdanya International, La Villette, Solidarité, Actes Sud, Fondation Ekibio

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C'est possible ! / It is possible!

Watch video: https://youtu.be/nwKtXk4n_9I

Conference – Debate: Innovative and inspiring proposals to face the social, economic and ecological crises of our times.

With:
Emmanuel Druon, pioneering entrepreneur of the circular economy
Lamya Essemlali and Paul Watson, oceans eco-warriors, Sea Shepherd
Rob Hopkins, co-founder of Transition Towns movement
Vandana Shiva, philosopher, physicist, winner of the Alternative Nobel Prize

Hosted by
Lionel Astruc, journalist, writer, specialist in sustainable development
Cyril Dion, author and co-director of the film Tomorrow (Demain), co-founder of the movement Colibris

Date: **5th December** 2015 – Time: 3.30pm – 5pm
Location: La Villette**,** 211 Avenue Jean Jaurès, Paris
Organizers: La Villette and Actes Sud

[Pour une désobéissance créatrice / For a creative disobedience]

Conference – Debate with Dr Vandana Shiva and Marie-Monique Robin
Screening of the Film "Sacrée Croissance (Sacred Conscience)" by Marie-Monique Robin

Date: **6th December** 2015 – Time: 3.30pm – 5pm
Location / Organizer: Théâtre National de Nice, Promenade des Arts, Nice

[Le pacte pour la Terre de Vandana Shiva]

Réveillons-nous ! Le Blog, 11 décembre 2015

[People's Climate Summit]
5-6 December 2015

On December 6th Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy of The Hummingbird Project, Camilla and Jim Becket of Becket Films (The Seeds of Vandana Shiva), Hayu Dyah Patria of Mantasa, Iro Benassaiah and Vasso Kanellopoulou of Peliti attended the People's Climate Summit in Montreuil.

The "People's Climate Summit" took place in Montreuil, a lively working-class town just outside the East of Paris.

The weekend saw the greatest concentration of debates, workshops, screenings and presentations of concrete alternatives in the face of climate change.

Photos by Becket Films and The Hummingbird Project

Events /News Timeline
6 December 2015

Cool the Planet, Feed the World: The Power of Regenerative Food and Farming to Save the Planet

Conference – Debate: Given that the industrial food and farming system as a whole is the number one cause of GHG emissions, climate activists need to start thinking of themselves as food, farming and natural health activists as well.

Date: **7th December** 2015 – Time: 6pm – 9pm
Location: La Recyclerie, 83 Boulevard Ornano, Paris
Organizer: Regeneration International

Debate "Women and Climate" with Vandana Shiva and Mary Robinson

Date: **8th December** 2015 –
Time: 11.30am – 1pm
Location: Le Bourget – COP21 Site, French Pavillon, Hall 4, Blue zone
Organized by Ségolène Royal, Environment Minister of France

"We need to rebuild nature's economies.
w e need to recognize that women's economy
still is the biggest economy"

"We need more organic farms, not more arms.
The only arms we need are those that hug the earth."

"Diversity is key. We are affected by the disharmony of nature patterns"

"It's time to quit the male fossilised mentalities and civilisation."

— Vandana Shiva

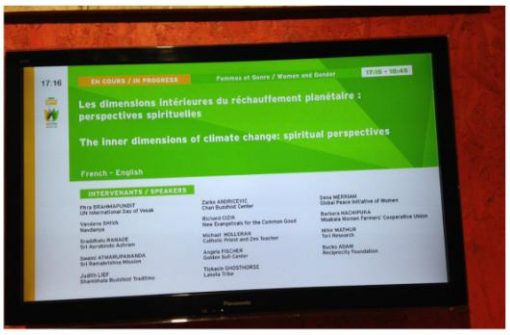
Un colloque Femmes & Environnement / Women & Environment: a debate

Debate: The role of women at the center of the struggle against climate change and for the protection of the environment

Date: **8th December** 2015 – Time: 2pm – 4pm
Location: Grand Palais, 3 Avenue du Général Eisenhower, Paris
Organizer: Fondation Raja Daniele Marcovici

"GNP is a criteria defined by a patriarchal society "
— Vandana Shiva

[The Inner Dimensions of Climate Change – Afternoon Seminar]



Panel Debate – We believe it is the wisdom leaders who have the ability to inspire and instill in the human community the shift of the heart, in our way of seeing the Earth that is needed at this moment in time.

Date: **8th December** 2015 – Time: 3.45pm – 6.45pm

Location: Le Bourget – COP21 Site, Climate Generations Area -Hall 5,
Paris Organizer: Global Peace Intiative of Women

[Le Grand Journal du 08/12/15 avec José Bové et Vandana Shiva]

http://d12.paris/ | *https://youtu.be/lSLc6JInfuI*

Age Debate: Curbs are history, not emissions
Debate, by Dr Vandana Shiva and Chandra Bhushan – The Asian Age, 17 December 2015

What The Paris Agreement Does, and Doesn't Do
350,org, 12 December 2015

Indigenous Peoples Take Lead at D12 Day of Action in Paris – Official response to COP21 agreement
Indigenous Rising, 12 December 2015

"The Paris accord is a trade agreement, nothing more. It promises to privatize, commodify and sell forested lands as carbon offsets in fraudulent schemes such as REDD+ projects. These offset schemes provide a financial laundering mechanism for developed countries to launder their carbon pollution on the backs of the global south. Case-in-point, the United States' climate change plan includes 250 million megatons to be absorbed by oceans and forest offset markets. Essentially, those responsible for the climate crisis not only get to buy their way out of compliance but they also get to profit from it as well." – Alberto Saldamando, Human Rights Expert & Attorney.

Paris deal: Epic fail on a planetary scale
New Internationalist, 12 December 2015

The Paris Agreement is being hailed as a great success. But will it deliver climate justice? Danny Chivers and Jess Worth put it to the test.

Paris climate deal is agreed – but is it really good enough?
New Scientist, 12 December 2015

History has been made in Paris – but perhaps not the kind of history we hoped. The climate summit in Paris may come to be remembered as the moment when the world's leaders let the last hope of limiting warming to 2 °C slip away from us.

Dr. Vandana Shiva @drvandanashi...

#ParisAccord keeps door open for actions to address #ClimateChange 🌍.People's movements set the targets. Govts have left a gap.We cannot fail.

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#ParisAccord creates obligation for all govts to converge their duties to protect their citizens lives & planetary duty to protect the earth

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#parisaccord by itself not enough -we must transition from #fossilenergy & #fossilAg which is 50% of #climate problem #Organic is solution

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Seed Freedom
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We #TakeAPledge to #BeTheChange we want to see as #WeCareForLife & know #PowerToLove is stronger than PowerToDestroy

Dr. Vandana Shiva and 7 others

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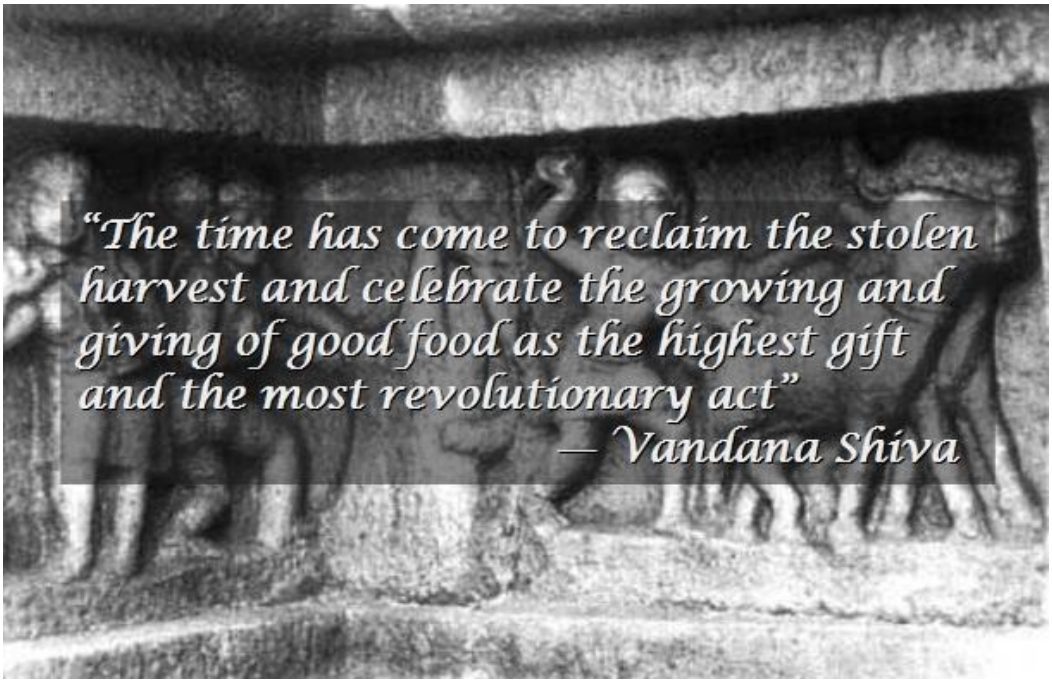
"The time has come to reclaim the stolen harvest and celebrate the growing and giving of good food as the highest gift and the most revolutionary act"
— Vandana Shiva