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WORLD CONGRESS ON THE FUTURE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE **BONN GERMANY** 12-16 MAY 2008

## Monday, 12 May – Demonstration and Festival

- 11:00-14:00 **INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION to the venue of the Biosafety Protocol negotiations**  
Short speeches at the venue with Percy Schmeiser, Ulrich Kelber, Vandana Shiva, Farida Akther, Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Hubert Weiger and others
- 14:00-22:00 **PUBLIC FESTIVAL OF DIVERSITY** by the river Rhine  
Welcome ceremony, music, theatre, speeches, videos, actions, songs and stories, international pavillions, kids activities and regional specialities from around the world (see special programme)

## Tuesday, 13 May – Beginning of the Congress

- 08:30-09:00 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
With Vandana Shiva, Christine von Weizsäcker, Annemarie Volling, Siegrid Herbst  
Moderation: Benedikt Haerlin
- 09:00-11:00 **PLENARY SESSION: THE PARADIGM OF DIVERSITY**  
**Parichart Suwanbubha:** The Spirit of Diversity - common and divergent ethical approaches  
**Jacob v. Uexkull:** Diversity and the right livelihood of future generations  
**Michael Ableman:** Fields of plenty - a farmers journey to gardens of hope around the globe  
**Hans Herren:** Diversity and complexity - Small solutions, global visions, common knowledge  
**Suprabha Seshan:** Take a walk on the wild side - reflecting diversity inside and outside
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-16:00 **WORKSHOPS**, with lunch break  
**Rediscover the plant:** A scientific and ethical discourse organised by Florianne Koechlin  
**Indigenous livestock breeds and livelihoods in marginal areas** organised by the League for Pastoral People, Schweißfurth Foundation  
**Building Knowledge around Biodiversity** organised by ILEIA, AS-PTA, IED and AME  
**Women's Action for Biodiversity** organised by Women and Life on Earth  
**Health impacts of GMOs** organised by the Federation of ecological physicists  
**Farmer based seed adaption strategies and climate change** organised by Protect the Future, Red de Semillas, Réseau Semences Paysanne, ICARDA  
**Key issues of the official biosafety negotiations this week** - NGO strategies and input organised by Ecoropa, Globelaw, Washington Biotechnology Action Council, Greenpeace  
**Agro-ecology, A different approach to agricultural productivity** organised by the Federation of German Scientists  
**A new paradigm for agriculture?**, The UN International Agricultural Assessment, IAASTD

- 16:00-16:30 Break
- 16:30-19:00 **PLENARY SESSION:  
DIVERSITY AT WORK - FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND SMALL FARMERS' SUCCESSES**  
**Ibrahim Abouleish:** Greening the desert - an organic success story from Egypt  
**Miguel Altieri:** Latin American biodiverse farms: an ecological planetary asset  
**Paulo Petersen:** Exchange of practical experiences in alternative agriculture, locally and globally  
**Farida Akther:** Village to village, step by step, seed exchange in Bangladesh
- 19:00-20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 **PUBLIC EVENING EVENT:**  
Video: „**Monsanto with poison and genes**“ documentary on the world of Monsanto, presented by the film maker **Marie Monique Robin**.  
Guided tour to the **objects of art** presented during the Conference, meet in the foyer

## Wednesday, 14. May

- 08:30-09:00 **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:**  
Günter Altner and Guests: **The soul of diversity, a trans-religious exercise**
- 09:00-11:00 **PLENARY SESSION:  
REGIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL, DIVERSE, GMO-FREE**  
**Maya Graf**, Swiss Parliament & GMO initiative Switzerland: GMO-free by democratic vote  
**Susanna Cenni**, Ag Minister of Tuscany, Italy: European GMO-free Regions - a considered choice  
**Edenia Montaña Salgado, Zenú Nation**, Colombia: In defense of sacred food and land  
**Dr. Coulibali**, Mali: Africa needs smart technologies, not GMOs  
**Dr. Vijayan**, Kerala India: Why Kerala is a GMO-free State of India  
**Lyudmilla Stebenkova**, Moscow-Duma, Russia: GMO-free Moscow  
**Claire Banegas**, Bolivian Vice Ministry of Biodiversity: Forest Resources and Environment  
**Shinji Asada**, ex vice-governor of Hokkaido, Japan: How Hokkaido protects its farmers from GMOs
- 11:00-11:30 Break
- 11:30-16:00 **WORKSHOPS**, with lunch break  
**Can organic farming feed the world?** organised by EED, IFOAM and Partners  
**Codex Alimentarius and GMOs** organised by Greenpeace  
**Nanotechnology and synthetic biology** organised by the Platform Health and Environment  
**GMOs in Africa** organised by IRPAD and Copagen, Mali  
**GMOs in Asia**, organised by Masipag, Phillipines  
**GMOs in Latin America** organised by the Fundacion Sociedades Sustentables  
**GMOs in Europe** organised by Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth  
**GMOs in Australo-Pacific** organised by Cons. Council of Western Australia, GE Free New Zealand  
**No Patent on Life** organised by Scouting Biotechnology and "No Patents on Life"  
**On-farm and in-garden seed conservation and education** organised by Arche Noah  
**Commodification of Nature and Knowledge** organised by Thanal India, African Biosafety Centre  
**Knowledge Transfer among Generations** organised by students from University of Kassel
- 16:00-16:15 Break

- 16:15-18:00 **PLENARY SESSION: SEEDS OF HOPE**  
**Assétou Founé Samaké**, Mali: Participatory breeding in Africa  
**Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**, Philippines: Indigenous seed development and sharing  
**Edith Lammerts van Bueren**, The Netherlands: Organic breeding in Europe  
**Alejandro Argumedo**, Peru: The Andean potato network  
**Jacob Nellithanam**, Indien: Community rights and seed sovereignty in Andra Pradesh
- 18:00-19:00 **INFORMATION MARKET** (10 short presentations and subsequent discussion in small groups)  
19:00-20:00 Dinner  
20:00-21:00 Information market continued in small groups
- 21:00 **PUBLIC EVENING EVENT:**  
Mark Edwards world famous Slideshow „**Hard Rain**“ with music and lyrics of Bob Dylan.

## Thursday, 15 May

- 08:30-9:00 **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**  
**Vandana Shiva**: Food security, food sovereignty and climate change
- 09:00-09:40 **PLENARY SESSION: DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**Hartmut Graßl**: How to reduce agriculture's global warming impact  
**Eric Holt-Giménez**: Food First - campesinos, agro fuels and sustainability
- 09:45-11:45 **INFORMATION MARKET** (10 short presentations and subsequent discussion in small groups)
- 11:45-12:00 Break
- 12:00-16:30 **WORKSHOPS**, with lunch break  
**GMO contamination and Food Sovereignty** organised by EED and Partners  
**Diversity of Science** organised by Fondation Sciences Citoyennes  
**Seeds: Community commons, private control and public domain** organised by Coordination Paysanne Européenne/Via Campesina, IG Saatgut  
**Crops for Fuels?** organised by Eco-Nexus, Federation of German Scientists  
**GMO free world perspectives** organised by GENET  
**Women, Diversity and Agriculture** organised by Women and Life on Earth  
**Urban gardens and urban agriculture** organised by AS-PTA  
**Agricultural Trade and Diversity** organised by Misereor and Heinrich Boell Foundation  
**Climate Change and Organic Agriculture** organised by IFOAM  
**Genetically Engineered Trees** organised by Global Justice Ecology Project  
**The "Livestock Revolution", impacts of industrial livestock farming**, organised by Aseed  
**Terminator Technologies**, organised by Gen-ethical network, Germany
- 16:30-17:00 Break

17:00-19:00 **PLENARY SESSION: STRATEGIES FOR A DIVERSE FUTURE**

*Representatives of different organizations, among them:*

Mamadou Goita, Mali: **The small farmers' agenda**

Guy Kastler, France: **The seed agenda**

P.V. Sateesh, India: **The GMO agenda**

**The Agro Fuel agenda**

Beth Burrows and friends: **Presentation and endorsement of a Planet Diversity Manifesto**

Pipo Lernoud: **Wrap-up poem and take home message**

19:00-20:30 Dinner

20:30 Guided tour to the objects of art presented during the Conference, meet in the foyer

21:00 **PARTY**

## Friday, 16. May

09:00 Last session of Biosafety Protocol negotiations and possible lobby efforts

11:00-12:00 Press Conference presenting the results of the Congress in the press centre of the CBD

13:00-14:30 Presentation of Conference results to participants of Biosafety Protocol negotiations (Maritim Hotel)

09:00-18:00 Excursions, opportunity for follow-up meetings and afterwords

## Presentations at the Information market

### WEDNESDAY, 14. MAY 18:00 TO 21:00

**Via Campesina - Brazilian Landless Workers against Syngenta**, Gentil Couto Viera

**Beekeeping, GMOs and Agrofuels**, Walter Haefeker, Germany

**Sowing Future – Action in Switzerland**, Guiseppina Pagano

**GMO free Macedonia**, Nenad Kocic

**GMO free Uckermark**, Martin v. Haaren, Germany

**Genetic Modified Oilseed rape in Japan**, Ryoko Shimizu

**Campaign for “Seeds of Identity” in Nicaragua**, Jorge Iran Vasquez

**Indigenous womens action against GMOs in Orissa, India**, Ramabati Pujari

**9000 kilometers with 2 black horses and a coach against GMOs**, Markus und Maria Schlegel

### THURSDAY, 15. MAY 09:45 TO 11:45

**Seed Saving in Karnataka, Indien**, Vanaja Ramprasad

**Subsistence Agriculture between Criminalisation and Feminisation**, Elisabeth Meyer-Renschhausen, Germany

**Indigenous Maize Varieties in Mexico**, Marina Meneses, Hannelore Campino

**Small-Scale Farmers in Senegal**, Jörg John

**Ecosystem gardening in the Western Ghats of India**, Supraba Seshan

**Education and Cultural Biodiversity in Ethiopia**, Million Belay

**Artemisia Cultivation in Kitchen Gardens to Combat Malaria**, Heinrich Kuhn

**Organic Agriculture in Senegal**, Abdoulaye Sarr

**Guinea Fowl Raising and Hunting In Cameroon**, Romeo Mpoack

**Gross National Happiness - Realizing Buddhist Economy**, Hans van Willenswaard, Thailand