

Food Sovereignty: Moving Beyond Food Security Thru the Lens of Slow Food

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Slow Food... Our philosophy C000

clean

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FOOD SOVEREIGNTY is the right of all peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.

From the Declaration of Nyéléni, the first global forum on food sovereignty, Mali, 2007

Evolution of the Food Sovereignty concept

- *1996 World Food Summit: Via Campesina
- *Several other NGO/CSO fora to follow:
- Parallel events/public consultations to FAO
- meetings
- *Paralel protest meetings to WTO negotiations:
- Seattle, Cancún, Hong-Kong, etc
- *International Fora for Food Sovereignty: Havana,
- Colombia
- *Nyéléni Forum in Mali, 2007

Crisis of peasantry: birth of Vía Campesina Born out of • 1994 Zapatista uprising linked indigenous discrimination and poverty to international solidarity and agrarian crises worldwide in opposition to NAFTA and unequal terms of trade agreements•

Vía Campesina is global farmer alliance between small producers in the North and the South, claims for food sovereignty, dignity and leadership of women, democratic land reforms, seeds "patrimony of humanity" and sustainable agriculture, fresh and artisanal food production linked to culture, rejection of WTO, "life is not for sale".



What are we fighting against?

- Capitalism and Free Trade
- Patriachy
- Transnational Companies and Agribusiness



182 Organizations 81 Countries 200 000 000 + Peasants

Food Sovereignty

*Political concept *Alternative policy framework as a challenge to the mainstream neo-liberal tradebased food security paradigm *Using rights language to support political demands

Food Sovereignty-The Right to Food

Availability of food in quantity and quality sufficient to satisfy the dietary needs of individuals free from adverse substances and culturally acceptable

Accessibility of such food in ways that are sustainable and that do not interfere with the enjoyment of other human rights

Right to Food vs. Food security

Food Security focuses more on access to food/purchasing food ... States a technical goal which states work for but no means to hold them accountable. Still a bias towards availability of food.

Right to Food and Food sovereignty focus on access to productive resources...which starts from individual entitlement
Doesn't ask the how? question – dignity
Common point: economical access to food

Seven pillars of Food Sovereignt

- >Focuses on food for people
- >Values food providers
- >Localises food systems
- >Puts control locally
- >Builds knowledge and skills
- >Works with nature
- >Food is Sacred

*Climate and Environmental Justice *International Solidarity *Agroecology and Peasants' Seeds *Peasants' Rights *Land, Water and Territories *Dignity for Women, Migrants and Waged Workers

Women and Agriculture

- •Women in poor countries produce between 60-80% of food in the world
- •In Mexico only 17% of women have land rights or proprieties
- In Africa women generates (FAO):
- –33% of labor force –70% of agriculture paid labor
- -60-80% of subsistence production
- -80% of conserving of food
- -90% of weaving
- -60% of market activities
- -2% have land right



International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women November 25

Peasant, indigenous, agricultural and pastoralist women play a crucial role in food and Food Sovereignty on a global scale. This is why La Via Campesina defends their rights and equal opportunities. We fight from all trenches against all forms of violence against women in the world. Every 25th of November in the framework of our Global Campaign against Violence against Women, we make an internationalist and solidarity call, so that from our territories we denounce with actions, art, culture, debates and mobilizations the structural violence of the capitalist and neoliberal system, and the impact on women.



Issue	Dominant model	Food sovereignty
Trade	Free trade in everything	Food and agriculture exempt from trade agreements
Production priority	Agroexports	Food for local markets
Crop prices	'What the market dictates' (leave the mechanisms that create both low crop prices and speculative food price hikes intact)	Fair prices that cover costs of production and allow farmers and farm workers a life with dignity
Market access	Access to foreign markets	Access to local markets; an end to the displacement of farmers from their own markets by agribusiness
Subsidies	While prohibited in the Third World, many subsidies are allowed in the US and Europe, but are paid only to the largest farmers	Subsidies are OK that do not damage other countries via dumping (i.e. grant subsidies only to family farmers for direct marketing, price/ income support, soil conservation, conversion to sustainable farming, research, etc.)
Food	Chiefly a commodity; in practice, this means processed, contaminated food that is full of fat, sugar, <u>high fructose</u> corn syrup and toxic residues	A human right: specifically, should be healthy, nutritious, affordable, culturally appropriate, and locally produced

Issue Being able to produce	Dominant Model An option for the economically efficient	Food sovereignty A right of rural peoples
Hunger	Due to low productivity	Problem of access and distribution due to poverty and inequality
Food security	Achieved by importing food	Greatest when food production is in the hands of the hungry, or produced locally
Control over		
productive resources (land, water, forests)	Privatized	Under local community control
Access to land	Via the market	Via agrarian reform
Seeds	Patentable commodity	Common heritage of humanity, held in trust by rural communities and cultures; 'no patents on life'
Rural credit and investment	From private banks and corporations	From the public sector, designed to support family agriculture
Dumping	Not an issue	Must be prohibited
Monopoly	Not an issue	The root of most problems
Overproduction	No such thing, by	Drives prices down and farmers into

Overproduction	
Farming technology	

Issue

Dominant Model No such thing, by definition Industrial, monoculture, Green Revolution, chemical-

intensive; uses GMOs

Anachronism, the inefficient will disappear



Food Sovereignty

Drives prices down and

farmers into poverty; we

policies in US and EU

need supply management

Agroecology, sustainable

Farmers

Urban consumers

Workers to be paid as little

Genetically modified

organisms (GMOs)

and possible

Need living wages Bad for health and the The wave of the future environment; an unnecessary technology





The U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA)

October 14, 2018 (Lummi and Nooksack land in Coast Salish Territory, in the city now called Bellingham, Washington)

—tenth annual Food Sovereignty Prize honored

Black Mesa Water Coalition . for restoring indigenous food sovereignty and uplifting youth leaders among Navajo and Hopi communities. Utilizes green economic development and other diverse strategies, rooted in indigenous knowledge, to address issues of poverty, hunger, and environmental injustices driven by extractive industries and centuries of colonialism.

Organización Boricuá de Agricultura Ecológica de Puerto Rico for mobilizing Food Sovereignty Brigades to assist farmers recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. rganizes farmers to transition to sustainable agriculture and sovereignty in Puerto Rico. "Agroecology as Puerto Ricans, coming from a colonial context, has given us a space to organize and deepen our struggles. This work is a vehicle of transformation for a sovereign, free, and just Puerto Rico."

Useful links

- La Via Campesina: www.viacampesina.org
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy www.iatp.org
- United Kingdom Network for Agricultural Biodiversity <u>www.ukabc.org</u>
- International Planning Committee on FS www.foodsovereignty.org
- www.righttofood.org
- FIAN International: www.foodfirst.org
- Our World is not for Sale Network:
 www.owinfs.org
- US FS Alliance-usfoodsovereigntyalliance.org

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Terra Madre/Salone de Gusto

Torino, Italia September 23-28 2018 8,000 delegates from 160 countries 300 USA delegates the largest world meeting of food communities: peasants, breeders, fisherfolk and artisan producers from 1583 food communities in 153 countries, cooks and chefs, 700 youth lecturers and academics from 225 universities, 2320 observers and media and 800 volunteers.



Terra Madre SALONE DEL GUSTO 2018

Torino 20 / 24 settembre

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SLOW FOOD

Slow Food is a global, grassroots organization founded in 1989 to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from and how our food choices affect the world around us.

Slow Food is a global movement involving millions of people in over 160 countries, working to ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food.

Slow Food believes food is tied to many other aspects of life, including culture, politics, religion, agriculture and the environment. Through our food choices we can collectively influence how food is cultivated, produced and distributed, and change the world as a result.

Slow Food Philosophy

Our approach is based on a concept of food that is defined by three interconnected principles: **good**, **clean and fair**.

- •GOOD: quality, flavorsome and healthy food
- CLEAN: production that does not harm the environment
- •FAIR: accessible prices for consumers and fair conditions and pay for producers

SLOW FOOD NETWORK

- •1 000 000 Supporters
- •100 000 Members
- ·3770 Ark of Taste products
- 2400 Food communities
- ·2500 Gardens in Africa
- •1500 Convivia
- •500 Presidia
- 160 Countries



Themes

Slow Food is active and vocal on a number of current issues affecting our food system.

Here you can discover our standpoint on a number of key issues, learn more about our related work and find out how you can take action...

- •Bees
- Climate change
- Family farming
- Food waste
- •GMOs
- Indigenous Terra Madre
- Land grabbing
- Slow Meat
- Slow Cheese
- Slow Europe
- Slow Fish
- Slow Food Travel
- Slow Wine
- Education







10,000 Gardens in Africa



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Indigenous Terra Madre Network Terra madre





370 communities in 86 countries





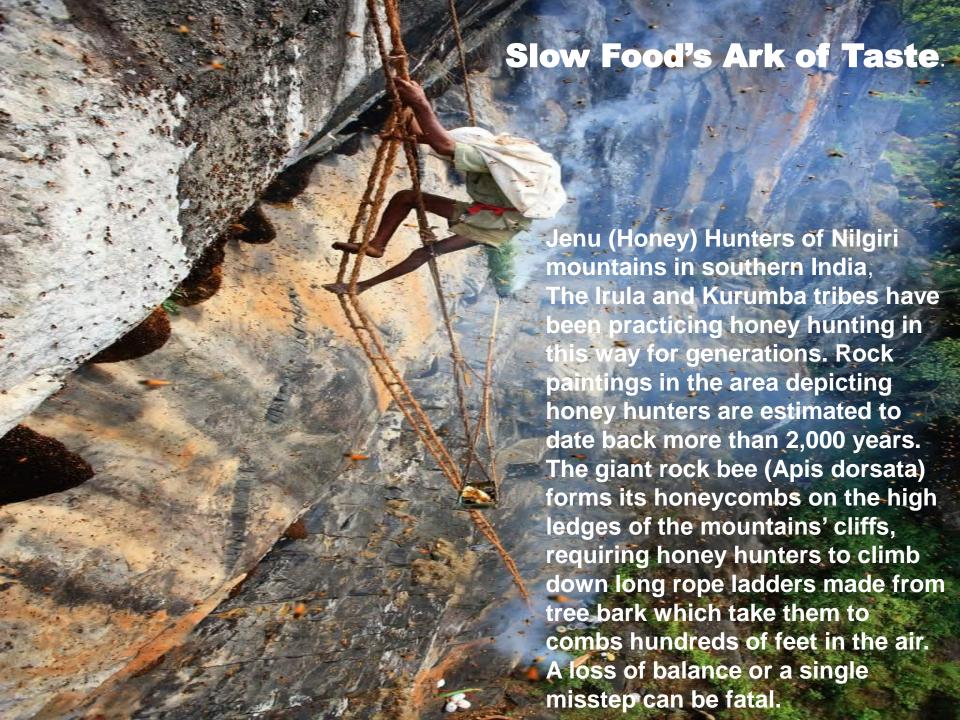


Shirley Djukurnã: Keeping the Heritage of the Indigenous Krenak People of Brazil Alive

My people are known as the Botocudos from the Doce River valley" t was the Doce River disaster in 2015 that rang alarm bells for the survival of the Krenak. For the indigenous community, the river is sacred: it is not only a fundamental source of life out also an important place for rituals. T

On November 5, 2015the Rio Doce, in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, suffered the country's worst environmental disaster, after the collapse of two tailings dams at Brazilian iron ore mine owned by Samarco, a Brazilian company founded in 1977 and based in Belo Horizont

And the knowledge and the traditional culture of the Rio Doce will not be passed on to uture generations. A river without people, people without a river.













Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity



THE EARTH

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The Ark of Taste is a living catalog of delicious and distinctive foods facing extinction. By identifying and championing these foods we keep them in production and on our plates

Ark of Taste

Since 1996, more than 4,900 products from over 150 countries have been added to the International Ark of Taste.

Over 200 of these foods are from the USA, and we are always seeking more edible treasures to include.

The Ark of Taste travels the world collecting small-scale quality productions that belong to the cultures, history and traditions of the entire planet: an extraordinary heritage of fruits, vegetables, animal breeds, cheeses, breads, sweets and cured meats... The Ark was created to point out the existence of these products, draw attention to the risk of their extinction within a few generations, invite everyone to take action to help protect them...













Cape Verde
Congo
Egypt
Ethiopia

Guinea
Bissau
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Madagascar

Mauritania

- Morocco

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Mozambique

- Senegal

- Sierra

Leone

- South Africa

- Tanzania

- Uganda



<u>Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity</u> coordinates projects that defend local food traditions, protect food communities, preserve food biodiversity and promote quality artisanal products, with an increasing focus on the global south:

- <u>Presidia</u> Working with groups of small-scale producers to sustain quality food productions at risk of extinction in over 500 projects that involve more than 13,000 producers.
- <u>The Ark of Taste</u> Cataloging endangered traditional foods: an extraordinary heritage of fruits, vegetables, animal breeds, cheeses, breads, sweets and cured meats...
- <u>Earth Markets</u> Building an international network of farmers' markets that promote good, clean and fair food...
- <u>The Chefs' Alliance</u> Uniting over 850 chefs with local small-scale producers...
- <u>10,000 Gardens in Africa</u> Our plan to create 10,000 food gardens across the continent; in schools, villages and the outskirts of cities...
- Narrative labels Going beyond legal labeling requirements to provide the whole story of a product...



University of Gastronomic Sciences The University of Gastronomic Sciences (UNISG) came to being in 2004, the first university of its kind, offering a holistic approach to food studies.



Welcome to Pollenzo!

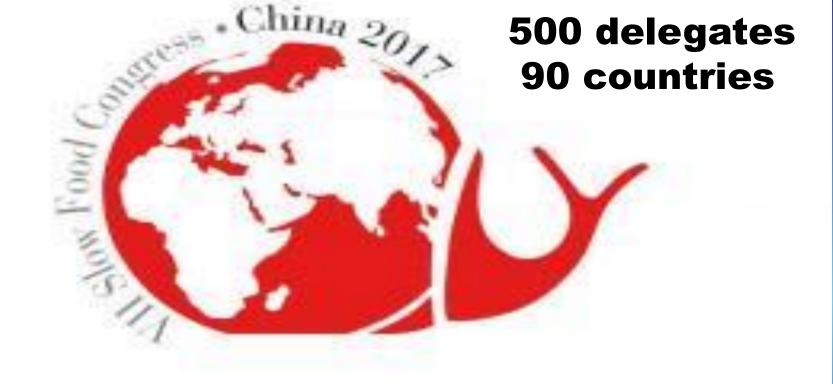
The University of Gastronomic Sciences, born and promoted in 2004 by the <u>Slow Food</u> association in collaboration with the Piedmont and Emilia-Romagna regional authorities, is a private university legally recognized by the Italian state.

Here we turn out <u>gastronomes</u>, people equipped with knowledge and skills in the agricultural and food sector, capable of driving food production, distribution and consumption towards proper, viable choices and helping to create a sustainable future for the planet.



The Slow Food Youth Network (SFYN) is a worldwide network of young people creating a better future through food. It unites groups of young food enthusiasts, chefs, activists, students and food producers who participate in public debate about current issues and introduce young people to the world of gastronomy.





7th Slow Food International Congress Chengdu, China 2017 September 29-October 1







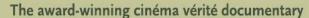


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