



**Stop the EU's corporate trade agenda**

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**Enlazando Alternativas**

Red Birregional Europa-América Latina y el Caribe

# Activities at the European Social Forum

Malmö - 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2008



## THE ACTIVITIES of the S2B NETWORK

### THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September

**9:30 – 12:30**

- **Global Europe – will the EU External Trade Strategy create more and better jobs in Europe?**

**MÖLLEVÄNGEN (Chokladfabriken, Cacaosalen)**

The EU Commission and EU governments claim that further trade liberalization will spur growth, create more and better jobs in Europe and save the European Social Model. In this seminar we would like to assess the impacts of the EU's free trade agreements to date on jobs, workers and trade unions in particular in Europe and the Global South and discuss alternatives to free trade agreements.

*Speakers : Gonzalo Berron (Trade Union Confederation of the Americas-TUCA), Tim Costello (Global Labor Strategies, US), John Hilary (War on Want, UK), Nicoletta Rocchi (CGIL, Italy)...*

**Co-organisers:** Labour and Globalization Network, Seattle to Brussels Network, European Attac Network, CGIL, Sindacato Intercategoriale dei Lavoratori (SdL), War on Want, Weed, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, AITEC-IPAM, European Network for Public Services, Women in Development Europe – WIDE, FIOM

**2:00-5:00 PM**

- **European Imperialism. The role of the EU in destroying social and environmental rights globally**

**MÖLLEVÄNGEN (Ungdomens hus, Festsalen)**

EU trade, defence, aid, energy, investment, security, border and migration policies, etc are designed to serve the economic and corporate interests. However, there is a growing opposition to this neo-imperial Europe. Networks and groups in the EU and the Global South will discuss about the links between our struggles and how to build a broader resistance against the destructive EU policies.

*Speakers : Ramon Fernandez (Ecologistas en Accion, Spain), Ben Hayes (StateWatch, Netherlands), Dot Keet (African Trade Network, South Africa), Torry Kuswardono (Friends of the Earth Indonesia), Iara Pietricovsky (Brazilian Network for the Integration of People)...*

**Co-organisers:** Seattle to Brussels Network, Bi-regional network Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas, African Trade Network (ATN), Our World is not for Sale Network (OWINFS), Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF), European Attac Network, European Network for Public Services, European Coordination Via Campesina, Friends of the Earth Europe, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), Transnational Institute (TNI), AITEC, Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), Ecologistas en Acción, EUropAfrica / Terra Nuova, ACSUR-Las Segovias

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

## **- Trade and Climate Change: "Free trade" impasse, Fair Trade alternatives** **SOFIELUND (Folkets hus Nobeltorget, Biblioteket)**

The seminar, proposed by trade justice movements, environmental networks and Fair Trade groups, will be divided in three parts. The first two parts will consist of presentations by the organisers on two different topics - one being a critique of the current dominant trade model and the other one being an insight into the Fair Trade alternative and its contribution to climate justice. The third part will be devoted to discussion with/among the audience.

*Speakers :* Daniel Mittler (Greenpeace International), Caroline Petersson (Världsbutikerna för Rättvis Handel, Sweden), Charly Poppe (Friends of the Earth Europe)...

**Co-organisers:** Friends of the Earth Europe, Greenpeace International, Seattle to Brussels Network, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (Sweden), Världsbutikerna för Rättvis Handel (Sweden), Ecologistas en Acción, Our World is not for Sale network (OWINFS).

## **- Linking campaigns on TNC lobby, Democracy and "Global Europe" to reclaim the EU economy**

**MÖLLEVÄNGEN (Tangopalatset)**

Exposing the links between EU's undemocratic corporate driven free-trade policies and EU economic decision-making structures resulting from corporate lobbying, and highlighting TNC practices. Space for activists working on TNCs and their lobby, democracy and alternative EU policies and trade to come together to discuss possible joint activities and campaigns to achieve stronger mobilisation to roll back corporate influence at EU level.

*Speakers :* Olivier Hoedeman (Corporate Europe Observatory, Netherlands), Myriam Vander Stichele (SOMO, Netherlands), Tom Kucharz (Ecologistas en Accion)

**Co-organisers:** ACSUR-Las Segovias, ALTER-EU, Attac-Germany, Attac-France, Bi-regional network Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas, Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), Ecologistas en Acción, European Federation of Journalists, Friends of the Earth Europe, LobbyControl, Seattle to Brussels Network, SpinWatch, Transnational Institute (TNI).

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**9:30 – 12:30**

## **- Free Trade and Feminism: the fight for women's economic rights** **Enskifteshagen, Tält 2. area Sofielund**

An interactive discussion with women's organisations from Europe and beyond, on how EU neo-liberal policies shape women's economic rights and feminism. We will focus on the new 'Global Europe' trade strategy and how it affects women particularly badly both within Europe and externally. The seminar aims to stimulate debate and collective action.

*Speakers :* Eva-Britt Svensson (MEP, Left Party, Sweden), Litsa Doudoumi (responsible for feminist policy, Synaspismos, Greece), Torunn Kanutte Husvik (head of Women's Committee, "No to EU", Norway), Beata Grudzinska (Poland), John Hilary (War on Want, UK), Kathini Maloba (KEWWO, Kenya), Sandra Ramos, (MEC, Nicaragua)

**Co-organisers:** IGSO (Russia), Seattle to Brussels Network, WIDE (Belgium), War on Want (United Kingdom), Gender and Development Network (UK), Women Towards a Different Europe (WTDE), IFE-EFI (European Feminist Initiative for another Europe), Left Federation of Swedish Women, Confederation of Public Employees Trade Unions (Turkey), Ecole supérieure et populaire des femmes de göteborg (Sweden).

**2:00 – 5:00 PM**

**- European migration and trade policies: building joint analysis and resistances**  
**Sofielund (KFUK-KFUM)**

This seminar aims at understanding the impacts of the restrictive and racist EU migrations policies, and at helping to build common analysis and struggles together with European social movements and migrants groups.

**Co-organisers:** *Seattle to Brussels Network, Fédération Syndicale Unitaire, Grön Ungdom / Swedish Young Greens, Transnational Institute, RESPECT Europe-wide Network of Migrant Domestic Workers, Platform of Filipino Migrant Workers in Europe, Greek Social Forum, AITEC/IPAM, Flyktinggruppernas- och asylkommittéernas riksråd, Asylgruppen i Malmö, Gröna studenter, Ecologistas en Acción*

**2:00 – 3:30 PM**

**- Parliamentarians and civil society: joining forces to tackle Global Europe**  
**VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED**

After similar seminars held in Hong-Kong (Alternatives to WTO policies) and Lima (EA3), this workshop aims at gathering parliamentarians (European, National, Regional) and social movements interested in improving exchanges, co-operation and developing a permanent co-ordination to tackle EU's neoliberal policies both inside and outside Europe. Open to all networks and organizations interested.

**Co-organisers:** *Seattle to Brussels Network, Bi-regional network Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas, Transnational Institute, Ecologistas en Acción, ACSUR-Las Segovias*

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**- Joining struggles to fight 'Global Europe' and FTAs**  
**MÖLLEVÅNGEN (Mazettihuset, Lagret)**

Strategy session with the aim of gathering social movements and civil society organisations from Europe and the Global South involved in the struggles against Global Europe and the various EU Free Trade Agreements to exchange on the state of regional and sectoral campaigns (migration, labour, environment, etc), analysis on the impacts of EU's Global Europe strategy and explore joint alliances.

**Speakers :** *Enrique Daza (Hemispheric Social Alliance, Colombia), Dot Keet (African Trade Network, South Africa), Sammy Gamboa (Focus on the Global South, Philippines)...*

**Co-organisers:** *Seattle to Brussels Network, Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF), Bi-regional network Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas, African Trade Network (ATN), Transnational Institute (TNI), WEED, , lbase, IATP, Attac Germany, AITEC/IPAM, Ecologistas en Acción, Arci (Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana,), Our World is not for Sale Network (OWINFS), Euralat, Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), INESC/REBRIP, ACSUR-Las Segovias*

## **WE PARTICIPATE ALSO IN...**

**– People's struggles against European corporate power**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12:30**  
**Rosengård (Enskifteshagen, Tält 1)**

Europe's TNCs and its corporate-driven agenda for the global economy are having devastating impacts on social, human, and environmental rights in the global South. This seminar will hear from growing grassroots resistance to these impacts in Latin America, Africa and Asia, and discuss new campaigning strategies and activities, including bi-regional alliances and the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal.

**Co-organisers:** *Bi-regional network Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas, Seattle to Brussels Network, Friends of the Earth Europe, Transnational Institute, Ecologistas en Acción, Friends of the Earth England, Wales & Northern Ireland, FIAN, Latinamerikagrupperna, Hemispheric Social Alliance, Observatorio de la Deuda en la Globalización, Observatorio de Multinacionales en América Latina, ACSUR-Las Segovias*

– **EPA : can they still be stopped ?**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 PM**

**Folkets hus Nobeltorget, Sal 6**

Organisations campaigning on EPAs want to create this space to analyse the current state of the play of these free trade negotiations which the EU is imposing on African, Caribbean and Pacific countries; and to discuss campaigning strategies.

*Speakers : Burghard Ilge (Both Ends/StopEPA Campaign, Netherlands), Marc Maes (11.11.11/StopEPA campaign, Belgium), Gyekye Tanoh (African Trade Network, Ghana)...*

**Co-organizers :** *StopEPA campaign, 11.11.11, Forum Syd, Seattle to Brussels Network*

– **For a new European agriculture and food policy: How to promote it in the CAP 2013 debate?**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 PM**

**Eskifteshagen, Tält 2**

**Co-organisers:** *European Coordination Via Campesina, Seattle to Brussels Network, European Food Sovereignty Platform, Attac Austria, Attac France, Attac Germany, IATP, Terra Nova, EuropAfrica, Svalorna Latinamerika*

– **Facing food crisis: Implementing food sovereignty**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00 PM**

**Möllevången (Moriskan)**

The destruction of sustainable family farming and its replacement by corporate-controlled industrial agriculture threatens food security, destroys biodiversity and heats up the planet. This conference aims at informing a wide public about food sovereignty and how to implement it in Europe. Topics such as agrofuel, agricultural and trade policies and GMOs will be tackled.

**Co-organisers:** *European Coordination Via Campesina, Seattle to Brussels Network, European Food Sovereignty Platform, Friends of the Earth Europe, Attac Austria, Attac France, Attac Germany, Agribusiness Accountability Initiative Europe (AAI Europe), IATP, CADTM, CGIL, Italy, European Anti-Poverty Network, Terra Nova, EuropAfrica, Vredeseilanden, Protect the Future, NEAK, Fian Sweden, UBV/Lateinamerikagrupperna Sweden, Friends of the Earth Wales NI, Marche Mondiale des Femmes, Ecologistas en Acción – Plataforma Rural (Spain)*

– **Assembly on food sovereignty: what can we do to implement it in Europe?**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2:00-5:00 PM**

**MÖLLEVÅNGEN (Amiralen)**

This assembly aims at gathering all organizations and activists involved in the wide struggle for food sovereignty in Europe, in order to share information and develop joint strategies for action and mobilization in 2009. Farmers, consumers, environmentalists, NGOs,... and YOU!

**Co-organisers:** *European Coordination Via Campesina, Seattle to Brussels Network, European Food Sovereignty Platform, Friends of the Earth Europe, Attac Austria, Attac France, Attac Germany, Agribusiness Accountability Initiative Europe (AAI Europe), IATP, CADTM, CGIL, Italy, European Anti-Poverty Network, Terra Nova, EuropAfrica, Vredeseilanden, Protect the Future, NEAK, Fian Sweden, UBV/Lateinamerikagrupperna Sweden, Friends of the Earth Wales NI, Marche Mondiale des Femmes, Ecologistas en Acción – Plataforma Rural (Spain)*

– **EPAs - Consequences and alternatives**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 9:00-11:00 AM**

**Baltiska hallen**

This seminar will focus on the consequences of EPAs for southern Africa, alternatives to EPAs and the resistance and mobilisation against EPAs in Europe and Africa. We hope to inspire activists from Europe to act together in this issue, by giving the ESF participants an opportunity to learn about EPAs consequences and the resistance that is going on in Africa as well as in Europe.

*Speakers* : Burghard Ilge (Both Ends/StopEPA Campaign, Netherlands), Marc Maes (11.11.11/StopEPA campaign, Belgium), Gyekye Tanoh (African Trade Network, Ghana)...

**Co-organizers** : Afrikagrupperna, Attac Sverige, Folk rörelsen nej till EU, Transportarbetarförbundet, 11.11.11, Seattle to Brussels Network

– **Exploding Food Prices. Building new alliances for access to healthy and affordable food for all**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 PM**

**Pildammsparken Baltiska hallen**

Food prices explode while real incomes of people in Europe decline. Access to food becomes again a social issue in Europe. Consumers pay increasingly higher prices for food, while peasant and family farmers in Europe continue to struggle for survival. We will discuss who benefits from exploding food prices, what the root causes are and how to build new alliances between farmers and consumers.

*Speakers*: Jean Cabaret (European Coordination Via Campesina), Ibrahima Coulibaly (ROPPA, Mali), Nicoletta Rocchi (CGIL, Italy), Sian Jones (European Anti-Poverty Network), Myriam van der Stichele (SOMO and Agribusiness Accountability Initiative- tbc)

**Co-organisers**: European Coordination Via Campesina, Seattle to Brussels Network, European Food Sovereignty Platform, Attac Austria, Attac France, Attac Germany, Agribusiness Accountability Initiative Europe (AAI Europe), IATP, CADTM, CGIL, Italy, European Anti-Poverty Network, Terra Nova, EuropAfrica, Ecologistas en Acción – Plataforma Rural (Spain)

– **Trade agreements between EU and Latin America - imperialism with a new face?**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 PM**

**Möllevången Tangopalatset**

When the WTO-negotiations are stuck, the EU push for bilateral trade agreements. EU is now negotiating Association Agreements with Central America and the Andean community. The EU Commission does not take into account the enormous differences between the regions, and is pushing through agreements regarding investments and trade facilitation. How might such agreements impact on human rights?

**Co-organisers**: UBV/Latinamerika, FIAN Sweden, Latinamerikagrupperna (UBV), Latin American Groups in Norway, Red Birregional Europa-America Latina y el Caribe Enlazando Alternativas, Liberación Weekly, Hands off Venezuela in Sweden, Simón Bolívar Asociación, MST Support Groups, Colombian Network, Swedish-Cuban Association, Uruguay House in Malmö, Pro Bolivia Council in Sweden, Swedish-Nicaraguan Friendship Association, Bolivian Federation in Sweden (FEDBOL), Solidarity Network for Latin America (RESOCAL), Victor Jara Association, Venezuela Network (RESOLVER), Support Group for the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo (AMASU), CETAL Uppsala, Antawara Bolivia - Stockholm, Group of Former Chilean Political Prisoners, Bolivian Support Group in Stockholm (GAB), TINKU - Danmark, Middle America Committee in Denmark, International Forum in Denmark, Bolivian Support Group in Uppsala (GAB), Bolivian Support Group in Malmö (GAB), Jaime Pardo Leal Association, Malmö Tribunal, ACSUR-Las Segovias

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