

CALL TO ACTION To Fix Our Broken Food System



Decades of misguided policies and the recent sharp rise in food prices have left one billion people around the world facing hunger and food insecurity. Dangerous volatility in the financial system puts these people at even greater risk.

To fix our broken food system we must —

1. Stabilize prices for farmers and consumers globally:

- Regulate the finance sector's investment in food and energy commodities.
- Establish and strengthen publicly-owned domestic, regional, and international strategic food reserves.
- Suspend international trade and investments in industrial-scale biofuels (a.k.a. agrofuels).
- Reform food aid.
- Expand fair trade, not so-called free trade.

2. Rebalance power in the food system:

- Reduce the political influence of agribusiness corporations on public policy.
- Strengthen antitrust enforcement in agribusiness.
- Convene multi-stakeholder, representative food policy councils at state and local levels.

3. Make agriculture environmentally sustainable:

- Support family farming with agroecological practices through purchasing and procurement.
- Halt expansion of government supported biofuels programs, mandates, and tax incentives and other subsidies unless they only support sustainable, domestic production.
- Direct state and national farm policy, research and education, and investment toward agroecological farming and sustainable food businesses.

4. Guarantee the right to healthy food by building local and regional food systems and fostering social, ecological and economic justice:

- Support domestic food production and independent community-based food businesses in the United States and around the world.
- Establish living wages, so that everyone can afford healthy food.
- Implement full workers' rights for farmworkers and other food system workers.
- Strengthen the social safety net for low-income people across the US.
- Create a solidarity economy that puts people before profit in the United States and around the world.



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