



**Schola
Campesina**
Sharing knowledge
for food sovereignty

International Training on Peasant Agroecology and Food and Agriculture Global Governance
25th of September – 7th of October 2017, Rome and Lazio region

Description of the Modules

In Rome

Monday 25th of September, at "Citta del altra economia", Rome

1. Presentation

09:00-11:00

Round of introduction of participants, coordinators, interpreters, and film maker.
Presentation of the project: political framework, methodology, goals, and process.

Speaker: Andrea Ferrante, Schola Campesina Coordinator

2. Evaluation mechanism

11:30-13:30

An assessment of the training "Schola Campesina" – a pilot project – will be needed in order to build a stronger base for future development.

Presentation of the evaluation mechanism and discussion of participants' expectations.

Speakers: Andrea Ferrante, Coordinator Schola Campesina ; Caroline, Tutor Schola Campesina

3. Detailed introduction

15:00-16:30

Detailed introduction of the programme and the different venues.

Division of tasks amongst the participants: Each participant is assigned 1) a task on the farm; 2) the introduction of a theoretical session; and 3) a task to report back on a theoretical session.

Speakers: Andrea Ferrante, Sandra Gasbarri, Caroline Ledant (Schola Campesina)

4. Right to Food and Agroecology

17:00-18:30

FIAN intervention on the Right to Food: presentation of the rights-based approach to addressing food and agriculture issues. "FIAN is an international human rights organisation that advocates for the right to adequate food and nutrition" (For more information, please see: www.fian.org).

Speakers: Alejandra Morena, *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* Coordinator, FIAN International
Felipe Bley Folly, Human Rights Accountability Officer, FIAN International

Reference documents:

- The struggle for the right to food and nutrition (FIAN, 2017) - EN ES FR;
- Peoples' Monitoring on the Right to Food and Nutrition - Political Manifesto (FIAN, 2017) - EN ES FR;
- Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of the national food security (FAO, 2005) - EN ES FR;
- The right to land and other natural resources (FIAN, 2015) - EN ES FR.

Tuesday 26th of September, at FAO, Mexico Room

5. Global Governance

09:00-11:00

1) "Rome Process": Introduction to the work done by civil society organisations (IPC) on food and agriculture global governance within the global institutions: FAO, Committee on World Food Security (CFS), IFAD.

2) Introduction to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) and the human rights-based approach to food, agriculture and nutrition.

3) Introduction to FAO's overall strategies (Strategic Objectives, Sustainable Development Goals) and FAO's partnership policy.

Speakers: Nora McKeon, Professor at Rome Tre University, Independent researcher and author amongst others of *Food Security Governance: empowering communities, regulating corporations* (2015), focal point of ROPPA for international processes.

Mauro Conti, President of Centro Internazionale Crocevia / Secretary of International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty

Guilherme Brady, Coordinator - Civil Society Organisations Team at FAO

Francesco Pierri, FAO's focal point for Family Farming, FAO's Office for Partnerships

Reference documents:

- Bringing home the results from Rome. Strengthening the use and application of CFS Policy Outcomes (CSM, 2017). EN ES FR
- Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of the national food security (FAO, 2005). EN ES FR
- Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis (CFS, 2015). EN ES FR
- Water for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS 42, 2015). EN ES FR
- Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock? (CFS 43, 2016). EN ES FR
- Voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security – VGGT (FAO, 2012). EN ES FR
- People's Manual on the Guidelines on Governance of Land, Fisheries and Forests. A guide for promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. (International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty -IPC, 2016) <http://foodsovereignty.org> EN ES FR
- Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (FAO, 2016). EN ES FR
- "Using the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition to Promote and Defend the People's Right to Adequate Food" A Manual for Social Movements and Civil Society Organisations (CIDSE, IUF, LVC, FIAN, 2013). EN ES FR
- Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security (CFS 40, 2013). EN ES FR
- Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems (CFS 41, 2014). EN ES FR
- Social protection for food security (CFS 39, 2012). EN ES FR
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets (CFS 43, 2016). EN ES FR
- Connecting smallholders to markets. An analytical guide (CSM, HOTL). EN ES FR
- Cooling the Planet: Frontline communities lead the struggle. Voices from the Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles (CSO, 2016). EN ES FR
- FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations (FAO, 2013). EN ES FR

6. Launch of the *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2017 "The World Food Crisis: The Way Out"*

12:00-14:00

"This 10th anniversary issue of the *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* takes stock of the past decade and looks forward at the challenges and opportunities anticipated for the coming period. (...) First published in 2008, the *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* is an annual publication that monitors key policies, processes

and issues related to the right to adequate food and nutrition at the global, regional, national and local level. In so doing, it gives visibility to peoples' struggles and efforts on the ground." For more information, please see: <http://www.righttofoodandnutrition.org/>.

Speakers: Alejandra Morena, *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* Coordinator, FIAN International
Andrea Ferrante, Schola Campesina (Italy)
Isabel Alvarez, Advocacy Officer, URGENCI (Spain)
Liliana Ortega, PhD Botany, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative / Permanent Representation of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Reference document:

- The *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch* 2017 "The World Food Crisis: The Way Out". (to be published) EN ES FR

7. FAO and Agroecology.

14:30-17:30

Presentation of FAO works on Agroecology, its normative role, the global knowledge product, the Agroecology Symposiums and FAO Farmer Field School (FFS) initiatives and others experiences.

Speakers: Beate Scherf, Programme Officer, Sustainable Agriculture Programme, FAO
Caterina Batello, Ecosystem Management Officer, FAO
Carolina Starr, Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services, FAO

Reference documents:

- Final report for the International Symposium on Agroecology for Food Security and Nutrition, 18 and 19 September 2014, Rome, Italy EN ES FR
- Final report for the Regional meeting on Agroecology in Latin America and the Caribbean Brasilia – Brazil, 24-26 June 2015 EN ES
- Report on the Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Agroecology in Asia and the Pacific FAO, Bangkok, 24-26 November 2015 EN

On the "Biobagnolese" Farm – Orte

Wednesday 27th of September, in Biobagnolese

8. Local knowledge for farm autonomy

09:00-13:30

Exploration of different ways of building farm autonomy: valuing local knowledge, farmers' technologies for water and energy management, soil fertility and the multi-functionality of farming (for more information on technological sovereignty, please see: L'Atelier paysan <http://www.latelierpaysan.org/>, and Farm Hack <http://farmhack.org/tools>)

Speakers: Giancarlo Vitali, Biobagnolese farm
Mauro Barzelotti, Casale Loreto farm

Reference documents:

- Plaidoyer InPACT : Pour une souveraineté technologique des paysans (2016). FR
- How to Conduct Research on Your Farm or Ranch. EN
- Participative organic certification, trust and local rural communities' development: the Case of Rede Ecovida. Zanasi, C.; Venturi, P.; Setti, M.; Rota, C. (2009). EN
- A Matter of Scale. Report. (LWA, 2017) EN

27th, 28th, 29th of September and 2nd- 3rd of October on various farms

9. Farm work

15:00-18:30

Five sessions of farm-work will be held on several farms at the Bio-district. Participants will take part in daily farm activities in groups of 2 or 3 people in order to become familiar with the work, to build a solid relationship with the Italian farmer and to exchange experiences. Please refer to the document on farm work to check which farm we suggest you work on (you may, of course, request a change).

Reference documents:

- Agroécologie en pratiques. Guide (2010). Agrisud international. FR
- Guía para el sondeo agroecológico de suelos y cultivos CATIE - Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (2013). ES
- Guide technique d'agronomie et d'agro-écologie dans le contexte de la rive-ouest du Lac Alaotra (Madagascar) (AVSF, 2010). FR
- Manual di compostaje domestico (Benmagec). ES
- Manual de elaboración de productos naturales para la fertilidad y control de plagas y enfermedades (Agruco, 2010). ES

- Manual de agricultura urbana (ARVOL, 2012) ES
- Producción de Hortalizas Orgánicas. Manual del Cultivo Biointensivo de Alimentos (Las Cañadas). ES
- Suelos saludables, plantas saludables: la evidencia agroecológica (Clara I. Nicholls y Miguel A. Altieri (2008). ES

Wednesday 27th of September

10. Collective reading: Food chain concentration

Evening

Reading of:

IT, ES, EN, FR The food crisis, industrialized farming and the imperial regime (Van der Ploeg, 2010).

ES, EN The Monsanto–Bayer tie-up is just one of seven; Mega-Mergers and Big Data Domination Threaten Seeds, Food Security (ETC, 2016).

Followed by a collective discussion on the concentration of power and capital within the food chain at production, processing and distribution level.

Thursday 28th of September

11. Gender & Agroecology

09:00-13:30

Explore the link between women's empowerment and food sovereignty, the role of women in transforming food systems.

Speakers: Isabel Alvarez Advocacy Officer, URGENCI Spain
Miriam Nobre World March of Women (WMW), Brazil

Reference documents:

- Understanding feminism in the peasant struggle – A "popular peasant feminism" (La Via Campesina, 2017). EN ES FR
- Miradas del movimiento agroecológico y feminista. (M. Nobre, 2017). ES
- Sistematización Primera Escuela Nacional de Agroecología "Sembradoras de esperanzas (Anamuri, IALA CHILE 2016) ES
- La construcción de una agenda feminista en la agroecología in Las mujeres en la construcción de la economía solidaria y la agroecología (SOF, 2015). ES
- Gender Equality and Food Security – Women's Empowerment as a Tool Against Hunger (De Schutter for ADB, FAO, 2013). EN

- Our secret weapon against hunger: gender equality and women's empowerment (Olivier De Schutter, 2012). Available in EN ES FR
- The Peasant Women and Men of La Via Campesina Say: Stop Violence Against Women! (La Via Campesina, 2012). EN ES FR
- 'Gender and the Right to Food', Report presented to the 22nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (De Schutter for UN, 2012). EN ES FR
- Women, Land struggles and the reconstruction of the commons (Federici S., 2011). EN
- You Are Mostly Promised You Will Not Be Alone Women Farm Leaders Speak Out About Resistance and Agrarian Activism (Desmarais Annette Aurelie, 2005). EN
- Cultivating Gender Justice (Ahna Kruzic, 2017). Available in EN ES FR
- Without women there is no food sovereignty (Vivas Esther). EN
- CFS Forum on women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition (CFS, 2017)

Friday 29th of September

12. Rural extension

09:00-13:30

How to share knowledge amongst food producers? Tools for peasant knowledge recovery, development and dissemination. How to boost our capacity to innovate and to share innovations? The role of agroecology schools (IALA, MST, CAC, Eur. Network) and others initiatives and networks (Agroecologia espora, etc). Basic principles of popular education (horizontal dialogue of knowledge, *diálogo de saberes*).

Speakers: Dario Mencagli, AUCS, Crocevia farm, Italy
Nasseegh Yaffer, World Forum of Fisher Peoples

Reference documents:

- "El DS [diálogo de saberes] entre las visiones campesina, indígena y proletaria rural" in DIÁLOGO DE SABERES EN LA VÍA CAMPESINA: SOBERANÍA ALIMENTARIA Y AGROECOLOGÍA (María Elena Martínez Torres & Peter M. Rosset CIESAS – ECOSUR, 2016). ES FR IT
- Agroecological Formación in Rural Social Movements. Radical Teacher 98 (Nils McCune, Juan Reardon, and Peter Rosset, 2014). EN
- El Movimiento Sin Tierra y la educación popular: la formación humana en diálogo (Rubneza Leandro de Souza, 2015). ES
- Developing a European Agroecology Learning and Training Network (ECVC, 2016). EN
- The Campesino-to-Campesino agroecology movement of ANAP in Cuba: social process methodology in the construction of sustainable peasant agriculture and food sovereignty. Journal of Peasant Studies (Peter Rosset, Braulio Machín Sosa, Adilén María Roque Jaime and Dana Rocío Avila Lozano 2011). EN
- Fossé entre praticiens et militants. In « De la crise alimentaire à la souveraineté alimentaire, le défi des mouvements sociaux » (Eric Holt-Giménez, 2010). EN ES FR

- Escuela de Acción Campesina, Universidad rural Paulo Freire. ES
- Formación agroecológica IALA (Adriano Muñoz Pérez). ES

13. Collective reading: Criminalization of social movements

Evening

Reading of:

FR EN ES : Seed laws that criminalise farmers. Resistance and fightback. (GRAIN LVC, 2015)

ES EN: Land Conflicts and the Criminalization of Peasant Movements in Paraguay: The case of marina kue and the 'curuguaty massacre' Oakland: Food First & Transnational Institute. (La Vía Campesina and FIAN International, 2014)

EN: Backlash and Beyond: The Criminalization of Agrarian Reform and Peasant Response in the Philippines. (Franco, J., Carranza, D., 2014).

Followed by a collective discussion.

14. Feelings and agroecology. Cultural weekend.

Saturday: Trekking on via Amerina until the small town of "Civita castellana".

In the evening: Folk music "Taranta e pizzica"

Sunday: Lunch at Fattoria Lucciano, Civita castellana

15. Film on migrations 'Les Sauteurs' / 'Those who jump' Sunday 1st of Oct. 16:30 – 18:00

Pays-Bas, Danemark, Mali | 2016 | 80 minutes | By Estephan Wagner, Moritz Siebert, Abou Bakar Sidibé.

"In northern Morocco lies the Spanish enclave of Melilla: Europe on African Land. On the mountain above live over a thousand hopeful African migrants, watching the land border, a fence system separating Morocco and Spain. Their life is unsecure and unstable, but still full of projects and wishes. The authors give to one of them, Abou from Mali, a camera to tell the life of this community." For more information, please see: <http://www.zalab.org/en/projects/les-sauteurs-those-who-jump/>

Speaker: Francesca Cafolla, Arci Solidarietà Viterbo Onlus, AUCS Onlus

Reference document:

- Working document on migration and wage-labour. Migrations and rural areas in Europe (ECVC, 2017). EN ES FR

Monday 2nd of October

16. Local policies and local food system

09:00-13:30

Role of the territory and the local management of food systems for food sovereignty. Introduction to the Bio-district. Local policies and sustainable management of natural resources. Urban-rural linkages and farmers-consumers linkages.

Speakers: Javier Sánchez, La Via Campesina
Famiano Crucianelli, Presidente del bio-distretto della Via Amerina e delle Forre (Italy)
Akylbek Rakaev, Kyrgyz Sheep Breeders Association (KSBA) (Kyrgyzstan)

Reference documents:

- Bio-distretti: istruzioni per l'uso. In AIAB Bio agricoltura (Salvatore Basile, 2014). IT, EN, ES, FR
- A People's Food Policy. Transforming our food system (UK). (2017) EN
- Políticas públicas y marcos institucionales para la agricultura familiar en América Latina (Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura IICA, 2017). ES
- Las compras públicas: ¿alternativa de mercado para la agricultura familiar campesina? (Agrónomos y Veterinarios Sin Fronteras, 2014). ES

17. Collective reading: History of food sovereignty movements and its relation with global governance

Evening

Reading of:

EN: Food Sovereignty Agenda of Transnational Rural Social Movements in the UN Global Governance (Mauro Conti, 2016)
EN, FR, ES: Food sovereignty Turning the system upside down (GRAIN, 2015)
EN: Towards food sovereignty: interrogating peasant voice in the United Nations Committee on World Food Security. Journal of Peasant Studies, volume 42 (1): 73-95 (Brem-Wilson, J. 2015) EN

Followed by a collective discussion.

Tuesday 3rd of October

18. Farmer's organisations

09:00-13:30

Farmer's organisations as social actors for change. How to get stronger and influence local policies? How to build a social control on natural resources?

Speakers: Michel Pimbert, Director of the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University, UK
Andrea Ferrante, Schola Campesina

Reference documents:

- Organizing for Food Systems Change (Anderson, C.R., Silivay. J. and K. Lobe, 2017)
- Towards Food Sovereignty. Reclaiming autonomous food systems. (Pimbert, M., 2009)
Particularly Chapter 4. Local Organisations at the Heart of Food Sovereignty. http://www.environmentandsociety.org/sites/default/files/key_docs/pimbert_chap_4_0.pdf
Particularly Chapter 5. Reclaiming Citizenship, Empowering Civil Society in Policy-making. http://www.environmentandsociety.org/sites/default/files/key_docs/pimbert_chap_5_0.pdf

19. Collective reading: Environmental and social impacts of agro industrial model

Evening

IT ES FR IT : Food and Climate Change: the forgotten link (Grain, 2011).

FR EN: From Uniformity to diversity. SECTION 1 What are the outcomes of industrial agriculture and diversified agroecological systems? (IPES-Food, 2016)

EN : Migration and agricultural labour force in Italy and Europe. The agricultural migrant labourer caught between exploitation and irregularity: stories from Southern Europe (Stefano Mori for Centro Internazionale Crocevia, 2016)

EN: Chapter 2. The making of multiple crises in food, agriculture and environment in Towards Food Sovereignty. Reclaiming autonomous food systems pp.21-38 (Pimbert M., 2009)

Followed by a collective discussion.

Wednesday 4th of October

20. Democratising knowledge for agroecology and food sovereignty

09:00-13:30

Knowledge and power relations, people's access to knowledge and know-how as a political issue.

Speakers: Michel Pimbert, Director of the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University, UK
Fabio Caporali, Tuscia University (Agrarian ecology)

Reference documents:

- Transforming Knowledge and Ways of Knowing for Food Sovereignty. Chapter 7 in Towards Food Sovereignty. Reclaiming autonomous food systems (Pimbert M., 2006). EN

- The video film – Imagining Research for Food Sovereignty – of St. Ulrich Workshop on Democratizing Agricultural Research for Food Sovereignty and Peasant Agrarian Cultures. Available in EN at: <http://www.excludedvoices.org/st-ulrich-workshop-democratizing-agricultural-research-food-sovereignty-and-peasant-agrarian-culture> EN

21. Meeting with the local community of Gallese village

Evening

Thursday 5th of October

22. Biodiversity & Seeds

09:00-18:30

Intellectual property rights, criminalization of farmers' seeds, international treaties and regulations, seeds, international actors and roles (CGIAR, FAO), institutional lock-ins, farmer's seeds networks, seeds selection and conservation methods.

Speakers: Guy Kastler, Réseau semences paysannes, France
 Emile Frison, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food), ex-Biodiversity International

Reference documents:

- International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO, 2004). <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/en/> EN ES FR
- Semences et autonomie paysannes. (Guy Kastler, Antonio Onorati et Bob Brac. L'observatoire du droit à l'alimentation et à la nutrition, 2013). EN ES FR
- Keeping Seeds in People's Hands. Right to Food and Nutrition Watch Issue 08 (FIAN, 2016). FR EN ES PO
- Seed policies and the right to food: enhancing agrobiodiversity and encouraging innovation (De Schutter for UN, 2009)
- Haciendo Milpa. La protección de las semillas y la agricultura campesina. (Elena Álvarez-Buylla Roces, Areli Carreón García, Adelita San Vicente Tello, 2011) pp. 104. ES
- Seed laws by country – Excel sheet (GRAIN, 2015). EN ES FR
- Seed laws that criminalise farmers. Resistance and fightback (GRAIN LVC, 2015). EN FR ES
- Seeds and agricultural biodiversity: the neglected backbone of the right to food and nutrition. (Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Maryam Rahmanian, Antonio Onorati, 2016). EN
- New trade deals legalise corporate theft, make farmer's seeds illegal (GRAIN, 2016) EN

Wednesday 4th of October

23.a) Preparation of possible actions

15:00-18:30

Group reflections (by country or by common expertise) on potential actions to be taken at the local level to foster agroecology and food sovereignty. Based on the lessons learnt throughout the training, what kind of actions can be taken in our organisations, with our neighbours, and/or within our academic institutions to foster agroecology and food sovereignty?

Friday 6th of October

23.b) Presentation of possible actions drafted on Wednesday 4th

15:00-16:30

24. Agroecology and markets

09:00-13:30

How to create, develop and strengthen peasant markets? Local policies to develop access to local markets.

Speakers: Jyoti Fernández, Land Worker Alliance (UK)
Barbara Vitali, Biobagnolese farm (Italy)

Reference documents:

- Connecting smallholders to markets. An analytical guide (CSM, HOTL). EN ES FR
- Connecting Smallholders to Markets (CFS 43, 2016). EN ES FR
- Las compras públicas: ¿alternativa de mercado para la agricultura familiar campesina? (Agrónomos y Veterinarios Sin Fronteras, 2014). ES

Saturday 7th of October

25. Conference on local public policies for food sovereignty

09:30-13:00

- 1) Francesco Pierri - FAO
- 2) Jyoti Fernández - LWA
- 3) A Participant - Schola Campesina
- 4) Antonio Rosati – ARSIAL (Agenzia regionale per lo sviluppo e l'innovazione in agricoltura)
- 5) A Mayor
- 6) Famiano Crucianelli - Biodistretto
- 7) Alessandra Terrosi, Member of the Italian Parliament
- 8) Enrico Panunzi, Regional Counciller Lazio