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News from Rome

Discussions are going on in the FAO bubble here in Rome. In our updates from Rome you can find the recognition by the Committe on Agriculture (COAG) of the importance of prioritizing small food producers through the UN Decade of Family Farming, but also the change of wording from the "right to food" to a "right to adequate food", in order to stress the concept of food security. News also from the last Committees on Fisheries (COFI) and Forestry (COFO), the World Food Forum and the FAO Council.

Read more here!



News from the IPC Working Group on Agrobiodiversity

COP15 OUTCOMES - The IPC participated in Montreal during the first half of the biodiversity COP15 (Dec 7-11) and attended the second remotely, bringing the voices of small-scale food producers, hundreds of millions of people globally who play a key role in preserving and reproducing biodiversity.

Te summit came excruciatingly close to earning the label of the "Copenhagen for biodiversity", a derogatory reference to the 2009 climate COP, where parties failed to reach an agreement. In the end, however, an agreement was reached in Montréal, Canada, on the 18th of December.

Here, almost 200 Parties struck a deal on the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), a text that lays out four goals and 23 targets to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030. The GBF is the successor to the Aichi targets, none of which were achieved, to which countries agreed in 2010. Lessons learned, one would hope, but to achieve agreement in Montreal, the GBF targets were negotiated and whittled down to such vague and contradictory language that it will be hard to track Parties' performances in a meaningful way over the years.

- · Read our report of the negotiations here
- · watch all the videos of our interventions here



News from the IPC Working Group on Land

WE BELONG TO THE LAND - The IPC Working Group on Land, Water, Forests and Territories participated in a workshop commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure, organized by FAO on October 6-7, 2022. The IPC delegation shared the analysis and demands contained in the international statement "We Belong to the Land", which was issued by the WG prior to the workshop. We put special emphasis on the need for States and the FAO to implement the Tenure Guidelines in line with the right to land recognized by UNDROP and UNDRIP.



News from the IPC Working Group on Small-Scale Fisheries

FISHING FOR AFRICA - From the 18th to the 24th of November, the Regional Advisory Group (RAG) in Africa meets in Cape Town, South Africa not only to take part into a Fisher-to-Fisher exchange and training co-organised by Masifundise Development Trust, TNI, FIAN and Centro Internazionale Crocevia, but also to plan for its strategy at the continental level.

• Read more here!