



## World Social Forum 2024 Nepal

### Nepal Organizing Committee

## Activity Detailing Template

Umbrella Theme	Land, Agriculture, Food Sovereignty, Agro-ecology, Energy and Natural Resources
Title of the Activity	<b>Crisis in Agriculture and Way Forward: Peasants' Assembly 2024 on Food Sovereignty, Agrarian Reform and Peasants' Rights</b>
Activity Description	<p>Brief Description of Topic (sub-theme)</p> <p>Nepal has enshrined Food Sovereignty as fundamental right of the people in its constitution. There are strong and justifiable policies on food that could guide country's agricultural development to end hunger, achieve food security and food sovereignty, improve agrarian reform, ensure peasants' rights, and promote sustainability. However, the challenge and the dire need has been to learn a lesson from the past and emphasize on the effective implementation of the numerous guiding policies to achieve right to food a reality for all.</p> <p><b>All Nepal Peasant's Federation (ANPFa)</b> is an organized voice of Nepalese peasants which has been fighting against feudalism, imperialism and neo-liberalism and also restlessly struggling for agrarian reform and defending peasants' rights to food, land, water and productive resources. <b>South Asian Peasant's Coalition (SAPC)</b> was established to extend support against suppression and exploitation perpetrated on the peasants in any corner of the world and to express and display its solidarity and thereby support their movements. In almost three decades, SAPC has become a platform for peasants in the region to share their work and exchange their views and experiences. <b>National Peasants' Coalition (NPC)</b> is an organized alliance of different national level farmers' organizations representing over millions of small-scale farming families and marginal farmers from all over the country working for several years in favor of the rights of peasants. The coalition provides its support to organizations representing peasants and other rural workers in the country to protect and claim their rights and interests. <b>Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF)</b> is an interregional network of progressive civil society organizations from across Asia and Europe. Since 1996, the AEPF has consistently been a network linking Asian</p>

and European NGOs and social movements. It is committed to fostering people's solidarity for a socially and economically just, inclusive, peaceful, sustainable and ecologically sensitive development, within and across the two regions.

However, much more need to be done in order to protect the rights of the peasants in the region. The need of the hour is to activate, strengthen and consolidate the peasants' movement in Nepal, South Asia region along with global level. Thus, recognizing World Social Forum as a global platform and collective movement for comprehensive discussions and to foster a spirit of collaboration and determination to address the multifaceted challenges facing the farmers and the agrarian sector in Nepal, South Asia and across the globe we the organizers **ANPFa, National Peasants' Coalition, SAPC and AEPF** are organizing Peasants' assembly on Food Sovereignty, Agrarian Reform and Peasants' Rights.

Please join us to embark together on an incredible journey of global collaboration and discovery.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Time: 2-5:30 pm

Venue: Rastriya Sabha Griha, Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu

**Objectives:**

- Extending support and worldwide solidarity and commitments to the peasantry movements and issues in Nepal, South Asia region along with global level;
- Making a common understanding on agrarian reforms and food sovereignty and peasant's rights;
- Generating awareness amongst leaders, peasants, women, indigenous people, consumers, policy makers, media, workers, and fisher-folks on important issues of agrarian reforms and food sovereignty;
- To raise collective voice against the policies formulated by multinational companies and international financial institutions having disastrous impact on the rights of peasants;
- Networking among NGO/CSOs and mass-based (people's) organization at national and regional level.
- Recommending the strategy to improve food system in the country and South Asia region and submitting them to the respective government for further action.

**Modus Operandi, Sessions and Way forward:**

- The Peasants' Assembly will be a dynamic global space and thought provoking deliberation session offering a rich exchange of perspectives, ideas and insights.
- During the assembly, key peasants will share their experiences.

- Status papers on the situation of agrarian reforms and food sovereignty from various countries in the region will be presented and the strategy to be taken ahead will be discussed.
- In the opening space, we will extend invitations to influential peasants' leaders representing diverse regions.
- There will be panel discussions, dramas, storytelling, case studies, and poem recitations on farmers' issues.
- There will also be native/indigenous farmers' farm products related stalls.

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### Name of Speakers

Topics	Name of Speaker/s	Organization/ Designation	Phone Number	Email Address	Bio-note	Country
Human Rights and Development: An Example of the Right to Food and Nutrition	Sabine Pabst	FIAN International		<a href="mailto:pabst@fian.org">pabst@fian.org</a>		Germany
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	Lucien Silga	FIAN Burkina Faso		<a href="mailto:silgalucien@gmail.com">silgalucien@gmail.com</a>		Burkina Faso
Agrarian Reform: Role of Communities and CSOs	Sandeep Chachra	Action Aid India		<a href="mailto:Sandeep.Chachra@actionaid.org">Sandeep.Chachra@actionaid.org</a>	Executive Director of ActionAid Association. He also acts as Secretary and ex-officio member of the Governing Board.	India

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Dynamics and Challenges of Sri Lanka's/country's agricultural sector and Way Forward	Herman Kumara	District Coordinator, National Fisheries Solidarity Organization (NAFSO)	+94773184532	<a href="mailto:Nafsosl@gmail.com">Nafsosl@gmail.com</a>	District Coordinator of National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO) since 2007; Coordinator of Sri Vimukthi Fisher Women Organization	Srilanka
Dynamics and Challenges of India's/country's agricultural sector and Way Forward	Ramayan Singh	Central Committee Member, All India Agragami Kisan Sabha	+9195724242356		Leader of All India Agragami Kisan Sabha, West Bengal Committee	India
Impacts of the Asian Financial Crisis on Agriculture, Rural Development and Agricultural Institutions	Rabindra Nath Roy	Senior Leader of All India Kisan Sabha	+916200665538	<a href="mailto:royravindrapi@gmail.com">royravindrapi@gmail.com</a>	All India Kisan sabha	India
Reclaiming Peasants' Rights to Food, Land and Water	Purushottam Sharma	National secretary of All India Kisan Mahashaba	+919410305930	<a href="mailto:Purushottam.taleshwar@gmail.com">Purushottam.taleshwar@gmail.com</a>	National Secretary All India Kisan Mahasabha, Central Secretariat member Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) India and Editor Viplavi Kisan Sandesh Patrika	India
Situation of Agriculture Labour in South Asia: Issues and Challenges	Saiful Huq	President Bangladesh Agricultural Labour Union- BALU	+8801711182059	<a href="mailto:saifulhuqrwpb@gmail.com">saifulhuqrwpb@gmail.com</a>		Bangladesh
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		Krishak Samity			Union and one of the leaders of Ganojaagon Mancha	
Contribution of Small-Scale Farmers to Food Security and Opportunities for Resilient Farming Systems	Badrul Aslam	President of Bangladesh Krishak Federation	+8801714010713			Bangladesh
Dynamics and Challenges of Global and Nepal's agricultural sector and peasants' rights, and Way Forward	Dr. Prem Dangal	Chairperson, All Nepal Peasants' Federation/  Chairperson of South Asian Peasants' Coalition	+977-9851087771	<a href="mailto:premdangal@yahoo.com">premdangal@yahoo.com</a>	President of All Nepal Peasants Federation; Central Committee Member of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist–Leninist)	Nepal
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Opportunities and Challenges in Irrigation Practices and Agricultural Production scenario in Nepal and International Context	Shambhu Dulal	General Secretary of National Federation of Irrigation Water Users' Association, Nepal (NFIWUAN)	+977-9851036227	<a href="mailto:Shambhupddulal@gmail.com">Shambhupddulal@gmail.com</a>		Nepal
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Forest and Natural Resources: Issues, Challenges and	Thakur Bhandari	Chairperson, Federation of Community Forestry	+977-9841516209			Nepal

Opportunities		Users (FECOFUN)				
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Right to Food and Food Sovereignty: Policies and its Implementation Status of Nepal	Gokarna Rupakheti	Chairperson, FIAN Nepal	+977-9851190559	<a href="mailto:gokarna.rupakheti@fiannepal.org">gokarna.rupakheti@fiannepal.org</a>		Nepal
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The Power of Farmers' Organizations and Cooperatives in Reclaiming Own Rights	Khem Bahadur Pathak	Nepal Agriculture Co-operative Central Federation Limited (NACCFL)	+9779851101342			Nepal
<p>Number and details of Participants (This segment of information may provide later also.            We expect to have more than 1000 participants at most comprising of Small-scale farmers, marginal farmers, women farmers, peasant struggle committees, Parliamentarians, policy makers, from all over the country and delegates from South Asia and Europe.</p>						