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We, the leaders of Small Farmers and the Peasants Rights Activist assembled in Kathmandu in the World Social Forum from February 15 to 19, 2024, representing diverse voices and perspectives from around the globe, solemnly declare our unwavering commitment to advancing the empowerment of peasants of Nepal and world, Acknowledging the pivotal role of Nepali peasants in the sustainable development of our nation, acknowledging the critical situation in agriculture created by the massive youth migration to abroad, recognizing our genuine and critical status within our society and In light of this recognition, we pledge our unwavering solidarity and steadfast support to the journey of Nepali peasants towards prosperity and stability.

Expressing our profound gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable contributions of all the supporters, contributors, activists and promoters from national and international organizations and networks, recognizing their tireless efforts on the ground are instrumental in addressing the pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by peasants who have been serving as beacons of hope, actively promoting farmers' rights, fostering community resilience, championing human rights, and driving sustainable development initiatives forward.

Therefore, with deep conviction and resolve, we hereby declare:

- 1. To break the corporate concentration in agriculture:** We will work together to break the corporate concentration in agriculture means to address and mitigate the dominance and controlled by large corporations over the agricultural sector. This concentration often results

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in detrimental effects on small-scale farmers, local communities, biodiversity, and the environment as a whole.

2. **For the access and Use of natural resources (such as land, water, forests):** We will work to ensure Nepalese peasants' access to natural resources like land, water, and forests, policies should prioritize equitable distribution and sustainable management, empowering local communities for long-term resilience and prosperity.
3. **For social security and dignified life of Nepalese Peasants':** We will be together for the guarantee the social security and dignified livelihoods of Nepalese peasants, comprehensive policies should be enacted, ensuring minimum wages, access to healthcare, education, and social safety nets, safeguarding their well-being and contributions to society.
4. **To promote the Sustainable food system practices:** We will fight together in promoting a sustainable food system entail prioritizing local and Indigenous agricultural practices, local seed system strengthening and preservation, fostering biodiversity, and reducing reliance on industrialized methods, thereby ensuring resilience, cultural preservation, and equitable food access for all. We will also work together to establish national/ international level marketing of Peasants production.
5. **To promote local and Indigenous practices:** We will be together to advance sustainable agriculture and food systems, it's imperative to elevate local and Indigenous practices, incorporating traditional wisdom and community-centric approaches, fostering resilience, biodiversity, and equitable development for future generations. We will fight together to reduce climatic impacts to the Peasants whole livelihood.
6. **To move ahead on localization issues and systemic change with the citizen participation:** Moving forward on localization issues and systemic change necessitates active citizen participation, fostering inclusive governance structures that empower communities to shape policies, promote grassroots initiatives, and drive sustainable development agendas towards locally rooted solutions. We will work together to formalize the agriculture from informal sector with full of strengthening support.



7. To campaigning National and International Declarations related to Peasants rights: Campaigning for both national and international declarations on peasants' rights involves advocating for equitable agricultural policies and protections, ensuring fair access to land, resources, and dignified livelihoods for rural farming communities worldwide.

8. **Gender based recognition and contribution of women:** Recognizing the pivotal role and invaluable contributions of women farmers within the agricultural and food systems is important in fostering sustainable development and gender equality. Including women farmers in policy-making, local level planning and resource allocation processes is essential to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed adequately. Particularly, women farmers often face unique challenges such as lack of access to land, financial and technological resources, which hinder their full participation in agricultural activities. We declare the important role of women farmers empowerment and shall advocate for the assess upon source of information, in Nepal's agriculture/food system and solemnly declare our unwavering commitment to advancing the empowerment of Nepali peasants particularly/including women peasants.”

9. **The declaration should consider including pointers around the Extension System:** It is crucial to incorporate the information system and technology emphasizing the necessity for the small holder farmers specially focus on women. Landscape of Nepal demands a shift towards holistic approaches on production-oriented guidance. Peasants, especially women, require support systems that address not only crop yields but also encompass aspects such as sustainable farming practices, political leadership, market access, financial accessibility, and socio-economic empowerment. Women are needed to equip with the knowledge and resources to maximize their agricultural potential.

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Dear Kedar ji,

Declaration looks good. I hereby express my solidarity with bit expansion of first declaration. Existing subsistence agriculture should be upgraded to entrepreneurship agriculture so they can minimize spaces of corporate sector involvement in agriculture being more competitive in market. Agriculture entrepreneurs should have easy access to production inputs including interest subsidized credit service and market.

Thanks

Regards

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Dear Kedar jee and the team of NFGF now the declaration seems good. Please accept my solidarity. Let's meet soon to develop a joint action plan based on the declaration.

Regards

Om

Dear Kedar ji,

My Solidarity to this piece. Well done everyone associated in this noble work.

Regards

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Dear Kedar Jee,

Namaste!

Thank you for sharing the final declaration from the WSF- 2024. I extend my full solidarity to it.

Warm regards,

Anup

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Dear Kedar ji,

Thank you! I express my solidarity too.

Best Regards,
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www.carenepal.org | [twitter](https://twitter.com) | [facebook](https://facebook.com) | [get involved](https://getinvolved.org) Dear Kedar Jee and NFGF Family,

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Thanks a lot for sharing the final WSF Deceleration 2024. I am happy to provide my solidarity on this.

Thanks and regards,

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Dear Kedar jee,

The declaration document is well crafted and comprehensive. LI-BIRD expresses our solidarity in spirit to the declaration. A few suggestions from our side includes i) in point 2, better to include "access and use" of natural resources and ii) point 4 and 5 looks very similar while seeing the title and some of the text too, so suggesting to review and make it more explicit.

Best,

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Shall advocate for the access of small Farmers to the sources of information.

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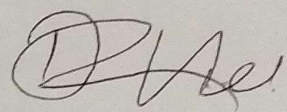
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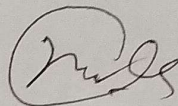
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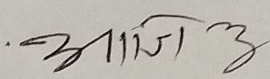
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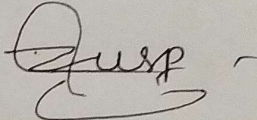
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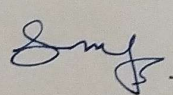
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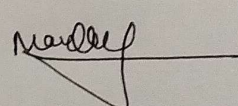
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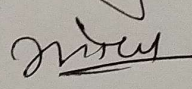
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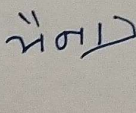
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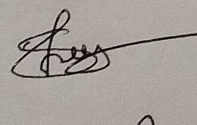
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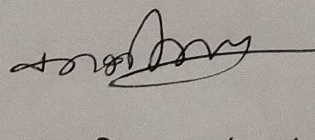
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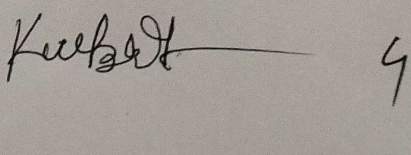
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