



# OWINFS ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

during the

## PEOPLE'S WEEK OF COLLECTIVE ACTION IN SEOUL

November 7-12, 2010

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"Our World is Not for Sale" (OWINFS) is a worldwide network of organizations, activists and social movements which opposes corporate globalization embodied in the current global trading system and its underlying rules. OWINFS grew out of the successful international campaign against the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the 1999 popular uprising against the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Seattle. OWINFS is committed to a sustainable, socially just, democratic and accountable multilateral trading system.

Our vision is of a global economy that asserts the interests of people over corporations and provides decent jobs and vital goods and services for all people. This new vision must be built on the principles of economic and climate justice, ecological sustainability, social well-being, gender equity and democratic accountability.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 7th November

13:00 Opening Plenary of International People's

15:00 National Workers' Rally

14:30 Conference St. Ignatius House, Sogang

## 8th November

09:00 Forum on FTA and Agriculture

17:30 DaSan Hall, Sogang University

Co-organizers: Korean Women Peasants Association (KWPA), Korean Peasants League (KPL), La Via Campesina (LVC)

09:00 Charting Alternatives for the

18:00 Global Economy St. Ignatius House

Co-organizers: Korean Civil Society Network for Tightening the Financial Regulation and the Taxation on Speculative Capital, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), IBON International, RESIST

13:30 Gender Justice Action I Kim Dae Gon Hall

16:00 Co-organizers: Korean Women's Association United (KWAU), Korean Women's Alliance (KWA), Korean Democratic Labor Party Women's Committee, World March of Women, La Via Campesina

19:00 "Emerging" Countries from the South:  
21:00 New Protagonists on the International Scene? The case of IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) and the G20

KCTU office, 14th floor, Kyunghyang News Paper BLDG, 22, Jeong-dong

Co-organizers: Brazilian Network for the Integration of the Peoples (REBRIP), Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), Our World is Not for Sale (OWINFS)

## 9th November

9:00 Labour Assembly: Southern Trade  
18:00 Unions' Voices on Global Economic & Social Crisis

St. Ignatius House

Co-organizers: Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), Central Única dos Trabalhadores - Brasil (CUT Brazil), Central de los Trabajadores Argentinos (CTA)

9:30 Forum on Climate Change, Agriculture  
12:00 and Food Sovereignty Kim Dae Gon Hall

Co-organizers: Korean Women Peasants Association (KWPA), Korean Peasants League (KPL), La Via Campesina (LVC)

12:30 Climate Crisis and Civil Societies'  
18:00 Strategies DaSan Hall

Co-organizers: Working group for Environment in Peoples' G20 Response Preparation Committee, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

## 10th November

9:00 G20 and the Economic Crisis: Discussing  
17:00 People's Alternatives to Free Trade and for System Change DaSan Hall

Co-organizers: KCTU, OWINFS, LVC, EU-ASEAN FTA Network, Korean Alliance against the KORUS/KOR-EU FTA, Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

9:30 Gender Justice Action II

12:00 DaSan 209

Co-organizers: Korean Women's Association United (KWAU), Korean Women's Alliance (KWA), Korean Democratic Labor Party Women's Committee, World March of Women, La Via Campesina

17:00 Closing plenary of the International People's Conference.

18:30 Resolution: Seoul Declaration St. Ignatius House

## 11th November

Starts Mass Rally and March  
at 14:00

## 12th November

13:00 Bridge to Paris Strategy Meeting

18:00 Co-organizers: KCTU, OWINFS, LVC, HSA, REBRIP, ATTAC

# SEMINAR: "EMERGING" COUNTRIES FROM THE SOUTH:

## New Protagonists on the International Scene? The case of IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) and the G20

In recent years, the so-called "emerging" countries of the Global South have been playing a more visible and important role on the international scene. Using their growing political and economic weight to their advantage, they have been taking advantage of political spaces and arenas - like the G20 - to increase their influence and defend certain interests. Issues ranging from IFI reforms, nuclear energy development, regional security, participation in the UN Security Council or the Doha Round at the WTO have been some of the elements in this common discussion among these countries.

In this workshop, social movements and organizations will analyse the IBSA countries (India, Brazil, South Africa), their common agenda and the potential and limitations of their acting as a group.

**Co-organizers** Brazilian Network for the Integration of the Peoples (REBRIP), Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), Our World is Not for Sale (OWINFIS)

**Date** November 8th, 7 pm to 9 pm

**Venue** KCTU office, 14th floor, Kyunghyang News Paper BLDG, 22, Jeong-dong, Jung-ku

We will also discuss how they can influence this process and build a common agenda for pressuring governments on concrete issues, in relation to the G20 and other international coordinating bodies in which these countries participate and coordinate among themselves.

**THE TIME  
TO MOBILIZE  
IS NOW!**

**JOIN THE PEOPLE'S WEEK  
OF COLLECTIVE ACTIONS  
IN SEOUL, NOVEMBER**

**6 to 12, 2010**

The Korean People's G20 Response Action - a broad coalition of Korean labour unions, social movement organizations and progressive NGOs formed in order to respond to the G20 Seoul Summit - is calling upon international social movements to join the People's Week of Collective Actions in Seoul from November 6th to 12th, 2010.

We call on social movements and organizations from around the world to unite forces in solidarity with friends and comrades in Korea during the People's Week of Collective Action in Seoul.

# FORUM: G20 AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS:

Discussing the People's Alternatives to Free Trade and for System Change

## DESCRIPTION

The G20 is rapidly emerging as the new political driver of global economic governance, with its decisions and deliberations defining the course of the world economy and the future of the planet. It has already started to define which institutions will play a key role in the global governance system, reviving ones who were responsible for generating the crisis. The IMF and the WB are again imposing their structural adjustment programs - both the South and the North - forcing countries to accept even greater burdens of illegitimate debt. The G20 has also contributed to sidetracking important processes at the UN (climate negotiations and analysis of the global crisis), thereby further marginalizing the voices of the 172 countries left out of its select group. The World Trade Organization (WTO) is anxiously waiting for its cue from the G20 to relaunch negotiations. G20 leaders' quest to "trade their way out of the crisis" by pursuing further liberalisation of trade, investment, finance and public services both at the WTO and in bilateral TLCs shows that they have turned a blind eye to the role the neoliberal free trade regime has played in causing not only the financial crisis, but also the economic, food prices, climate and employment crises plaguing the peoples of the planet.

**Co-organizers** KCTU, OWINFS, LVC, EU-ASEAN FTA Network, Korean Alliance against the KORUS/KOR-EU FTA, Hemispheric Social Alliance (HSA), Friedrich Ebert Foundation

**Date** November 10th: 9 am to 5 pm

**Venue** DaSan Hall, Sogang University

9:00 **OPENING REMARKS AND**  
9:30 **INTRODUCTION**

Kim Younghoon, President of KCTU

Park Seokwoon, Korean Alliance against the KORUS/KOR-EU FTA

Henry Saragh, La Via Campesina (to be confirmed)

Tony Clarke, Polaris Institute, Canada

Facilitator: Karen Lang, OWINFS Latin America

9:30 **G20 AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC**  
11:00 **GOVERNANCE: CURRENT**  
**DYNAMICS AND PEOPLES'**  
**ALTERNATIVES**

### Panelists:

**Keynote speaker:** Pedro Paez, President of the Ecuadorian Presidential Commission for the New Regional Financial Architecture-Banco del Sur

### Responses:

Oscar Ugarteche, Institute of Economic Research, UNAM/Latindadd

**Argentina:** Maité Llanos, CTA Argentina

**Brazil:** Adhemar Mineiro, DIEESE

**India:** Kavaljit Singh, Public Interest Research Center

**South Africa:** COSATU

**Moderator:** Mary Lou Malig, LVC (to be confirmed)

**Debate in plenary**

11:00 11:15

Break

11:15  
12:45

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE G20: IS MORE FREE TRADE THE SOLUTION?**

**WTO and the crisis:** Sarah Edelman, Public Citizen

**EU – Latin America agreements:** Graciela Rodriguez, REBRIP/ASC

**EU – Asia agreements:** Joseph Purugganan, Focus on the Global South/EU-ASEAN FTA network

**Korea-US FTA:** Professor Lee Haeyoung, Korean Alliance against KORUS/KOR-EU FTA

**Moderator:** Josua Mata, Alliance of Progressive Labour

12:45 13:45

Lunch

13:45  
15:45

**PEOPLE’S STRATEGIES AND ALTERNATIVES**

(These strategy sessions will be held simultaneously)

• **G20, CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRADE**

Tony Clarke, Polaris Institute  
Alejandro Villamar, RMALC  
Tom Kucharz, Ecologistas en Accion/S2B (moderator)  
Hyunwoo, Lee, Energy and Climate Change Institution for Just transition

• **G20, TRADE AND THE FINANCIAL CRISIS: DISCUSSING FINANCIAL REFORM AND PEOPLE’S ALTERNATIVES**

**FTT campaign:** Peter Wahl, WEED  
**Commodities speculation:** Soren Ambrose, ActionAid  
**New Regional Financial Architecture:** Pedro Paez, President of the Ecuadorian Presidential Commission for the New Regional Financial Architecture– Banco del Sur  
**Debt:** María Lourdes Nuera Tabios, Jubilee South Asia  
**Moderators:** Amélie Cannone, ATTAC France

• **G20, TNCS, TRADE AND INVESTMENTS**

**No to ICSID/Not to BITs campaign**  
Cecilia Olivet, TNI  
**U.S. Investment policies**  
Sarah Anderson, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)

**Alternative Regionalism – Latin America**

Graciela Rodriguez, ASC/Rebrip  
**Alternative Regionalism – Asia**  
Professor Lim Woon-taek, Keimyung University

**New International Regional Architecture**

Romulo Torres, Latindadd  
**Moderator:** Karen Lang, OWINFS

• **KOREA-US FTA**

Cathy Feingold, AFL-CIO  
Sarah Edelman, Public Citizen  
KCTU  
Korean Alliance against the KORUS/ KOR-EU FTA

Faced with this new and rapidly changing reality, movements fighting for truly sustainable and just alternatives must join forces to compel *all* governments to heed their demands for system change. This event aims to create a space for social movements, organizations and activists to come together to deepen our analysis on the G20 and to develop common strategies that both effectively halt the G20 from advancing the corporate agenda and enable us to take clear steps together in the transition towards sustainable models for the peoples based on social and climate justice.

16:00 - 17:00

**PLENARY: REPORTS FROM GROUPS AND FINAL REMARKS**

**Moderators:** Tony Clarke, Cecilia Olivet

# A CALL TO SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD TO PROTEST THE G20 SUMMIT IN SEOUL

20 COUNTRIES ALONE CANNOT DEFINE THE DESTINY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD FOR SYSTEM CHANGE AND AN END TO BUSINESS AS USUAL, LET'S BUILD ANOTHER WORLD!

**THE PEOPLE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THE CRISIS.**

Join the People's Week of Collective Actions in Seoul, November 6 to 12, 2010

## BACKGROUND

The financial earthquake that hit at the end of 2008 - the most recent expression of the grave systemic crisis of the neo-liberal capitalist model (also manifested by the climate, food prices, energy and employment crises, plus relentless poverty) - continues to spread throughout the world, showing its tragic face to the peoples in both the rich and poor countries of the planet.

Global powers reacted immediately to the crisis, coordinating their efforts to save the system, which, as the crisis clearly shows, is responsible for growing inequality and poverty in the world. The leaders of the most powerful countries united in the G8<sup>1</sup> decided to give a new configuration to the G20<sup>2</sup> by inviting the Heads of State of this select group of large and <emerging> economies to join them and Finance ministers at G20 summits. Claiming to be the premier forum for global economic governance, the revamped and strengthened version of the G20 seeks to establish itself as the centre of global power, turning its back on the other 172 countries in the United Nations that, coincidentally, just happen to be, for the most part, the world's poorest.

The inclusion of "emerging" countries of the Global South is not a sign of the G8 altruistically consulting and joining hands with the developing countries, but rather a change in its tactics. The G8 decided to include these developing countries in

its exclusive club in order to 1) effectively prevent South-South alliances from developing further and stifle criticisms of the neo-liberal model, 2) shore up the G8's dwindling legitimacy and 3) gain access to foreign exchange reserves accumulating in the "emerging" countries. By acquiring access to foreign exchange reserves in global south countries, the 'old' powers of the G-8 were able to temporarily salvage the financial system from collapse and revive the ailing International Monetary Fund and other International Financial Institutions. In turn, these reinvigorated IFIs have since gone on the offensive again with their structural adjustment programs, this time not only in the South, but also in the North.

Inclusion however does not mean equal participation. As can be seen, the real decision-making powers remain with the former G8 and their corporations. Furthermore, expansion does not also translate into legitimacy. The G20 is just as equally illegitimate and undemocratic as the G8. It is a non-elected and non-representative body that does not and should not represent nor decide on the economic and political directions of the entire world.

1 Countries participating in the G8 are: Canada, United States, UK, France, Japan, Germany, Italy and Russia.

2 G8 countries + Brasil, Argentina, South Africa, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Australia, China, South Korea, India, Indonesia, Turkey and the EU.



And just like the G8, the G20's real aim is not to solve the crisis, but rather to revive the neo-liberal regime. The G20's "active" measures to supposedly save all the world's economies betray its true agenda and interests. Ideas initially introduced in its debates (namely the proposals for financial transaction taxes and measures to control tax havens) have been replaced by a push for fiscal austerity policies, further trade and investment liberalization and the fostering of new business and even more financial speculation through the promotion of false market solutions for the climate crisis, namely carbon trading. Even its financial reforms impose no real democratic control and accountability over the operations of banks or multinational corporations.

Against all the evidence of a failed economic model, which not only has plunged millions of people worldwide into poverty (including many of the people living in G20 countries) but also continues to contribute daily to the destruction of the very basis of life on the planet, the G20 governments continue to promote business as usual.

To make matters worse, the G20 — which originally emerged to contain the crisis — now aims to transform itself into the political space with the power to define the course of the world economy and governance, continuously broadening its agenda to include issues such as climate change, subsidies to fossil fuels and even development aid, while doing little of real substance in these areas. And with the World Trade Organization (WTO) bogged down in stalled negotiations, it is evident that countries are focusing their efforts more and more on the G20, which has increasingly become the centre of debate and decisions on issues of the global economy.

## OUR DEMANDS

We, social movements and organizations, must halt the G20's agenda and undemocratic process, while continuing to build from below socially and ecologically sustainable and democratic alternatives.

We demand:

- a change in the economic model, which implies putting an end to neo-liberalism and moving towards a new model based on systemic change and for the benefit and well-being of all peoples in the world (rather than corporate profits), including the adoption of bold economic strategies to create decent jobs, as well as a new international financial architecture;
- a halt to market based "solutions" for climate change and the anti-democratic Copenhagen Accord (a clear step backwards from the positive aspects of the Kyoto Protocol), and the immediate adoption of profound changes to our current system of production, distribution and consumption;
- an end to a global food system based on price speculation by agribusiness corporations and its replacement by a system of food production and distribution that supports small farmers and promotes food sovereignty;
- a suspension of trade negotiations at the WTO and of bi-regional or bilateral free trade and investment regimes until a new international agreement has been reached on trade and investment rules based on truly just and sustainable development for all.

Movements fighting for democratic alternatives and social and climate justice must unite to demand real change and denounce the G20 as a threat to the people of the world and an emerging target for disputing global power.



**Our World is Not For Sale.**  
**STOP corporate globalization.**

# EVERYONE TO SEOUL TO STOP THE CORPORATE AGENDA: END BUSINESS AS USUAL AND WORK TOWARDS SYSTEM CHANGE!!

## List of signatories

### Regional and International Networks

Asian Peasant Coalition (Asia); Africa Europe Faith & Justice Network (AEFJN) (International); Agriculture and Trade Working Group of the Hemispheric Social Alliance (Latin America); Agribusiness Action Initiatives in Latin America (Latin America); Asian Pacific Research Network (Asia Pacific); EU-ASEAN FTA Network (Asia); Focus on the Global South (Asia); Hemispheric Social Alliance (Americas); International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN) (International); Jubilee South Americas Americas; La Via Campesina (International); Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (Latindadd) (Latin America); NouSud (International); Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo (PIDHDD) (Latin America); Social Watch (International); Seattle to Brussels Network (S2B) (Europe); World March of Women (International)

### National organizations, networks and movements

21st Century Korean University Student Association; Action for Energy Justice; Agenda de Mujeres de Desamparados - ACAMUDE; Alianza Social Continental Capítulo Perú; Alianza Social Continental Centroamérica; All Nepal Peasants Federation; All Together Alliance for Responsible Trade (ART); Alliance of Progressive Labour (APL); Alternative Forum of University Students; ATTAC Argentina; ATTAC Austria; ATTAC Catalunya; ATTAC France; ATTAC Germany; ATTAC Japan; ATTAC Norway; ATTAC Québec; ATTAC Spain; ATTAC Vlaanderen; Basic Income Korean Network; Bharatiya Krishak Samaj Bia'lii, Asesoría e Investigación, A.C.; Brazilian Network for the Integration of the People (Rebrip); Brazilian Network on Multilateral Financial Institutions (Rede Brasil); Center for Education and Communication (CEC); Center for Energy Politics (CEP); Center of Concern; Centro de Investigación Sobre Inversión y Comercio, CEICOM; Chile Sustentable; Citizen's Coalition for Economic Justice; Citizen's Movement for Environmental Justice; Civil Society Network for Financial regulation and taxation on speculative capital; Civil Society Organisation Network in Korea; Coalition of Commemorating Groups for Martyrs and Victims Democratic Movement MINGAHYU Human Rights Group; Colectivo de Estudio y Vivencia Intercultural Nexos Culturales; Colectivo de Mujeres Acción Política por la Equidad (APE); Colibri e.V, Beitraege fuer ein Menschenwuerdige Welt; Comisión Nacional de Enlace (CNE); Common Frontiers; Consejo de Investigaciones e Información en Desarrollo (CIID); Corea Institute for New Society; Corporate Europe Observatory; Council of Canadians; CRBM-Mani Tese; Democratic Labor Party-Korea (DLP-Korea); Ditsó; Ecologistas en Acción; Ecuador Decide; Energy & Climate Policy Institute for Just Transition (ECPJ); Fair; Farmers Pharmacy; Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ; Federation of Independent Trade Unions and NGOs (FITUN); FOCO Foro Ciudadano de

Participacion por la Justicia y los Derechos Humanos; Foro de Mujeres Afrodescendientes; Foro de mujeres de Occidente; Fundacion Solon; Global Call to Action Against Poverty Korea (GCAP-Korea); Green Korea United; IBON Foundation; Imagine Institute; Iniciativa Paraguaya de Integración de los Pueblos; Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS); Institute for Global Justice; Institute for Global Political Economy; Institute for New World; Institute for Research in Collaborationist Activities; Institute of 21st Century Korea Research; Joint Committee with Migrants in Korea (JCMK); Jubilee South Brasil; Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP); Korea Alliance of Progressive Movements; Korea Federation for Environment Movement (KFEM) / FOE Korea; Korea Labor & Social Network on Energy; Korea NGO's Energy Network; Korea Progressive Academy Council; Korean Clerical and Financial Workers Association; Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU); Korean Federation of Medical Groups for Health Rights; Korean Peasants' League (KPL); Korean People's Solidarity Against Poverty; Korean Urban Poor Association; Korean Women Peasant Association; Korean Women's Alliance; Korean Women's Association United (KWAU); La Unidad Ecológica Salvadoreña - UNES; Labour Human Rights Centre; Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre; Marcha Mundial de las Mujeres Perú; Migrant Workers Rights Watch, Korea; Movimiento Social Nicaraguense Otro Mundo es Posible; NANUMMUNHWA\_ Global Peace Activities; National Association of Professors for Democratic Society (NAPDS); National Democratic Association of Street Vendors; National Students March; Network for Women Rights; New Community Institute; New Progressive Party-Korea (NPP-Korea); "No to War, Yes to Peace" Coalition; Observatorio de la Deuda en la Globalización (ODG); Oilfields Workers' Trade Union (OWTU); People not Profit; People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD); People's Solidarity for Social Progress (PSSP); Platform for Alternative Development (PAPDA); Polaris Institute; Progressive Strategy Council; PUMALAG (Peoples Network against Liberalization of Agriculture); Red Costarricense de Agendas Locales de Mujeres- REDCALM; Red de Acción Ciudadana Frente al Libre Comercio e Inversiones SINTI TECHAN; Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio (RMALC); Resistance and Solidarity against Agrochemical TNCs (RESIST Network); Revolutionary Workers' Front; Serikat Petani Indonesia; Servicio Paz y Justicia Paraguay; Sindicato de Profesores de Nova Friburgo e Região; Socialist Party-Korea (SP-Korea); Solidarité; Solidarity for Street Vendors and Informal Workers; SpecWatch Korea; Students' Alliance against G20; Students Supporting Committee for Prisoners of Conscience; Tanggol Magsasaka (Peasant Network for Land, Justice and Human Rights); The Committee for a Socialist Workers' party (CSWP); Transnational Institute (TNI); Transparency International Korea; War on Want; Workers Institute of Social Science, South Korea; World Development Movement; Youth & Student Alliance for Implementation of June 15 Joint Declaration.