

MAKE HUNGER HISTORY

Saturday 2nd July, 9:30 - 11:00am, Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place

SPEAKERS: **Devinder Sharma**, National Kisan Panchayat, India; **Colin Tudge**, author of "*So shall we Reap*"; **Martin Palmer** and **Vicky Findlay**, Alliance of Religions and Conservation; **Rebecca Musyoka**, Kenya Small Scale Farmers Forum; **Jonas Yogo**, Farmer and President of the Chamber of Agriculture and **Alain Sanou**, executive secretary of CODDE, Burkina Faso; **Christopher Jones**, Agricultural Christian Fellowship & Farm Crisis Network; **Richard Frazer**, Greyfriars Kirk; Chair: **Patrick Mulvany**, UK Food Group.

Global hunger is increasing – more than 850 million people go to bed hungry each night – because of:

- **unfair food TRADE rules**
- **crippling farm DEBT**
- **declining AID to sustainable food production**

These are causing the **elimination** of the **smallholder farmers, livestock keepers** and **fisherfolk** worldwide who provide us with good food and protect our fragile environment.

Join us in a call to G8 to implement Millennium Development Goal 1 - to reduce hunger by half - through supporting small-scale food producers, their local markets and making agricultural trade fair; eliminating crippling farm debt; and significantly increasing aid to sustainable production: to MAKEHUNGERHISTORY.

Seminar organised by Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh and UK Food Group ukfg@ukfg.org.uk

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What Farmers and their Organisations are saying:

"It would be a sad irony if at the same time as doing so much to alleviate poor countries' debts you talked the World out of taking agriculture seriously."

Letter to Tony Blair from **Christopher Jones, UK Farmer, and Richard Frazer, Greysfriars Kirk.**

"A mi me gustaria que se mantenga la agricultura; que se sigan produciendo alimentos sanos, diversos, suficientes para toda la poblacion". (I would like agriculture to survive; so that we can continue to produce healthy, diverse, sufficient food for everyone.) **Marcial Lopez, Nicaraguan farmer***

"My vision of food and farming futures is simple: a farming that is not dependent on external inputs, is self-regenerative, can provide multiple securities to people. Multiple in terms of food, fodder, fuel, fibre, nutrition, livelihood and ecological security."

P V Satheesh, Deccan Development Society, India*

** from an electronic conference on the Future of Food and Small Scale Producers organised by IIED, CIIR, Small and Family Farms Alliance, the UK Food Group and TEBTEBBA*

"Le marché mondial ne peut éradiquer la faim et la pauvreté" (The world market cannot eradicate hunger and poverty). Message to Prime Minister Blair and members of G8 from **ROPPA, the West African Network of Smallholder Farmers' Organisations and Agricultural Producers.**

New agricultural policies are needed that increase democracy in localised food systems - Food Sovereignty policies – to ensure that 6.5 billion people today and 9 billion tomorrow are provided with sufficient, healthy food. These policies will:

- regulate international trade in favour of local markets, farmers and consumers;
- implement the fundamental Right to Food for all peoples and ensure Farmers' Rights;
- ensure equitable access to land, waters, GM-free seeds, livestock breeds and agricultural biodiversity for threatened farmers, herders and fisherfolk and landless families;
- promote sustainable, GM-free, localised food production, agroecology and sustainable fisheries.

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