

# PACT FOR THE EARTH

*Terra Viva, Earth Democracy:  
One Planet, One Humanity*

## **Terra Viva – A people’s pact to protect the planet & each other**

*Humanity stands at the edge of an abyss. We have destroyed the planet, its biodiversity, water and the climate, and through this destruction, the ecological context for our survival as a species. Ecological destruction and resource grab are generating conflicts, which are being accelerated into full blown wars and violence. A context of fear and hate is overtaking the human imagination. We need to sow the seeds of peace -peace with the earth and each other, and in so doing, create hope for our future - as one humanity and as part of one Earth community .*

- 1) We commit ourselves to protect our soils and biodiversity because in living soil lies the prosperity and security of civilization.
- 2) Our seeds and biodiversity, our soils and water, our air, atmosphere and climate are a commons. We do not accept the enclosure and privatization of our commons. We will defend and reclaim them through care, cooperation and solidarity.
- 3) Seed Freedom and Biodiversity is the Foundation of Food Freedom and Climate Resilience. We commit ourselves to defending seed freedom as the freedom of diverse species to evolve, in integrity, self-organisation, and diversity.
- 4) We do not accept Industrial Agriculture as a solution to the climate crisis and hunger. We do not recognize false solutions to climate change such as geo engineering, “climate smart” agriculture, genetic engineered “improved” seeds, or “sustainable intensification”.
- 5) We commit ourselves to practice and protect small-scale ecological agriculture and we will support and create local food systems, because these can feed the world while cooling the planet.
- 6) We commit ourselves to resisting the attempts to push new ‘free’ trade agreements which are based on corporate rights and corporate personhood. Corporations are legal entities to whom society gives permission to exist within limits of social, ecological, and ethical responsibility. Corporations having responsibility for climate change are subject to the Polluter Pays Principle.
- 7) Local living economies protect the earth, create meaningful work, and provide for our needs and wellbeing. We will not participate in production and consumption systems, including industrial food and agriculture, that destroy the Earth’s ecological processes, her soils and biodiversity and displace and uproot millions from the land.
- 8) We commit ourselves to creating participatory, living democracies, and resist all attempts to hijack our democracies through powerful interests. We will organise on the principles of sharing, inclusion, diversity, and the duty to care for the planet and each other.
- 9) We make a pact to live consciously as Earth Citizens recognizing that the Earth Community includes all species and all peoples in their rich and vibrant diversity.
- 10) We will continue to plant gardens of hope everywhere, and sow the seeds of change that will lead to a new Earth Democracy based on justice, dignity, sustainability and peace.

*This pact was first initiated on 9 November 2015 at the launch of a Citizens’ Garden in the Jardin Marcotte in Paris, together with Navdanya, Solidarité, AMAP Ile de France Network, the Cultures en Herbes, and the Mayor of Paris 11.*

*Sign the Pact:*

[www.seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/](http://www.seedfreedom.info/campaign/pact-for-the-earth/)