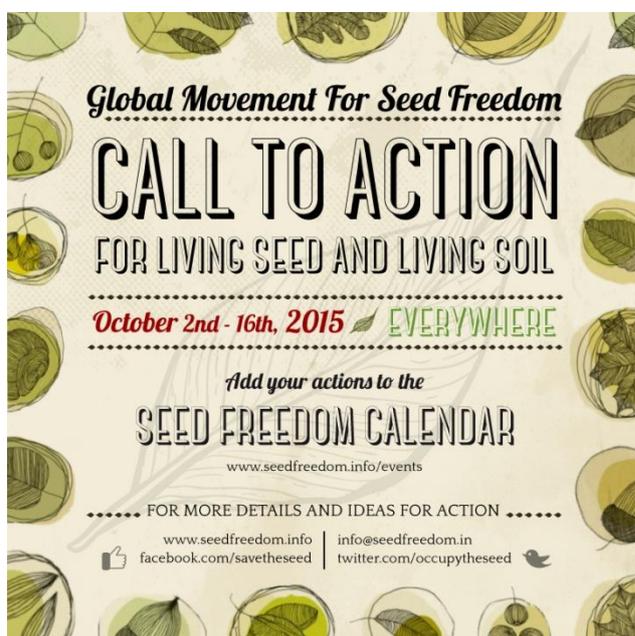


## Call to Action for Living Seed and Living Soil — 2015

2 - 16 October 2015 – Extended: September - October  
Everywhere



The [Global Movement for Seed Freedom](#) invited everyone to join people and communities around the globe, to celebrate our seeds, our soils, our land, our territories, and to create an Earth Democracy based on [Living Seed, Living Soil](#), healthy communities and living economies.

We believe that [in the seed and the soil we find the answers to every one of the crises we face](#). The crisis of hunger and disease, the crisis of violence and war; the crisis of the destruction of democracy.

We care for Life and we believe in the power of caring. We will build living economies, we will become the change we want to see. With our love: for biodiversity, for the soil, for the Earth, and for fellow human beings.

### Campaign page:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/call-to-action-for-living-seed-and-living-soil-2015/>

### Dr Vandana Shiva's video message:

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/biNnaoat-I>

Text and video translated in 10 other languages:

[Spanish](#), [Italian](#), [Greek](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#), [Croatian](#), [German](#), [Indonesian](#), [Korean](#), [Japanese](#)

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Calendar.

No. Events 2 – 16 October

No Events: 89

No. Events September - October

No Events: 153

No. Countries: 31

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/categories/2015-call-to-action/>

Events submitted by individuals and Organisations and published on Seed Freedom Events Map/Calendar. No. Events 2015 (January – December) – Ongoing Campaign

No. Events: 326

No Countries: 38

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events-calendar-list-2015/>

Promoted through Social Media: <http://on.fb.me/1hFMdMz>

**CALL TO ACTION FOR SEED AND FOOD FREEDOM**

Join your Borneo Shire community for our spring edition of **Seed, Plant, Skill, Film + more COMMUNITY SHARING**

**SAT OCT 3**

**ARRIVE 2PM**  
Farm Tours  
Skill Sharings  
Shared Community Picnic  
Open-Air Film Screening  
Seed + Plant Sharing Circle  
Kids Activities  
Live Music  
END 8PM

LOCATION: WEST END BARRACKS - 500 VIMBORI PIKE, 10 PUGHBY ST W, PUGHBY WA 6052

Community gardeners  
Join us for a

**SEED SOIREE**  
Bring seeds to share

Cygnnet Community Garden  
Central Commercial Road, Main Rd Cygnnet  
Park in Burtens Reserve and walk across the road  
9:30 Sunday 13 October 2015

3:00 Tour of Garden - Seed Swap  
4:00 Welcome to Current Community Gardeners, John Pitt and Co.  
Introduction, garden overview, drinks and nibbles with Celia  
Share your stories with @Gardens WA, Urban Farming Tasmania

For further info and to register by 9 Oct  
Email: [seedsoiree@cygnnet.com.au](mailto:seedsoiree@cygnnet.com.au)  
or call 081 636 1188

United Movement for Seed Freedom  
**CALL TO ACTION**  
FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL

**Festival de Semillas**  
14 al 17 de octubre  
entrada libre

Organizado por:  
Semillas Libres  
Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres

Detalles:  
del 14 al 17 de octubre  
de 10:00 a 18:00 hrs  
en el Jardín Botánico de la Universidad de Chile  
Calle 1300, Santiago, Chile

Movimento Global pela Liberdade das Sementes

**CONVOCATORIA PARA A AÇÃO**  
PELAS SEMEAS VIVAS E PELO SOLO VIVO

em 2, 15 e 16 Outubro, 2015 em TODO O MUNDO

CALENDARIO DAS SEMEAS LIVRES  
[www.seedsfreedom.info/eveas](http://www.seedsfreedom.info/eveas)

No encontro e no solo encontramos o respeito a todos os seres vivos que nos rodeiam. Através da semente e do solo, a vida se renova e se desenvolve, a partir do trabalho da diversidade.

Yoshiko Okawa

Movimento global pour la liberté des semences

**APPEL A L'ACTION**  
pour des sols et des semences vivants

Nous répondons à l'appel de Seed Freedom

Chaque jour grandiront:  
19 Sept @ Miranides  
20 Sept @ Le Rochdale  
21 Sept @ AYTOS  
22 Sept @ LAGARD  
23 Sept @ PAIN  
24 Sept @ PAIN  
25 Sept @ PAIN  
26 Sept @ PAIN  
27 Sept @ PAIN  
28 Sept @ PAIN  
29 Sept @ PAIN  
30 Sept @ PAIN



Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres

**CONVOCATORIA PARA LA ACCIÓN**  
POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

17 y 18 Octubre 2015 en CAMPO DE BELLAVISTA  
de 10:00 a 15:00 y de 17:00 a 19:00 h  
Lugar: Barrio Grande, Valparaíso, Chile

INTERCAMBIO DE SEMILLAS ESPÁÑOLAS  
SEMILLAS NATIVAS LOCALES  
Y SEMILLAS PATRIAS CON PROPIETARIOS INDIVIDUALES  
COLLECTIVOS DE SIEMBRAS  
Y PRODUCTORES DE SEMILLAS

**Fall Harvest Seed Swap**

Saturday Oct 3 11am-2pm  
Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
( Hwy 522, just north of the blinking light intersection )

Seeds, snacks, and gardening! Share, learn and have fun!

\*Sewer's Garden Seeds on sale 11/packet! \* Stock up! - Prices are going up next year.

If you have seed you'd like to donate, please call Neri, 579.730.5959 - Thank you!

[www.veerlyseed.com](http://www.veerlyseed.com)

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Organic Seed Swap and supplies, seedlings, compost, Amazing recycled garden ideas, Talks, Music, Food

**SEED FREEDOM**

**OCTOBER**

Elukholweni Farm School Seaview Rd

Oct 16-17, 2015  
**#FOODJUSTICE MARCH**

Join the Food Justice Coalition

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO DC**

Join the Food Justice Coalition

Gemeinsam stark für **Lebendige Saat und lebende Böden**

North Loch 70 - Tag und YES Saaten- und Pflanzen-Tauschmarkt

am 10. Oktober 2015 - 11 bis 17 Uhr

**LEBEN findet STADT**

Global Movement For Seed Freedom

**CALL TO ACTION**  
FOR LIVING SEED AND LIVING SOIL

October 2nd - 11th, 2015 EVERYWHERE

Join your efforts in the **SEED FREEDOM CALENDAR**

March Against Monsanto supports the Call to Action for Living Seed and Living Soil

As part of the global activities, we will be joining Global Movement of Seed Freedom through activities in Washington DC, and cities across the world

Αθήνα Αθήνα για τον Οκτώβριο τον Σεπτέμβριο  
- 14 Σεπτεμβρίου 2015  
Seed Freedom International

**ΜΑΡΤΕ** για την ελευθερία των σπόρων

Ομάδα Σποροφυλάκων Αττικής

Organización para Estudios Tropicales  
Linea de Biotecnología 1001

El Programa de Extensión y Educación Ambiental y le invita a unirse al

Movimiento Global por las Semillas Libres  
**CONVOCATORIA PARA LA ACCIÓN**  
POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

Intercambio de plantas nativas y semillas criollas

13 y 14 de octubre 2015  
7-00 am a 2:00 pm  
Jardín Botánico Wilson

**10일행동**  
생명의 나무  
10월 10일

생명의 나무  
10월 10일

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10월 10일

**ससों बढ़ेगा, किसान बढ़ेगा**  
**बिहार एवं झारखण्ड यात्रा**

दिनांक - 6 से 12 अक्टूबर 2015 तक।

आरोग्यकर्म : नवधरणा एवं माणसली

**JORNADA GLOBAL DE ACCIÓN POR LAS SEMILLAS LIBRES**

Per una verdadera agricultura SUSTENTABLE, ORGÁNICA Y NO DEPENDIENTE

**EL BLOQUEO CONTRA MONSANTO**

17 y 18 Oct

**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GHANA**

**DAVID CAN STILL BEAT GOLIATH!!!**

JOIN US IN COURT!

**1° FESTIVAL DELLA TERRA**

FESTA DEL BIODISTRETTO SAN GIMIGNANO

San Gimignano sabato 31 Ottobre domenica 1 Novembre

**BIODISTRETTO SINGIMIGNANO**

**EQUO mondo**

Movimento Global por las Semillas Libres

**JORNADA POR LA LIBERTAD DE LAS SEMILLAS Y LA SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA.**

POR LAS SEMILLAS VIVAS Y EL SUELO VIVO

16 de Octubre 2015

PROGRAMA DE ACTIVIDADES

10:00 Insignias  
10:30 Paseo por el jardín de la Universidad de Chile  
11:00 "La semilla y el suelo: un viaje de la vida" - Juan Pablo Saldaña  
11:30 "Nuestro patrimonio genético" - Juan Pablo Saldaña  
12:00 Tiempo de comida orgánica  
13:00 Asesoría genética: "Nuestro patrimonio genético"  
14:00 14:30 "Mesa de Trabajo: Semillas y Suelo" - Juan Pablo Saldaña

La Semilla Campesina y las Abejas ¡en peligro!!

Conversatorio en PAINE en adhesión al día Internacional de la Soberanía Alimentaria

Sábado 10 de octubre, 11 a 12 am

Mercado Agroecológico, Plaza de Champ

Con la participación de Lacta Sepúlveda, por YNGT en Chile

**YO NO SOY TRANSGÉNICO**

**SEMINIAMO IL FUTURO**

18 ottobre 2015 - dalle ore 10.00

Il Biotocollo

Il Biotocollo è un documento che definisce i criteri di selezione e di coltivazione delle varietà di sementi da utilizzare in agricoltura biologica. È un documento che definisce i criteri di selezione e di coltivazione delle varietà di sementi da utilizzare in agricoltura biologica. È un documento che definisce i criteri di selezione e di coltivazione delle varietà di sementi da utilizzare in agricoltura biologica.

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## Significant Events

### Event

## Seed Freedom Food Festival

26 September 2015

Adelaide, Australia



### More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-freedom-food-festival-2015/>

### Video:

- ✓ [https://youtu.be/3C9d\\_GUEam4](https://youtu.be/3C9d_GUEam4)

## Event

# Vasundhara: National Gathering of Farmers — Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya

29 - 30 September 2015

Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India



Vasundhara festival is a celebration of Prithvi, Earth goddess and hopes to reconnect the participants with the ancient teachings enshrined in the Indian tradition.

On the first day, farmers from India and other parts of the the world – converging at Navdanya for ‘Vasundhara’ – celebrated the ‘Day Of Corn’ in solidarity with all defenders of indigenous, renewable, open pollinated corn seed globally and in particular with Mexico where corn diversity and the ‘[Día del Maíz](#)’ first started, centuries ago.

Farmers exchanged Corn Seeds with farmers from over 10 countries at the National Organic Farmers’ gathering at Navdanya to commit themselves to Seed Freedom announcing that no law, no corporate power will come in the way of their duty to protect the Living Seed. Navdanya together with Regeneration International and IFOAM Organics International renewed the Pledge for Seed Freedom.

The second day of Vasundhara festival began with over 300 farmers from all over India dividing into regional groups to discuss Anna Swaraj 2020. The Anna Swaraj 2020 vision is call for farmers to unite and demand independence from the agro-chemical companies, suicides and debt. During the two hour meeting, they discussed solutions to current agrarian crisis such as soil degradation, loss of pollinators, drought, debt etc. Afterwards farmers pledged their commitment to Bija swaraj, Bhu swaraj, Jal and Van swaraj

### More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/vasundhara-national-gathering-of-farmers/>

### Farmers celebrate the Day of Corn at Navdanya [Video]

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/farmers-celebrate-the-day-of-corn-at-navdanya/>

### Vasundhara Festival - Day Two

- ✓ <http://navdanya.org/news/526-vasundhara-festival-2015>

### ANNA SWARAJ (Food Sovereignty) 2020

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/anna-swaraj-food-sovereignty-2020/>

## Event

# Bhoomi Maati Maa: the Festival of The Living Soil

1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

India International Centre, New Delhi, India



**Bhoomi-2015**  
**Maati Maa**  
The Festival of The Living Soil

Navdanya and India International Centre invite you to a day-long festival, featuring panels, theatre, films, songs and dinner.\*

Venue:  
Main Auditorium  
India International Centre  
40 Maxmueller Marg, Lodhi Road  
New Delhi - 110 003

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015  
Time: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
\*on prior booking only

India International Centre NAVDANYA

**Bhoomi-2015: MAATI MA – The Festival of The Living Soil**

All day Art Exhibits on The Living Soil in Gandhi King Plaza

10:00-10:15 am Welcome Address by Ms. Maya Goburdhun, Trustee, Navdanya  
Book release of *Bhoomi: The Living Soil*

10:15-10:30 am Invocation by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer

10:30-10:40 am Lighting of the Lamp

10:40-01:30 pm Session 1: The Living Soil  
Film on The Living Soil by The Tadpole Artists Collective  
Panel on The Science of the Living Soil  
Theatrical performance on "H R M Lumbricus Terrestris - The Earthworm, King of Edaphon"

01:30-02:30 pm **Lunch**

02:30-03:30 pm Theatre performance by Space Theatre Ensemble

03:30-04:30 pm Session 2: The Culture of The Living Soil

04:30-05:30 pm Session 3: The Living Soil & Earth Democracy  
Book Release of Hindi Translation of *Terra Viva*

05:30-06:00 pm **Tea**

06:00-08:00 pm Cultural Evening: Music from the Soil  
Gede Robi Supriyanto Indonesian rock musician, activist, writer and farmer.  
Songs celebrating the Living Soil by Ms. Vidya Rao, renowned Thumri, Classical Singer  
Tenzin Choegyal, Tibetan Australian musician

08:30 pm **Dinner: Navarasa- The Diverse Colours, Aromas & Tastes of Food (on prior registration)**

In this Year of Soil, Navdanya - in collaboration with India International Centre - organized the annual festival Bhoomi. , dedicated to *Maati Maa*, the ever nurturing Living Soil.

A day long festival, featuring panel discussions and the Culture of Soil, then theater, film, music and an exhibition.

### More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/bhoomi-maati-maa-the-festival-of-living-soil/>

### Related Campaign:

#### 'Terra Viva' — Our Soil, Our Commons, Our Future:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/terra-viva-our-soil-our-commons-our-future/>

## Event

### Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra

“A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil”

2 – 5 October 2015

Maharashtra – Madhya Pradesh, India

### Touch the Earth: A Soil Pilgrimage

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

October second is the anniversary of Gandhi's birth. Gandhi's philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence) is the inspiration behind Navdanya's work creating non-violent agriculture.

The soil pilgrimage will leave on October second (the day of Gandhi's birth) for Gandhi's Ashram, Seva Gram, Wardha, where Gandhi moved in 1934 to strengthen the freedom movement in India. This movement was based on peaceful non-cooperation with the British Empire and constructive action based on Swadeshi-economy, freedom and democracy.

Gandhi brought India freedom through the power of non-violence and the spinning wheel. We will gather at his hut to take a pledge to build a non-violent relationship with the soil.

We will also visit Vinoba Bhave Ashram, Patnar, Vinoba one of Gandhi's disciples started the movement Bhu dan (gift of land) for distributing land to the poor and the landless.

Register at: [bija@navdanya.net](mailto:bija@navdanya.net)



#### Highlights of the Pilgrimage:

• Staying at the Centre of Science for Villagers, which keeps alive Gandhi's legacy of non-violence, science and technology.

• Meeting organic farmers who are rejuvenating agriculture through native seeds and ecological practices.

• Attending a conference on Howard & Living Soil which is being organized by local movements to in celebration of the Year of Soil.

• Visiting the Sarafa, one of the most inspiring indigenous food markets in the world.

A- 60 Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110016  
91-11-26968077  
[www.navdanya.org](http://www.navdanya.org)



Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, Dr Vandana Shiva, along with international organic farmers, students and activist started on a three day soil pilgrimage to Central India.

Key speakers at the events were Dr Vandana Shiva, Ronnie Cummins, founder & director Organic Consumers Association (OCA), Dr Will Allen, writer War on Bugs & Anthropologist, Andre Leu, President IFOAM, M.N. Khadse, Director of Dhara Mitra, Vani Hari, food activist, who gave a reading of [Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge](#).

The group also visited farmers in the Wardha region.

The second day of the pilgrimage October 3rd, Navdanya hosted a seminar at the Centre for Science in Villages, Wardha. This seminar was dedicated to the living soil and had presentations by agricultural experts, along with local farmers and activists.

On October 4th, the group went to Indore to pay their respect to the memory of Sir Albert Howard, who made the Indian pest and peasant his teacher and wrote the Agricultural Testament in honour of the farming practices of India. At Indore, Navdanya organised an exhibition and a seminar to discuss the issues threatening our sacred soils.

### Gandhi-Howard Soil Pledge

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/gandhi-howard-soil-pledge/>

**Touch the Earth – Soil Yatra — “A pilgrimage towards a nonviolent relationship with soil”**  
By Dr Vandana Shiva — The Asian Age, 8 October 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/touch-the-earth-soil-yatra-a-pilgrimage-towards-a-nonviolent-relationship-with-soil/>

### Slideshow

- ✓ <http://bit.ly/1PH91EN>

## Event

# Madre Tierra International Festival and creation of Red Semillas de Libertad (Latin America Seed Freedom Network)

2 – 4 October 2015

Tarqui, Azuay, Ecuador



More than 1.500 people gathered in the little town of Tarqui, in the south of Ecuador, to celebrate life with a series of workshops, music, theatre, documentary screenings, a fair and a seed exchange. Participants came from all the regions of Ecuador, including native communities, farmers, fishermen, students, activists, etc. and from 9 other countries of the Americas.

After the Festival, representatives from seed networks of the Americas gathered for two days for a General Assembly, to discuss common agendas and strategies. 10 countries and one international body were present: Chile, Argentina, Brasil, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, México, native peoples from North America and Navdanya International. The main results of the meeting where:

- The creation of the Red Semillas de Libertad (Seeds of Freedom Network of the Americas), an international network of seed guardians created to answer the need of communication, experience sharing and strategic planning at the continental level.
- Scheduling the next meeting of the RSL in Mexico, 2016.
- The agreement that the RSL members will provide support to each other, exchanging knowledge and experiences as needed. Special attention will be given to Brazil and Argentina, to promote the connection of local seed workers and networks at the national level in these countries.
- The decision to articulate the RSL into the Seed Freedom campaign and with other like-minded national and international bodies.

## Madre Tierra International Festival

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/festival-madre-tierra-internacional/>

## Las semillas siembran comunidad – Festival Madre Tierra Internacional

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/es/las-semillas-siembran-comunidad-festival-madre-tierra-internacional-ecuador-octubre-2015/>

## Slideshow

- ✓ <http://bit.ly/1RWe7Uf>

*Event*

## Seed, the Source of Life

3 October 2015

Port Elizabeth, South Africa



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-the-source-of-life/>

**Video:**

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/XIEJrdUCDjk>

*Event*

## The Byron Shire Community Sharing: Seeds, Plants, Skills, Knowledge, Film + more

3 October 2015

Possum Creek, Australia



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-byron-shire-community-sharing-seeds-plants-skills-knowledge-film-more/>

**Article:**

- ✓ [http://santosorganics.com.au/articles/seed\\_freedom.html](http://santosorganics.com.au/articles/seed_freedom.html)

Event

**1st Festival of Fruits in the land of Peliti**

4 October 2015  
Mesochori, Greece



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/1st-festival-of-fruits-in-the-land-of-peliti/>

**Video:**

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/Itz21g89WpQ>

Event

**Traditional Seed Saving – a symbol of the continuation of life**

4 October 2015  
Mesochori, Greece



«Πελίτι»  
Τοπική Ομάδα Νομού Κοζάνης  
Κυριακή, 04<sup>ο</sup> Οκτωβρίου 2015  
Ώρα Έναρξης: 13:00'

**Παρουσίαση Παραδοσιακών Ποικιλιών**



Από χέρι σε χέρι κι  
από καρδιά σε καρδιά

- ✓ Θα παρουσιάσουμε καρπούς από παραδοσιακές ποικιλίες \*
- ✓ Θα γευτούμε προϊόντα από αγροκτήματα φίλων του Πελιτί
- ✓ Θα ανταλλάξουμε παραδοσιακούς σπόρους

Προσκεκλημένη Ομιλήτρια η Δημοσιογράφος & Εθελόντρια  
'μεύουνη Διεθνών Σχέσεων & Θεμάτων Νομοθεσίας του Πελιτί'  
κα. Βάσω Κανελλοπούλου

Θέμα Ομιλίας:  
« Παραδοσιακοί Σπόροι.  
Ένα Σύμβολο για τη Συνέχιση της Ζωής »

Αναψυκτήριο – Πάρκο Αγίου Δημητρίου Κοζάνης  
Στρατηλατών & Κύπρου, πλησίον Αίθουσας Τέχνης

\* Στον έκθεση θα συμμετέχουν αποκλειστικά καλλιεργητές που συνεργάζονται με το Πελίτι

[www.peliti.gr](http://www.peliti.gr)  Κοινότητα Πελιτί

Είσοδος Ελεύθερη



**More information:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/traditional-seed-saving-a-symbol-of-the-continuation-of-life/>

## Mobilization Tour

### Actions for Sarson Satyagraha in Bihar and Jharkhand

6 – 11 October 2015

Bihar and Jharkhand, India



On the first day Navdanya team met with over 50 farmers in two villages, in an effort to tell them about the clouding threat of GM mustard entering the market. In turn forcing them to use only GM Mustard and abandon desi sarson.

3 Villages were visited on the second day. Villagers were very interested in the use of organic inputs instead of and not chemical fertilizer. They understood the gravity of the threat of GM mustard entering the market and their food. Some farmers are still using their traditional means of saving seeds in clay and cow dung containers.

The people of the villages visited on the third day were exposed to the use of hybrid seeds and fertilizers like DAP & urea. On the issue of sarson satyagraha they pledged to use desi and local sarson without the use of fertilizers.

On the fourth day 31 villagers participated in the meeting, and the message will be spread across 2500 people.

#### More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/actions-for-sarson-satyagraha-in-bihar-and-jharkhand/>

#### Related Campaign:

##### Sarson Satyagraha – Civil Disobedience against GMO Mustard

(Photos, video, articles):

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/sarson-satyagraha-civil-disobedience-against-gmo-mustard/>

*Event*

**Talk on Bees and Farmers' Seeds in danger**

10 October 2015

Paine, Chile



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/conversatorio-en-paine/>

*Event*

**Let's stand together for Living Seed and Living Soil**

10 October 2015

Düsseldorf, Germany



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/gemeinsam-stark-fur-lebendige-saat-und-lebende-boden/>

**Photo album:**

- ✓ <https://www.flickr.com/photos/raastah/sets/72157659696030601/>

## Event

### Learn and Act for Seed Freedom

10 October 2015

Athens, Greece



More information and photos:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/learn-and-act-for-seed-freedom/>

## Campaign

### Navdanya Campaign in support of farmers victims of BT Cotton failure in Punjab

11 October 2015 – ongoing

Punjab, India



Recently Punjab has lost 90-95 percent of its Bt Cotton to a common pest, the whitefly. 12-15 sprays of chemical pesticides have failed to control pests. An agrarian crisis now looms over the state, as farmers continue to commit suicide and police are killing protestors with bullets. Navdanya travelled to the cotton growing Malwa belt of Punjab to report the damage done by the whitefly on Bt cotton in October '15. Despite spraying pesticides 10- 15 times, 1.2 million acres

of cotton was destroyed by the whitefly, a common pest. This short film is an attempt to make the pain of the Bt Cotton farmers be heard and make the lives our farmers' lives matter.

**Video: Farmers' Lives Matter - Punjab**

Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/8R6nIUb8XR5>

**Video: Bt Cotton Seeds of Suicide**

Film and production by Shaani and Indra Shekhar Singh for Navdanya

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/>

**Campaign Page**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/campaign/no-to-bt-cotton-campaign/>

**Pests, Pesticides and Propaganda: the story of Bt Cotton**

By Dr Vandana Shiva, 10 October 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/pests-pesticides-and-propaganda-the-story-of-bt-cotton/>

**Biotech fails – farmers pay the price**

by Indra Shekhar Singh, 16 December 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/bt-cotton-seeds-of-suicide/>

*Event*

**GEE Seeds Collecting**

11 October 2015

Lund, Sweden



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/gee-seeds-collecting/>

*Event*

**Food Sovereignty Ghana goes to Court !  
Legal Action Against Commercialization of GM Crops**

12 October 2015  
Accra, Ghana



**More information:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/food-sovereignty-ghana-goes-to-court-legal-action-against-commercialisation-of-gm-crops/>

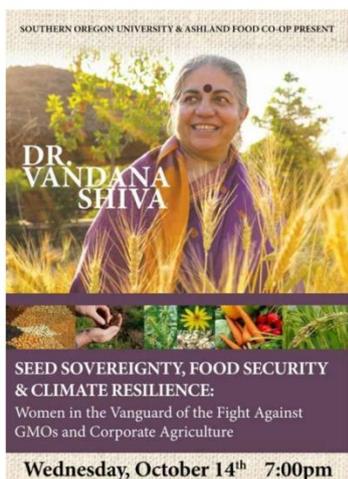
Update: **Ghana: Court Ruling On GMO Case: Why We Intend To Appeal**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/ghana-court-ruling-on-gmo-case-why-we-intend-to-appeal/>

*Event*

**Seed Sovereignty, Food Security and Climate Resilience: Women in the Vanguard**

14 October 2015  
Ashland OR, USA



The event took place in the heart of GMO Free Jackson County.

*On December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 an Oregon Federal Magistrate approved a settlement that will allow Jackson County Oregon's voter-approved law prohibiting cultivation of genetically engineered crops to stand.*

Dr Vandana Shiva's talk focused on the need for a paradigm shift away from the dominant view of industrial agriculture with its origins in war, greed, and power, to a nature focused, women-centric view based on non-violence, the recognition of the intelligence in all life and all people, and the co-creation of partnerships for the well being of all.

With scientific evidence and 30 years of experience in evolving Navdanya, Dr Shiva showed how an agriculture that respects both the earth and women, produces more food and nutrition, more health and well being, more health and higher income for women and small farmers. She believes that solutions to hunger and climate change are the same – intensification of biodiversity and ecological processes, instead of intensification of fossil fuels and toxic chemicals through GMOs.

**More information, video and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/seed-sovereignty-food-security-and-climate-resilience-women-in-the-vanguard/>

**Conference Video:**

- ✓ <http://vp.telvue.com/player?id=T01550&video=253117>

**Jackson County's Ban on Genetically Engineered Crops Will Stand!  
Federal Court Approves Settlement**

Our Family Farms Coalition, 22 December 2015

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/jackson-countys-ban-on-genetically-engineered-crops-will-stand-federal-court-approves-settlement/>

## Event

# 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions – Inaugural Women's Assembly

15 - 19 October 2015

Salt Lake City UT, USA



*The Divine Feminine and Mother Earth*  
**SHAKTI & PRAKRITI**

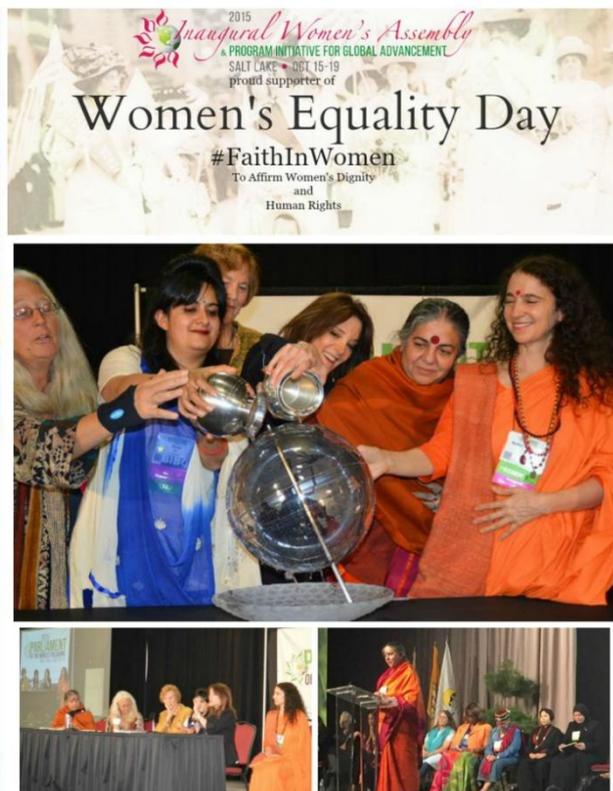
October 16  
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm  
Location: Exhibit Hall 3

Renowned environmental activist, Dr. Vandana Shiva, combines forces with acclaimed women faith leaders for a historic and interactive session on the role women are playing in protecting and restoring our environment. Now is a great tipping point in history, in which our world is becoming warmer, water resources are polluted and depleting, soil is eroding and natural disasters are becoming ever-more common. Panelists will empower the audience to seek a new balance in our spiritual and our public lives, to experience a renewal of our own creative life force and build new pathways based on respect for the Divine Feminine. Insightful details will be presented as to how audience members can inspire and launch their own programmes within their congregations and communities for the betterment of all.

Dr. Vandana Shiva, World-Acclaimed Environmentalist  
Dr. Sadhvi Bhagwati Saraswati, President, Divine Shakti Foundation  
Kiran Bali, Global Chair, United Religions Initiative  
Grove Harris, Representative to the United Nations, Temple of Understanding  
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Co-Founder, Co-Director, Yale Forum on Ecology  
Dr. Mirele Goldsmith, Environmental psychologist, educator, and activist

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#FaithInWomen  
To Affirm Women's Dignity  
and  
Human Rights



The Women's Assembly provided an important opportunity for women to address and discuss two areas of vital interest:

- the responsibility of the world's religions to affirm women's dignity and human rights
- religious and spiritual inspiration for women's empowerment

### More information:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions/>

### Photos, tweets and quotes:

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/vandana-shiva-speaks-at-2015-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions-inaugural-womens-assembly/>

## Event

# Navdanya World Food Day Celebrations and Events

15 - 19 October 2015

Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Doon Valley, Dehradun, India

Navdanya Organic Café, Dilli Haat, New Delhi, India



The first event organised by Navdanya began with over **60 organic women farmers coming together** at Navdanya farm. There were lectures and discussions on the GM Mustard issue. Women farmers shared their experience of cooking in soy oil and pledged not to let the Indian Rai (mustard) disappear. Groups of women enthusiastically took the responsibility of varieties of seeds to preserve and return next harvest season with ten times more. The farmers also discussed the Bt cotton failure in Punjab and expressed solidarity.



The second event organized by Navdanya was food awareness seminar at Jawaharlal Nehru University: “Poisons in our Food: Safety, Biosafety and Public concerns of chemical agriculture”, held by public health expert Dr Mira Shiva.

Drawing from her vast experience as the advisory committee member of Peoples’ Health Movement & former Chairperson, Health Action International Asia Pacific, she spoke to the students about the importance of food and further discuss about the health and biosafety of GMOs.

The third event was held at **Navdanya Organic Cafe at Dilli Haat, New Delhi**, where Navdanya’s organic chefs proposed India’s capital forgotten delicacies to celebrate the day in a gourmet way.



World Food  
Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>-18th, October,  
2015

Navdanya celebrates World Food Weekend.

Join us in savouring Bhoole Bisre Anaj - Forgotten Foods - like millets & pseudo-cereals, that enrich our bodies with nutrients for the changing season. Navratra fast is based on adopting these foods in our diet.

Be a Food Smart Citizen - join the Anna Swaraj Movement

Because **#farmerslivesmatter**

Singhara Halwa  
Sabudana Vada  
Sabudana Kheer  
Kuttu Pakoda  
Kuttu Puri  
Seetaphal in Rai Tadka  
Amaranth Cutlet

At Dilli Haat, Navdanya Organic Food Stall No 18, Opposite INA market.  
Contact us at: 011-24121548 [navdanya@gmail.com](mailto:navdanya@gmail.com) [www.navdanya.org](http://www.navdanya.org)

**More information and photos :**

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/navdanya-world-food-day-celebrations-and-events/>

**Video:**

✓ <https://youtu.be/Q7qDhidNuY8>

**Which Future of Food and Farming**

Reflections on World Food Day 16th October 2015  
By Dr Vandana Shiva

✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/which-future-of-food-and-farming/>

*Event*

**Food Justice March**

16 October 2015  
Washington DC, USA



**More information, videos and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/foodjustice-march/>

*Event*

**The Future of Food: From Degeneration to Regeneration**

16 October 2015  
Washington DC, USA



**More information, videos and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/the-future-of-food-from-degeneration-to-regeneration/>

**Video**

- ✓ <https://youtu.be/Sre-5qz-QB0>

*Event*

**'Semilune' and 'Amici dell'Orto 2' meeting for Seed Freedom**

18 October 2015

Bracciano, Italy



**More information and photos:**

- ✓ <http://seedfreedom.info/events/semilune-e-amici-dellorto-2-semi-ortaggi-antichi-e-tradizionali-per-seed-freedom/>