AGRA Watch Current Organizing

- Collaborating with African farmer networks and other groups to coordinate campaigning and organizing locally, nationally, internationally
- Local direct actions
- Co-organizing US-African agroecology exchanges of farmers and farmworkers
- Campaigning against Gates Foundation’s genetically engineered banana project
- Researching Gates Foundation and AGRA funding and international activities with the US and African governments and international organizations
- Participating in international conferences, including United Nations meetings, related to food and development; organizing panel events with colleagues from Europe, Asia, and Africa
- Researching Gates Foundation funding of public and land-grant university research in Global North
- Leading local workshops to build more critical perception of the corporate-driven high-tech model of agriculture

Accomplishments

- Created new networks of solidarity and cooperation with African partners
- Organized multiple actions outside of the Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, covered regularly by TV, radio and print media
- Published op-eds and contributed our research to major articles in The Nation, Third World Resurgence, YES! Magazine, the Guardian, Seattle Times
- Exposed the Gates Foundation’s $23.1 million purchase of Monsanto stock as well as numerous other connections to Monsanto
- Hosted the Africa-US Food Sovereignty Strategy Summit in October 2014
- Exposed secret meeting in London in 2015, funded by the Gates Foundation, designed to gain control over African seeds

Organize and Take Action with AGRA Watch!

- Join the AGRA Watch listserv to receive info, articles, and updates.
- Come to an AGRA Watch event!
- Help AGRA Watch spread awareness of these issues
- Intern and volunteer with us! We are seeking organizers, researchers and bloggers.

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“...”

“You come. You buy the land. You make a plan. You build a house. Now you ask me, what color do I want to paint the kitchen? This is not participation!”

— Simon Mwamba, East African Small-Scale Farmers’ Federation at a forum on AGRA
A Global Movement for Food Sovereignty

**Can Sustainability Feed the World?**

**YES!**

“Feeding the world” is less about yield than it is about the rights and power of small-scale farmers to build agricultural systems that work for them and their communities.

**RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT**

African civil society has long demanded fairer policies from the Global North: an end to colonialism, repeal of unjust agricultural subsidies, and forgiveness of debt. Africans have challenged genetic engineering and corporatization; they define development according to their own priorities, resources, cultures, and expertise. We in the Global North must recognize that we have much to learn from African farmers and food sovereignty activists.

**GLOSSARY**

**PHILANTHROCAPITALISM**

The attempt to use philanthropy to achieve market capitalist goals. Its advocates often expect financial returns or secondary benefits over the long term from their investments in social programs. Philanthropy becomes another part of the engine of profit and corporate control.

**AGROECOLOGY**

Agroecology is a science and practice defined in the daily lives of millions of families worldwide. It represents both a form of agricultural production and a process for organizing and building community self-determination. There are many highly productive agroecological methods that promote biodiversity and have been adapted to diverse growing conditions.

**FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**

“Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.”

— Declaration of Nyéléni - Selingue, Mali - 2007