Join us July 9th for SLEE!

Community Alliance for Global Justice Celebrates 15 Years of Global Justice Organizing

10th Annual SLEE Dinner
Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere!

Keynote by Anuradha Mittal, Executive Director of the Oakland Institute.

Saturday, July 9th, 2016
Happy Hour 5 - 6:30pm; Dinner 6:30 - 9pm
University Christian Church
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Tickets available June 1st
cagj.org/slee2016

Year in Review: Heather Day, CAGJ Executive Director
As much as news media is focused on the presidential elections, it’s important to remain aware of food and trade issues, which have a direct impact on our health and livelihood. For our 15 years of existence, CAGJ has been a leader in the movement for a just economy and food system. A movement’s longevity requires an ability to adapt and respond to new challenges, which is what CAGJ has continued to do through 2015.

The TPP and TTIP are highly contentious trade agreements whose details were kept largely hidden until November 2015 (though Wikileaks released chapters as early as late 2013). Throughout the year CAGJ’s Food Justice Project educated and mobilized local food groups and farmers to defeat these trade agreements on the basis of their harm to responsible local food producers and our right to safe, labeled food. To share our analysis, we created an educational presentation for use in local food justice meetings, made even more accessible through a free webinar version linked on the website and shared on social media outlets.

The Food Justice Project also provided solidarity and support for Familias Unidas por la Justicia, the only independent farmworker union in our state, in their labor dispute with Sakuma Bros. Farms. In addition to co-founding and participating in the Seattle Boycott Committee, a farmer led education and advocacy group, FJP shared updates on boycott efforts and calls to action and also highlighted the struggle at our SLEE dinner in August. The following month, CAGJ organized a Teach-Out with Familias Unidas, bringing together farmworkers and supporters from Skagit Valley, Seattle and Bellingham to learn about the past, present and future of farmworker organizing, deepen analysis of food justice issues and mobilize supporters for future direct actions.

Late last year, the FDA approved GE salmon for consumption, but long before CAGJ had researched and educated the public on its potential dangers. CAGJ successfully campaigned for Costco’s commitment not to sell GE salmon, and we are partnering with local tribes to educate about the cultural and economic reasons for Northwest indigenous resistance to GE salmon. Though CAGJ was only able to slow the approval process and not prevent it, the work will continue to prevent its introduction into the market, and, at a minimum, to require clear labeling.

CAGJ’s AGRA Watch campaign followed up 2014’s successful Summit by continuing the work developed at the event. AGRA Watch led the GM Banana Campaign, which highlights the role of the Gates Foundation in opening African markets to agrochemical and biotechnology corporations. Through research, FOIA requests, a joint sign-on letter with our African partners and petitions with Iowa State University students, we exerted pressure throughout 2015 on the Gates Foundation and ISU to end support for the GM Banana, and integrate civil society concerns into the consent forms of participants in the human trial.

As in past election years, it’s important to vote, but as important (if not more) is to remain educated on pressing issues, be involved in your local community and organize on a grassroots level. One way to do all of this and more is through your support for CAGJ, which allows us to grow and continue to adapt and respond to critical developments in the years ahead.
2015 FOOD JUSTICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Educate for Action

• Gave 6 workshops on the TPP. Food Justice and Food Sovereignty, reaching 200 attendees.
• Hosted a day-long Teach-Out with farmers/farmers unions from all over the country.

Solidarity Campaigns

Small-scale food producers: Stop GE Salmon

• Organized protests in millions of cities around the world to build opposition to the TPP amongst the good food movement.
• Educate, learn from, and mobilize people for food justice and support living wage and sick-time pay statewide!

Sustaining Members

See Trade Justice for highlights!

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Trade Justice

Opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) grows in numbers. Food justice advocates of society now realize that the TPP is not a trade agreement intended to benefit all, but an attempt by multinational corporations to write to rules of this century's global economy.

CAGJ is bringing the message to sustainability and food justice movements that trade agreements have an impact on food systems! This is a long-term confrontation between large-scale global corporate agriculture and small-scale local sustainable food systems.

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• On May 18, hosted "Resist the TPP!" inviting pan-partner organizations and CAGJ members to give input on our strategy.
• Worked with Washington Fair Trade Coalition to oppose the TPP by mobilizing members through petitions and call-ins.

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• Working with 350 Seattle and WFTC, we co-drafted a letter to WA congressional delegation focused on the TPP's impact on food systems.
• Help us reach 500 signers!

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Gates Foundation Demonstration: In March 2015, simultaneous demonstrations at the Gates Foundation’s US and UK headquarters exposed a secret meeting in London between the Gates Foundation, USAID and corporate interests on how to privatize the seed and agricultural market of Africa, where no African farmers were represented. Our Seattle protest was on the evening TV news!

March Against Monsanto: In May 2015, CAGJ’s ED Heather Day spoke at the annual Westlake rally and march to the Gates Foundation. CAGJ street theater exposed Monsanto’s influence on trade negotiations, and we raised awareness about how the Gates Foundation retains strong ties to the global megacorporation in Africa, despite their divestment from Monsanto.

The GM Banana Campaign: AGRA Watch chose this campaign as our first joint activity following the Summit partly because human feeding trials were scheduled to take place at Iowa State University. Providing yet another example of the ideology that high-tech is necessary to ameliorate perceived Third World problems, the research and trials are poorly conceived and monitored. AGRA Watch helped coordinate a resistance strategy with African partners and ISU students, starting with an Open Letter from the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa to ISU, signed by over 100 NGOs and scientists. Throughout the year we assisted in research and FOIA requests about the trials, which led to a student-originated petition delivered in December. After CREDO Action picked up the petition and gathered over 57,000 signatures, we carried out very successful joint delivery of the petitions in February 2016, receiving major press coverage.

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- Daniel Maingi
Kenya Food Rights Alliance and Growth Partners Africa

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AGRA Watch

The 2014 Africa-US Food Sovereignty Strategy Summit propelled AGRA Watch into a very productive year in 2015!

Agroecology Exchanges: Exchanges between agroecology practitioners in Africa and the US was identified at the 2014 Summit as a crucial strategy for the food sovereignty movement. The first exchange took place in October 2015, co-ordinated by AGRA Watch and several Summit partners. A South African farmer and farmworker, Nonah MNDONDOZI and Petrus Brink (pictured above on left and right), travelled to the US for three weeks for meetings with farming and food justice projects all over the country, including AGRA Watch activists in Seattle and our farmworker allies in Bellingham, WA. The trip built grassroots ties between South African and US activists, and laid the groundwork for future learning exchanges. Planning has begun for a 2016 exchange of US farmers and farmworkers to travel to meet their counterparts on the African continent.

Gates Foundation Research

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CAGJ is our strongest ally in providing moral, logistical and research support in our fight for food rights and justice in Eastern Africa.”

-Daniel Maingi
Kenya Food Rights Alliance and Growth Partners Africa

"UFCW 21 recognizes CAGJ as a strategic partner in working for economic, political and social justice throughout the food chain. Together we stand with farmers, fisher folk, processors, grocery store workers and consumers who are calling for safe work, sufficient wages, and sustainable supply chains to provide for our most basic human need, food.”

-Todd Crosby
President, UFCW 21

Gates Foundation Demonstration: In March 2015, simultaneous demonstrations at the Gates Foundation’s US and UK headquarters exposed a secret meeting in London between the Gates Foundation, USAID and corporate interests on how to privatize the seed and agricultural market of Africa, where no African farmers were represented. Our Seattle protest was on the evening TV news!

March Against Monsanto: In May 2015, CAGJ’s ED Heather Day spoke at the annual Westlake rally and march to the Gates Foundation. CAGJ street theater exposed Monsanto’s influence on trade negotiations, and we raised awareness about how the Gates Foundation retains strong ties to the global megacorporation in Africa, despite their divestment from Monsanto.

The GM Banana Campaign: AGRA Watch chose this campaign as our first joint activity following the Summit partly because human feeding trials were scheduled to take place at Iowa State University. Providing yet another example of the ideology that high-tech is necessary to ameliorate perceived Third World problems, the research and trials are poorly conceived and monitored. AGRA Watch helped coordinate a resistance strategy with African partners and ISU students, starting with an Open Letter from the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa to ISU, signed by over 100 NGOs and scientists. Throughout the year we assisted in research and FOIA requests about the trials, which led to a student-originated petition delivered in December. After CREDO Action picked up the petition and gathered over 57,000 signatures, we carried out very successful joint delivery of the petitions in February 2016, receiving major press coverage.

Looking forward to 2016

- GM Banana Campaign: Working with student allies at ISU, and our African partners, we are evaluating the GM Banana campaign, and considering other approaches, including a possible expansion to a focus on the problems with Gates Foundation funding of biofortification of several crops.
- Mobilizing Seattleites: We are hosting multiple educational events, with a focus on the theme of philanthrocapitalism, the use of philanthropic funds to develop new markets for corporate development. We look forward to building even stronger alliances with other local campaigns targeting the Gates Foundation.
- Building International Capacity: To strengthen current alliances, introduce more members to our international partners, and educate ourselves to build our capacity, we hope to send AGRA Watch members on two important trips in 2016: To Africa to meet with our partners, and to Mexico in December for UN and social movement meetings focused on seeds.
- New Research: In 2016, we plan on publishing a larger analysis of the Gates Foundation, and will branch into new research areas identified jointly with our African partners.

Financials

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Agroecology Exchanges: Exchanges between agroecology practitioners in Africa and the US was identified at the 2014 Summit as a crucial strategy for the food sovereignty movement. The first exchange took place in October 2015, co-ordinated by AGRA Watch and several Summit partners. A South African farmer and farmworker, Nonhla Mpodozzi and Petrus Brink (pictured above on left and right), travelled to the US for three weeks for meetings with farming and food justice projects all over the country, including AGRA Watch activists in Seattle and our farmworker allies in Bellingham, WA. The trip built grassroots ties between South African and US activists, and laid the groundwork for future learning exchanges. Planning has begun for a 2016 exchange of US farmers and farmworkers to travel to meet their counterparts on the African continent.

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The 2014 Africa-US Food Sovereignty Strategy Summit propelled AGRA Watch into a very productive year in 2015!
2015 Food Justice Project Highlights

Educate for Action

• Gave 6 workshops on the TPP, Food Justice and Food Sovereignty, reaching 200 attendees.
• Hosted a day-long Teach-Out with farmworker unions Familias Unidas por la Justicia.

Solidarity Campaigns

Small-scale food producers: Stop GE Salmon

• Partnering with small-scale food producers, our organizers now realize that the TPP is not a trade agreement intended to benefit all, but an attempt by multinational corporations to write the rules of this century’s global economy.
• CAGJ is bringing the message to sustainability and food justice movements that trade agreements have an impact on food systems! This is a long-term confrontation between large-scale global corporate agriculture and small-scale local sustainable food systems.

Sustaining Members

Join us July 9th for SLEE!
Community Alliance for Global Justice Celebrates 15 Years of Global Justice Organizing

10th Annual SLEE Dinner
Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere!

Keynote by Anuradha Mittal, Executive Director of the Oakland Institute.

Saturday, July 9th, 2016
Happy Hour 5 - 6:30pm; Dinner 6:30 - 9pm
University Christian Church
4731 15th Ave NE, Seattle 98105
Tickets available June 1st

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Year in Review: Heather Day, CAGJ Executive Director

As much as news media is focused on the presidential elections, it’s important to remain aware of food and trade issues, which have a direct impact on our health and livelihood. For our 15 years of existence, CAGJ has been a leader in the movement for a just economy and food system.

A movement’s longevity requires an ability to adapt and respond to new challenges, which is what CAGJ has continued to do through 2015.

The TPP and TTIP are highly contentious trade agreements whose details were kept largely hidden until November 2015 (though Wikileaks released chapters as early as late 2013). Throughout the year CAGJ’s Food Justice Project educated and mobilized local food groups and farmers to defeat these trade agreements on the basis of their harm to responsible local food producers and our right to safe, labeled food. To share our analysis, we created an educational presentation for use in local food justice meetings, made even more accessible through a free webinar version linked on the website and shared on social media outlets.

The Food Justice Project also provided solidarity and support for Familias Unidas por la Justicia, the only independent farmworker union in our state, in their labor dispute with Sakuma Bros. Farms. In addition to co-founding and participating in the Seattle Boycott Committee, a farmworker led education and advocacy group, RPF shared updates on boycott efforts and calls to action and also highlighted the struggle at our SLEE dinner in August. The following month, CAGJ organized a Teach-Out with Familias Unidas, bringing together farmworkers and supporters from Skagit Valley, Seattle and Bellingham to learn about the past, present and future of farmworker organizing, deepen analysis of food justice issues and mobilize supporters for future direct actions.

Late last year, the FDA approved GE salmon for consumption, but long before CAGJ had researched and educated the public on its potential dangers. CAGJ successfully campaigned for Costco’s commitment not to sell GE salmon, and we are partnering with local tribes to educate about the cultural and economic reasons for Northwest indigenous resistance to GE salmon. Though CAGJ was only able to slow the approval process and not prevent it, the work will continue to prevent its introduction into the market, and, at a minimum, to require clear labeling.

CAGJ’s AGRA Watch campaign followed up 2014’s successful Summit by continuing the work developed at the event. AGRA Watch led the GM Banana Campaign, which highlights the role of the Gates Foundation in opening African markets to agrochemical and biotechnology corporations. Through research, FOIA requests, a joint sign-on letter with our African partners and petitions with Iowa State University students, we exerted pressure throughout 2015 on the Gates Foundation and ISU to end support for the GM Banana, and integrate civil society concerns into the consent forms of participants in the human trial.

As in past election years, it’s important to vote, but as important (if not more) is to remain educated on pressing issues, be involved in your local community and organize on a grassroots level. One way to do all of this and more is through your support for CAGJ, which allows us to grow and continue to adapt and respond to critical developments in the years ahead.