

# Women's Actions for Food Sovereignty Patches of Resistance Towards Global Resistance Against Corporate Control of Food and Land



women  
we give life, we give up life . . .  
we live . . .  
in the struggle,  
for the struggle . .

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WOMEN PRODUCE between 60 and 80 per cent of the  
food in most developing countries . .  
WOMEN are responsible for half of the world's  
food production . .

WOMEN hold half of the sky. . .  
but WOMEN want to hold half of the land too!

The Asia Pacific accounts for 40% of the world's territory, and has 61% of the world's population. The region has also almost two-thirds of the world's poor, living on less than a single US dollar a day. Given the impacts of the trade agreements being entered into by national governments within this region, particularly on agriculture, this poverty level is not improving. Thus, men and women from these communities are integral part of the global movement resisting the transnational profit-oriented forces which create and recreate poverty in our lives; they too are integral part in developing and recreating alternatives.

From now till December 2005, collective women's actions will be taken to broaden the ranks of women from different communities fighting for their rights to self-determination, to control of resources, and their lives.

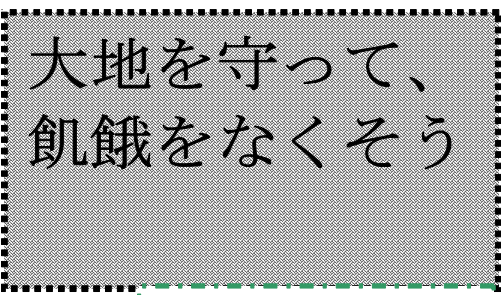
We will bring to the forefront women's struggles in the communities, and forge stronger links with other women's movements, and the global movement against WTO, and the corporate control of food and land.

## Patches of Resistance Towards Global Resistance

Throughout this campaign, we will be calling for women to draw or write on patches of material - expression of resistance, messages of solidarity, slogans for change, calls for justice.

During community and national meetings and gatherings, these patches will be sewn together. These patchworks will be brought to Hong Kong in December for the WTO MC6. On **December 17**, we will all gather the different patchwork and sew all of these together. This will symbolise the weaving together of all our Patches of Resistance towards a Global Resistance of corporate globalisation and the landlessness and poverty it has brought to women in the Asia Pacific region and around the world.

Make your patch of resistance and link it with the others!



**Don't  
globalise  
hunger!**

**lupa, kabuayan,  
buhay  
para sa kababaihan,  
para sa lahat!**

# Women's Regional Forum on Globalisation and **Food Sovereignty**

**18-20 July, Chiang Mai,  
Thailand**

organisers:

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development  
(APWLD)

Roots for Equity (Pakistan)

Asian Peasant Women Network (APWN)

Sustainable Development Foundation (Thailand)

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## Patches of Resistance by Women – Patches of **Land** for Women

**Rural Women's Day - October 15**  
**International Food Day - October 16**

We call on groups and organisations to organise local and national actions on these days.  
Let us unite in our calls

- reclaim land from the landlords and the corporations!
- redistribute land to the landless!
- recognize women's rights to land!

## Women's Tribunal on the **WTO**

### **WTO ON TRIAL!**

On its 10 year, women of the world will put the WTO on trial for -

- malicious non-deliverance of commitments
- conspiracy with TNCs to plunder resources
- gross negligence of public welfare
- the murder of thousands of masses unemployed, rendered landless, displaced, victims of poverty, violence and war

Voices of women from different sectors will be heard, as they give their testimonies on how WTO and their trade policies have affected their livelihoods and their lives. There will be prosecutors and jurors from the different movements.

A whole day event on **December 16, 2005, Hong Kong**. A **women's march** will be held right after the tribunal.

we welcome testimonies from women from different sectors, from different countries. you may send them to us *on or before September 16, 2005* to [gabriela@tri-isys.com](mailto:gabriela@tri-isys.com) / [judyp@apwld.org](mailto:judyp@apwld.org)

# Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)



## WOMEN'S ACTIONS IN THE WTO MC6th December 2005, Hong Kong

**These are the list of activities APWLD is organising and co-organising with other groups on the week of December 11-18, 2005 in Hong Kong as part of the Global Week of Action Against WTO at the WTO 6th Ministerial Meeting in Hong Kong.**

### DECEMBER

- 11 pm - HKPA Peoples' Rally
- 13 am - roundtable discussion with women parliamentarians  
book launching - compilation of researches on different parliamentary struggles of women in Asia  
pm - HK Peoples' events opening activities
- 14 am - trade and war public forum
- 15 people's workshop on Agreement on Agriculture
- 16 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Women's Tribunal on WTO  
3-30 pm - 6:00 pm Women's March
- 17 am - Asian Women's press briefing  
pm - Women's Cultural Night
- 18 Closing Program Activities

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