

National Farmer Group Federation Nepal

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"Another World is Possible"

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We, the participants of the World Social Forum assembled in Kathmandu from February 15 to 19, 2024, representing diverse voices and perspectives from around the globe, solemnly declare our unwavering commitment to advancing the empowerment of Nepali peasants. Acknowledging the pivotal role of Nepali peasants in the sustainable development of our nation, we recognize their genuine and critical status within our society. In light of this recognition, we pledge our unwavering solidarity and steadfast support to the journey of Nepali peasants towards prosperity and stability.

Furthermore, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable contributions of International and Non-Governmental Organizations (I/NGOs) as well as local NGOs. Their tireless efforts on the ground are instrumental in addressing the pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by peasants. These organizations serve as beacons of hope, actively promoting farmers' rights, fostering community resilience, championing human rights, and driving sustainable development initiatives forward.

Therefore, with deep conviction and resolve, we hereby declare:

1. To break the corporate concentration in agriculture:

We will work together to break the corporate concentration in agriculture means to address and mitigate the dominance and controlled by large corporations over the agricultural sector. This concentration often results in detrimental effects on small-scale farmers, local communities, biodiversity, and the environment as a whole.

2. For the access of Nepalese Peasants on natural resources (such as land, water, forests):
We will work to ensure Nepalese peasants' access to natural resources like land, water, and forests, policies should prioritize equitable distribution and sustainable management, empowering local communities for long-term resilience and prosperity.

3. For social security and dignified life of Nepalese Peasants':

We will be together for the guarantee the social security and dignified livelihoods of Nepalese peasants, comprehensive policies should be enacted, ensuring minimum wages, access to healthcare, education, and social safety nets, safeguarding their well-being and contributions to society.

4. To promote the Sustainable food system promoting local and Indigenous practices:

We will fight together in promoting a sustainable food system entail prioritizing local and Indigenous agricultural practices, local seed system strengthening and preservation, fostering biodiversity, and reducing reliance on industrialized methods, thereby ensuring resilience, cultural preservation, and equitable food access for all. We will also work together to establish national/ international level marketing of Peasants production.

5. To promote the sustainable agriculture and food systems promoting local and Indigenous practices:

We will be together to advance sustainable agriculture and food systems, it's imperative to elevate local and Indigenous practices, incorporating traditional wisdom and community-centric approaches, fostering resilience, biodiversity, and equitable development for future generations. We will fight together to reduce climatic impacts to the Peasants whole livelihood.

6. To move ahead on localization issues and systemic change with the citizen participation:

Moving forward on localization issues and systemic change necessitates active citizen participation, fostering inclusive governance structures that empower communities to shape policies, promote grassroots initiatives, and drive sustainable development agendas towards locally rooted solutions. We will work together to formalize the agriculture from informal sector with full of strengthening support.

7. To campaigning National and International Declarations related to Peasants rights:

Campaigning for both national and international declarations on peasants' rights involves advocating for equitable agricultural policies and protections, ensuring fair access to land, resources, and dignified livelihoods for rural farming communities worldwide.

(Thank You)