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# WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

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Navdanya International was established in Italy in 2011 to strengthen Navdanya's (India) global outreach in its mission to protect nature, Earth's biodiversity defend farmers' rights to save, exchange and evolve seeds, and protect indigenous knowledge and culture.

Over the last 30 years, the Navdanya Movement has focused on creating a food system that is chemical-free, nutritious, and accessible to all, and which creates and promotes health and well-being. We work to build a holistic vision as the way to tackle the multiple ecological, social, and health crises we face today.



Increasingly we are seeing diverse actors in various sectors, from local to global - food producers to consumers, policymakers, youth, citizens, agræcology practitioners, and promoters, as well as experts - engaged in implementing organic ecological agriculture and food systems at different levels.

**The core work of Navdanya International (NI) is based on the belief that it is essential to bring together these diverse actors from all parts of the food chain in order to ensure the transformation of food systems on all scales.**

This requires global dialogue and action, coordination across multiple sectors that do not ordinarily work together, attention to local and global equity and cultural ways of life, and a strategic focus on systemic solutions and policy opportunities to support sustainable change.



# KEY THEMES & ISSUES

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Our approach is based on connecting agroecological practice with research and policy, connecting micro to macro by linking local, regional, national, and global actions and issues through our various campaigns, collaborative activities, and publications.

## **Ecological Food Systems Transformation**

Our focus is on bringing together the diversity of movements working on agroecology, organic agriculture, local food, Earth Democracy, Ecocide, Rights of Mother Earth, as well as showcase best practices of what true food systems transformation means both on the ground and globally.

## **Food for Health & Poison Free Food and Farming**

A movement which looks to speed up the transition towards an agroecological local food system, both in local initiatives and at the policy level, to create organic zones and local ecological food systems free of poisons, toxins and genetically modified foods, for the health and wellbeing of all.

## **Denouncing Industrial Agriculture & False Solutions**

We challenge the industrial food model by documenting its inefficiencies, lack of diversity, and lack of innovative capacity to address our multiple crises, and by showing how a corporate controlled food system undermines agroecology, biodiversity and food sovereignty.

## **Fostering Climate Resilience**

Showing how industrial agriculture exacerbates the climate crisis we magnify agroecology and biodiversity-based organic agriculture as a meaningful solution to heal both climate and ecological disruption.

## **Seed Freedom**

By weaving together issues of biodiversity conservation, corporate control through intellectual property rights and new forms of genetic modification, we show that new biotechnology developments for agriculture and private interests continue to be embedded in the issues of Seed Freedom.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the last year and in the continuation of a planetary health crisis, the transition to an agroecological, biodiversity-based, people-centered, and Earth-centered shift has never been so crucial. This is why Navdanya International continued to focus on the interlinkages of local actions to global dialogues and discourses, the rigorous analysis of threats, and concrete actions of deepening agroecology.

Through monitoring and research, NI has been central in exposing the nature of false solutions such as fake foods, [philanthrocapitalist](#) investments, the deregulation of old GMOs and the threat of a new generation of [GMOs](#)/ NBTs, [false climate](#) solutions, and the deep flaws of the [UNFSS](#). These perspectives derived from our research have then gone on to be useful insights for our partners facing these threats, as well as allowing NI to stay one step ahead in order to support resistance.

This year NI also worked to promote the further creation and implementation of ecological food systems and local economies. We have continued to connect the diversity of movements working on agroecology, organic agriculture, local food, Earth Democracy, Ecocide, Rights of Mother Earth, as well as showcase best practices of what true food systems transformation means both on the ground and globally. NI has facilitated the convergence of narrative on the connections between the Rights of Mother Earth, Ecocide, agroecology, people's rights, and Earth Democracy.

Perhaps most significantly we have seen how other organizations, movements, and actors take on the discourse NI connects and organically evolves and expands it to adapt to their context, translating it to concrete changes and actions. Showing the importance of how bringing global perspectives to local issues can lead to changes on the ground. Hence, throughout this time, we have been successful in fortifying our partnerships, strengthening movements, linking different siloed perspectives, staying off, and bringing awareness at all levels of evolving threats, all while helping to deepen the meaning of what an agroecological paradigm shift means.





# ECOLOGICAL FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

We aimed to build an interconnected discourse and exchange with the movements working for the recognition of Earth's Rights as a Living Being and show how the practice of biodiversity-based agroecology is the active recognition of the rights of a living earth and her biodiversity, in defense of the laws of the seed, the soil, water and the laws of food. This year NI continued working on making deeper connections, between movements working for Earth Democracy, Rights of Mother Earth and those working on biodiversity and agroecology to strengthen the meaning to true ecological food systems transformation.

In order to reach the above objective NI worked with partners from Latin America, Asia and Europe using a variety of different strategies and activities such as articles, collaborations, meetings for exchanges with partners, outreach, journalism, workshops, and communications- both build a connected movement in global discourse while connecting to examples on the ground. **These diversity activities resulted in the development of a joint articulation of common principles threading together Agroecology, Rights of Nature, Human Rights, and ending Ecocide.**

## *International campaign*

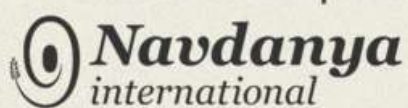
In July 2021 NI launched the campaign **“Toward an Ecological Food Systems Transformation: Earth Care is People Care”** focused on bringing together the diversity of movements working on agroecology, organic agriculture, local food, Earth Democracy, Ecocide, Rights of Mother Earth, as well as showcase best practices of what true food systems transformation means both on the ground and globally. It is a call for all actors invested in a holistic and ecological transition of our food systems to join forces through joint collaboration, dialogues and action.

The creation of this campaign was born directly from a request of our Indonesian partners, to help them in articulating the need for unification of ecological agriculture movements to further strengthen work on the ground.

The campaign is part of our long term impact goal of bringing together various and diverse voices across the planet to fortify an interconnected movement that deepens the principles of a biodiversity-based, socially just, ecological agriculture.

# **TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION**

Earth Care is People Care





## Publication

**The Earth Care Handbook** (22 July 2021) –  
Based on: Earth Democracy: **Connecting the Rights of Mother Earth to People's Rights and the Well-being of All**, Navdanya 2021.  
Authors: Dr Vandana Shiva with Navdanya Team.

Under the campaign, NI launched the **Earth Care Handbook** to create a manual for the articulation of the connections of agroecology, people's rights, and human rights to be used by the many movements who NI closely collaborates with. The manual showcases how the emergencies that threaten the very future of our species cannot be addressed by the same mindset that created them. A lack of acknowledgement of the necessity for Earth Rights in conjunction with people's rights risks the continuation of these structures of separation and a greater acceleration of our current crises. We need a new way of thinking and living that recognizes the principles of Earth Democracy so humans and other species can continue to live and thrive.

## Online Webinar

**Webinar – Earth Rising: Ecological Actions for Earth Democracy and Rights of Mother Earth** (21 April 2021)

NI organized and hosted the webinar Earth Rising: Ecological Actions for Earth Democracy and Rights of Mother Earth, uniting Nimmo Bassey, director of Nigerian Health of Mother Earth Foundation; Marie Toussaint, Member of the EU Parliament, founder and former president of the association Notre affaire à tous; Jojo Mehta, Executive Director of Stop Ecocide International, as well as Fernando Cabaleiro, founder of Naturaleza de Derechos, Argentina, and NI president, Vandana Shiva.

Earth Democracy:  
Connecting Rights of Mother Earth to  
Human Rights and Well-being of All



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The discussion saw a further articulation and interconnection of the common thread that links Human Rights to the Rights of the Earth and how ecological actions grounded in both human and earth rights ensure ecological health and Earth Democracy.



# SUPPORTING AGROECOLOGY ON THE GROUND

We work to promote inter-linkages between action at the local level and international movement building to inform and create change at the institutional and systems levels and provide a vital platform that joins the various voices across the planet towards an interconnected planetary movement of Earth Democracy. This year, NI has done this through helping strengthen biodiversity-based agroecology, Seed Freedom, and Ecological Food Systems Transformation through helping support movements on the ground to defend or help implement local ecological food systems and local food economies, as has been the case with Indonesia, Italy, Bangladesh, Mexico, Argentina, and Chile, as well as bringing those local struggles or initiatives to the global discourse.



# Connecting and Supporting Movements on the Ground in Italy

**Hazeland** (7 March 2021) - As part of the Poison-free Food and Farming campaign, and aimed at showcasing an example of work on the ground, this reportage analyses the phenomenon of the expansion of intensive hazelnut monocultures in Italy, driven by multinationals in the confectionery sector. More importantly it also documents how good agroecological practices offer an environmentally and economically valid sustainable alternative, as well as the resistance of local municipalities and civil society movements. And it is precisely in the Tuscia area that the first victories against intensive monoculture business are being recorded; forcing it to slow down its progress and to backtrack when confronted with strong opposition from local communities.



## Creating Collaborations and strengthening movements with Hazelnut Farmers:

This reportage contributed to the consolidation and strengthening of a **network** of municipalities, citizens, farmers, and civil society movements in the region and has resulted in consolidated resistance against the effects of the hazelnut monocultures through a greater push for agroecological methods. Resulting in sparked collaborations between previously unconnected movements, and connected local issues to the global discourse through a collaboration with hazelnut farmers in Tuscia, Stop Ecocide international and Client Earth organization.



## Online Conference

### Hazelnut crisis in Tuscia: an ecocide in the making? (26 May 2021)

NI was invited to speak at an EU Green Week Partner Event organized by Stop Ecocide International and Ripa Tuscia, which drew together the prospective law of Ecocide and the corresponding case of the monoculture hazelnut industry in Tuscia. Experts discussed how hazelnut-intensive plantations are contributing to Ecocide in the region. The discussion proved so poignant, that it spurred a representative from Ferrero to voice his defense on the damage done by the company's expanding monocultures in Italy, provoking a lively debate in the media. This webinar serves to connect the local reality to the international discourse on Ecocide. As an outcome of the meeting and prior collaborations, NI has since been working closely with the UK-based Stop Ecocide, as well as with ClientEarth and EU parliamentarian Marie Toussaint to make Ecocide a crime.

### Strengthening Biodistricts in Italy:

Throughout the project period, NI has been collaborating with a coalition of municipalities and civil society organizations to strengthen the creation of ecological Biodistricts in Italy which are focusing on integrating local economy, health, and agroecological transformations. Based off previous work of building an **Ecological Bio-District** in 2020, in the area of Rome Hills, and the **Roadmap: the route towards transformation** in NI's "Food for Health" Manifesto, NI has been invited to collaborate with multiple municipalities and organizations on cementing the Biodistrict in Trentino, and the planning of others in the **Lazio region** such as Biodistretto Lago di Bolsena, **Castro del Volsci**, Ventotene and Bracciano.

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**CRISI DELLA NOCCIOLA IN TUSCIA, UN POSSIBILE CASO DI ECICIDIO?**

Evento partner per la Settimana Verde dell'UE 2021

**26 MAGGIO 2021 16:00 - 18:00 CEST**

UN EVENTO ORGANIZZATO DA STOP ECOCIDE INTERNATIONAL & RIPA

Registrazione webinar: [www.stopeccidio.it/eventi/crisi-della-nocciola-in-tuscia](http://www.stopeccidio.it/eventi/crisi-della-nocciola-in-tuscia)  
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Un webinar che intende mettere in relazione la proposta per il riconoscimento del crimine di Ecicidio presso la Corte penale internazionale dell'Aia e il caso dell'espansione delle monoculture della nocciola in Tuscia.

**Speakers:**

- Gabriela Antonietta: Dottoranda dell'Università degli studi della Tuscia, agricoltore e attivista
- Lara Fornasiero: Giurista specialista in agricoltura per ClientEarth
- Ottavio Capponello: Avvocato e fondatore del think tank ambientalista Accademia Kriemos
- Bloomer Evi MEP: europarlamentare, membro del Gruppo SIDA/ALDE al Parlamento europeo e di Brando Alliance
- Jolya Mehta: Coordinatrice di direzione, Stop Ecocide International
- Mantle Meusnier: Giornalista e coordinatore di comunicazione di Navdanya International

L'incontro si aprirà con la proiezione dell'acclamato cortometraggio Omelia Cortadina di Alice Rohrwacher e JR, a cui seguirà una tavola rotonda con alcune delle voci più significative del mondo accademico, del diritto, dell'agricoltura e delle comunità locali della Tuscia.

Gli esperti si confronteranno su come la coltivazione intensiva di nocciola stia contribuendo all'inquinamento dell'acqua, dell'aria e del suolo, o alla perdita di biodiversità, di sovranità alimentare o sicurezza alimentare. Rispetto alle eventuali misure che potrebbero migliorare la situazione, il webinar intende stimolare un dialogo riguardo il quadro giuridico necessario per prevenire i danni da inquinamento dell'ecosistema facendo riferimento all'esempio concreto di un'area in cui si sono già verificate contenzioni legali.

**STOP ECOCIDE** | **ClientEarth** | **Terra Nuova** | **Navdanya International** | **Accademia Kriemos** | **Brando Alliance**

## National Campaign

### Environmental and Farmers organisations in Italy Stop Government Attempt to Give Green Light to GMOs and NBTs (January 2021)

Our work with the coalition and movements on exposing industrial agriculture and its false solutions, such as new GMOs, led to a victory at the Italian parliament and has led to a unified front against GMOs to resist renewed pressures. Twenty-six farmers' organisations, environmental movements, and consumer associations in Italy collectively launched a powerful **campaign** that prevented the government from passing four bills inspired by the agribusiness lobby. The bills were proposed by the Minister of Agriculture and were set to permit GMOs and other New Breeding Techniques (NBT) into the country. After an intense media storm and direct public pressure placed on every single parliamentarian of the Agriculture Commission of the Chamber, the pro-GMO/NBT decrees of the Ministry of Agriculture were not passed in their original form. Instead, the bills were strongly conditioned and therefore voided of all parts concerning GMOs and NBTs, as well as of the restrictions to free exchange of seeds. The attempt behind the decrees was aimed at forcing an illegitimate opening to "old" and "new" GMOs (new being NBTs) and to deny the possibility for farmers to carry out activities such as reusing seeds, and the exchange of part of the harvest as seeds or propagation material.

Under renewed threats of deregulation, the initial consolidation of this front has been able to again react quickly, after a renewed attempt, leading to an impact of increased legal protections for local, organic food systems as well as a unified policy resistance being built. Now the coalition forged by NI, faced with the threat of new and old GMO deregulation at the EU level, will join the resistance front at the continental level. The learnings from this work, as well as the rigorous analysis, are also being taken to inform other movements in Latin America, which are also facing these threats.





## Helping to Strengthening Agroecology in Indonesia

NI has continued to strengthen our close partnership with the Balinese organization Yayasan Emas Hitam Indonesia. Out of our previous work in Indonesia, which dates back to 2014, we have been engaged in dialogues and workshops to bring out case examples of the challenges, on-the-ground approaches, and strategies of the agroecological food system transformation being pursued in Indonesia, particularly in the context of rice systems.

**The collaborative result of these meetings has been a deepening of the understanding of agroecological transitions necessary, as well as the direct on-the-ground impacts of industrial agriculture in Indonesia.**



## Chile

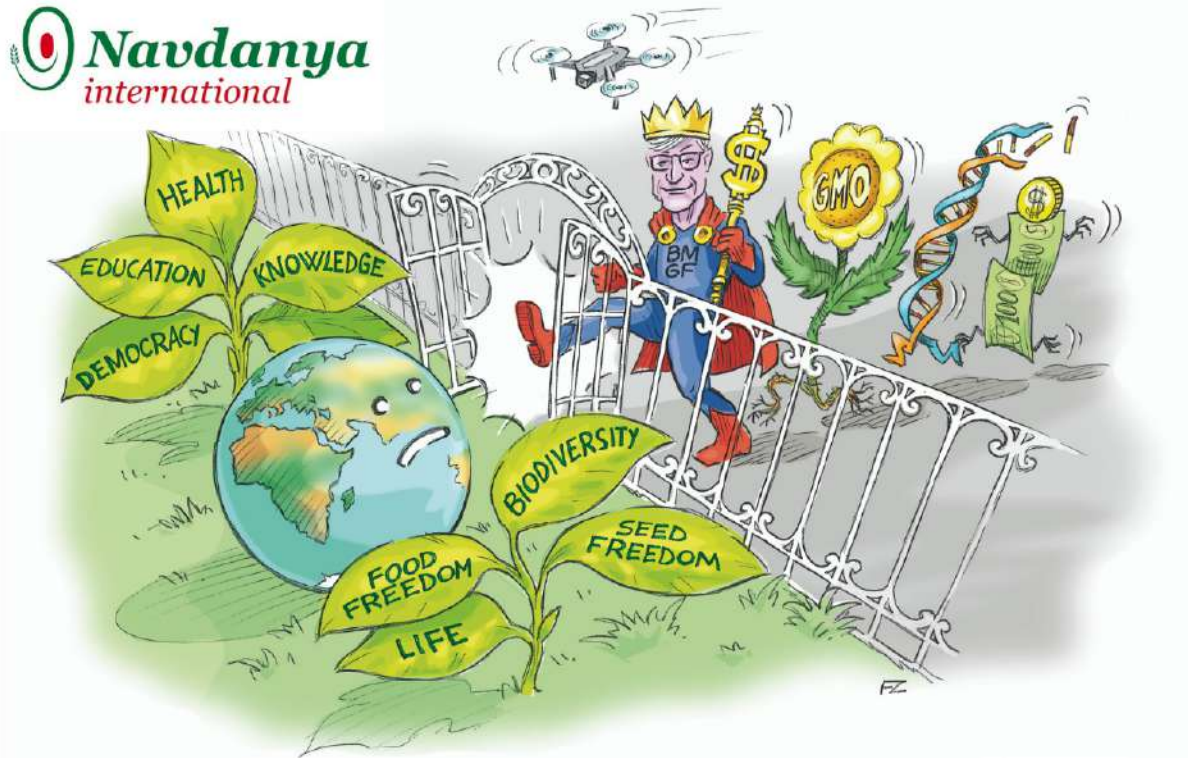
In November of 2021, while on the ground in Chile, Navdanya International joined a coalition of 75 civil society organizations, citizens, academics, lawyers and activists through the organization **Distrito 159** - itself made up of activists, advisors of constitutional members, 25 conventionalists and constitutional lawyers - to participate in the creation of a joint proposal of collaboratively defined constitutional articles.

Navdanya International worked alongside other agroecological, farmer and seed freedom organizations to draft a proposition to guarantee the right to save, exchange and protect traditional and local seed, the right to healthy toxic-free food, protection of local food economies and food sovereignty, the further implementation of agroecological transition and small farmers' rights to water and land.



On December 9th 2021, the **unified document was presented to Constitutional President Elisa Loncón**, and the Chilean constitutional convention, marking the articles redacted as accepted into the articles considered by the commissions in the debates starting in February 2022.

# EXPOSING FALSE SOLUTIONS AND THE DANGERS OF PHILANTHROCAPITALISM



With the excuse of the pandemic, the Coronavirus crisis has also accelerated many of the already ongoing threats to food and seed sovereignty, through new false technocratic solutions to our multiple crises. In response to these evolving threats, a central part of NI's work has been to denounce these false solutions and expose the dangers of the industrialized food system, as it has been central to creating our current conditions, while in parallel strengthening and supporting ecological movements on the ground.

So far, through monitoring and research, NI has been central in exposing the nature of false solutions such as fake foods, philanthrocapitalist investments, the deregulation of old GMOs and the threat of a new generation of GMOs/ NBTs, false climate solutions, and the deep flaws of the UNFSS. These perspectives derived from our research have then gone on to be useful insights for our partners facing these threats, as well as allowing NI to stay one step ahead in order to support movements' resistance.

## **Bill Gates & His Fake Solutions to Climate Change** (1 April 2021)

In his latest book, *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need*, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates lays out a plan to stop global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero. While his many investments are all seemingly justified by a noble humanitarian and environmental cause, this article exposes how his million-dollar grants into various sectors work to align public opinion and the media, international and state policy, and private companies to open up new markets for further corporate concentration.

Through examples such as one of Gates' most prominent investments funds, Breakthrough Energy Ventures, or his push for plant-based fake food, this brief shows how this notion of technological acceleration as the only solution to the world's problems results in the same people, giant corporations and power structures that created our current crises to sell back to us their own proposed 'solution'. In the end, diverting attention away from the deep systemic changes that are needed to address the crises we are facing today. Instead, we have the opportunity to truly foster an ecological approach to food and agriculture, taking into deep account the web of biodiversity, food sovereignty, and local food communities, to help protect Earth and human health.

This position brief was then translated and republished in *Naturaleza de Derechos' [Pospandemia 6](#)* Magazine in August 2021. And proved as a crucial learn for NI on the evolution of incoming threats to food systems.





## Online Webinar

### Webinar 'GMOs are a failed Technology. The future is GMO-Free' (10 March 2021)

As part of its [Gates to A Global Empire campaign](#), this session brought together Dr. Vandana Shiva, President of Navdanya International; Farida Akhter, founding Executive Director of [UBINIG](#) in Bangladesh; Chito Medina founding member of [MASIPAG](#) in the Philippines; Adelita San Vicente, Director General of the Primary Sector and Natural Resources of [SEMARNAT](#), Mexico; and Jonathan Latham, molecular biologist, and former genetic engineer, now editor of [Independent Science News](#), who lent their perspectives and direct experience on old and new GMOs. Despite the known failures and the negative health and environmental effects of GMOs, such as BT cotton, BT Brinjal, and Golden Rice, the industrial agriculture lobby has now started to push for the second generation of GMOs or New Breeding Techniques (NBTs).

The webinar came out of a request by the executive director of Bangladesh organization UBINIG, that they were experiencing renewed pressure to legalize the already failed BT Brinjal.

**An important outcome of this webinar was helping UBINIG to stave off attempts to push BT Brinjal in Bangladesh and further learning for all parties on the issues of NBTs, Golden rice and BT Brinjal.**



## Online Conference

### Protecting Our Biodiversity, Intellectual Heritage and Sovereignty (24 May 2021)

As a continuation of the issue of the Convention of Biological Diversity's Nagoya protocol presented in the Gates to a Global Empire Report by SEMARNAT's Adelita San Vicente, NI participated in [Protecting Our Biodiversity, Intellectual Heritage and Sovereignty](#) in May 2021. As part of the commemorations around the International Day of Biological Diversity, the Mexican Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (Semarnat), in coordination with the Universidad Veracruzana (UV), organized this online event which took place in the context of the agreement signed between the UV and the Semarnat, for the protection of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in the Sierra Santa Marta of Mexico, implementing the Nagoya Protocol on the ground and highlighting the sovereignty of Mexico over its biocultural heritage. In September 2021, NI was also invited to participate in the World Day of Corn events in Mexico, as a follow up of the GMO webinar.



## Article

### **UNFSS – Where Multinationals Continue to Design our Food Systems and Control our Diets** (27 July 2021)

Tied to our ongoing work with the CSM for CFS, and as part of the campaign “Towards an Ecological Food Systems Transformation”, NI published [UNFSS – Where Multinationals Continue to Design our Food Systems and Control our Diets](#), in conjunction with participation in the UNFSS counter-summit. NI’s article showcased how the UNFSS did not offer the paradigm shift that is so urgently needed to achieve food sovereignty, climate resilience and a more just food system. On the contrary, it maintains the same power structure as this summit is yet another instrument to reinforce corporate control over food and agriculture, while attempting to restrain civil society’s role in global food governance, directly leading to the further colonization of indigenous foods and diets. Principle examples are the solutions advocated for in Action Track One and Two– where behind the language of the necessity of a shift in global diets, the corporate stakeholders who have hijacked the UNFSS have created a trojan horse for industrial, ultra (ultra)-processed fake foods and a further industrialized food system. In response to this corporate hijacking of global food systems, [grassroots organizations from all over the world](#) seeking real, agroecological change, have mobilized [a counter-summit](#) to show what real food systems transformation should look like.

This article was then featured among the official website resources of the counter-summit and has since been translated into six different languages by other movements. The Spanish version was also featured as a main resource in the Mexican “Sin Maíz, No Hay País” campaign page for the World Day of Corn.





*Campaign in collaboration*

## **Hundreds of grassroots organizations to oppose the UN Food Systems Summit (25 – 28 July 2021)**

NI's Unfss article and campaign page were featured in the resources page of the People's mobilization, which Between 25–28 July 2021, some 9,000 people gathered for a mostly virtual counter-mobilization to oppose the United Nations Food Systems (UNFSS) Pre-Summit. With critical articles and pieces published in major media outlets such as the [BBC](#), [Al Jazeera](#) and Italian state [TV Rai](#), and several thousands of [#FoodSystems4People](#) posts on social media seen by potentially 10 million users, the counter-mobilization succeeded in reaching a broad public with its vision for genuine transformation of unsustainable food systems.



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# CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The way we produce our food plays a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change mitigation. Throughout the year we have seen the very industrial players responsible for the exacerbation of climate change push their own solutions to the crisis. So in light of the COP26 held in November 2021, NI continued to denounce and interconnect the threats of industrial agriculture and the new false solutions being proposed by big corporations and international institutions. Over the last decade, NI has defined the connection between food and agriculture systems with climate change and climate justice. And shown how the climate change debate must consider the root problems of ecological destruction, biodiversity loss and industrial agriculture, and the true solutions of biodiversity-based regenerative agriculture and local food economies.



## Online Conference

### Which Future for our Climate? Technofixes vs Biodiversity-based solutions (23 June 2021)

On 23 June 2021, Navdanya International hosted an online event – [Which Future for our Climate? Technofixes vs Biodiversity-based solutions](#). This workshop and discussion was organised as part of the European project [ClimAlt](#), co-funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme and developed in partnership with four other European organisations.



During the event, we were joined by Dr. Vandana Shiva, President of Navdanya International, and Nicoletta Dentico, journalist, and Director of the Health Justice Programme of the [Society for International Development](#) (SID), who discussed real and false solutions to climate change. Attendees also had the chance to find out about Navdanya International's recent report on the dangers of techno-solutionism in relation to climate change, to learn about the ClimAlt course and game, and to share their thoughts and ideas in real time with a collaborative online board.

## Online Conference

### Regeneration for Climate Resilience: Will the COP26 still rely on false solutions? (29 October 2021)

On October 29, 2021, Navdanya International hosted an online event "[Regeneration for Climate Resilience - Will the COP26 still rely on False Solutions?](#)", with Dr. Vandana Shiva, President of Navdanya International, André Leu – International Director of [Regeneration International](#), and former President of IFOAM – Organics International; and Tom Newmark – co-founder and chair of [The Carbon Underground](#).



In preview to the COP26, this discussion focused on how true biodiversity-based, ecological and cultural regeneration is needed to build climate resilience for the future. The speakers highlighted how, in the name of solving the climate crisis, large corporations and lobby groups are now promoting a whole range of ineffective, costly, unproven, and sometimes dangerous techno-fix solutions, by attempting to technologically replace the natural processes they have been destroying. It is therefore crucial now to advocate for a transformative approach based on agroecology, which – as a practice of regenerative agriculture – represents a cornerstone of the necessary paradigm shift by regenerating our planet, our biodiversity, our local communities, our health, and our democracy.

## **Climate Change is Ecological Destruction: Greenwashing and false solutions at COP 26** *(9 November 2021)*

This year's COP26 marks yet another failed attempt at tackling power structures in the food system, marked by a lack of holding polluting companies and the private sector responsible for their actions. In response to the imminent climate crisis, big tech investors and governments are advocating a range of inefficient, and often dangerous solutions that are geared towards replacing the very natural processes they have been destroying.

False solutions cloaked as "climate action" include, artificial lab food, gene editing, carbon capture, carbon credits, net-zero and geoengineering. These green-washed solutions shift political power away from local communities, indigenous peoples and the most vulnerable to climate change, toward biotech companies and large investors. Real solutions to climate change should not seek to engineer or manipulate our planet for profit and control. On the contrary, they should aim to work alongside nature to restore its biodiversity and rejuvenate its natural cycles through the regeneration of ecosystems.





## Communications and Articles:

In 2021, Navdanya International websites collected more than 48,800 views, while the number of subscribers to our newsletter has reached over 13,900. Our outreach on Social Media Platforms for the same period has reached over 100,400 subscribers on Facebook pages and over 19,000 followers of our Twitter accounts. Videos of our events and interviews hosted on our video channels have attracted over 14,000 views, while videos of other events in collaboration or where NI team members moderated or participated in have reached over 100,000 views for the same period.

### Communications - Articles

The team has produced over 25 media articles and event reports in English, Italian, Spanish, and other languages, which can be found on our Navdanya International website and have been shared through our [newsletters](#) and social media platforms. Navdanya International's activities have been covered by the media throughout the project period: [Press coverage](#).

#### Among the topics covered:

##### Exposing False Solutions

["Carbon Capture": Two World Views, Two Technology Paradigms, Two Economic Systems, Two Futures](#) (8 October 2021)

##### Resisting Deregulation

[The Gmo Revival](#) (11 April 2021)

##### The threat of Pesticides and the Industrial Agriculture model

[Pesticides: The Swiss popular vote reminds us that citizens have the ultimate say](#) (7 June 2021)

##### Towards an Ecological Food System Transformation

[Pachamama Feeds Us](#) (August 2021)

[Citizens of Trentino, Italy are called to vote on making their region an ecological biodistrict](#) (25 September 2021)

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