

# CALL TO ACTION 2023

**VOICES  
OF  
DIVERSITY**



**VOICES  
OF  
RESILIENCE**

## CARE FOR THE EARTH

Today, we are facing the devastating consequences of the industrial food system and its false promises of food security, sustainability and climate adaptation through agrichemicals, GMOs and now gene editing.

The global deregulation of gene editing has opened the gateway to a new 'Bioeconomy' where vast amounts of genetic material will be roped off by new patents. In this new "bioeconomy," we will see the next level of manipulation of nature's genetics to "program" biology to become more economically productive. Including the expansion of synthetic biology, genetic engineering, the gene editing of animals, seeds and plants and the creation of new, fake, ultraprocessed foods.

There is an urgent need for us to build a movement that responds to these threats, which are being promoted as solutions through a well orchestrated greenwashing propaganda campaign.

At a time when global lawmakers are pushing new technologies that will only further entrench the consequences of the industrial paradigm, it is vital to listen to the diversity of voices already practicing an ecological way of life. Voices that are also on the frontlines of the destruction caused by industrial agriculture. The voices of women, indigenous people, peasants, and small farmers. These voices, based on experience, show us the bigger picture and remind us of the solutions we already have.

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Today more than ever we need the agroecological cultures of the world to take the forefront and show us what it means to be rooted in harmony with the Earth.

The future of food and the future of life on Earth, as well as the solutions to the ecological collapse cannot be found in the logic and hands of those who caused it in the first place. Solutions are in the hands of women, farmers, and peoples that practice biodiversity based farming that is ecological and regenerative, social movements and networks that are resisting the disruption of nature and society.

We must resist the weaponization of climate change being used to funnel everything into a fully corporate controlled, dystopia, by destroying the cultures of regeneration.

We must resist the twisting of language and concepts used to create deliberate confusion, so business can go on as usual, without addressing the true causes of ecological collapse.

Diversity connects us, and in order to move forward toward a hopeful future, we need the protection and practice of biological, cultural, economic, political, and knowledge system diversity.

*Let's say no to the corporate impositions.*

*Let's celebrate biodiversity and diversity in all its forms.*

*Let's listen to the voices of the seed keepers, the women, the indigenous people who care for the Earth in a way that renews it.*

*Now, more than ever, is the protection of diversity, biodiversity, Food Freedom and Seed Freedom crucial for a future that cares for the Earth.*

*Let us adopt this journey in our communities to create a healthier us and a healthier planet.*

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## Ideas for Action:

- **Tag us on social media, in a 30 second video describing how you're building resilience through your local food community.**
  - Tag us on Instagram: @navdanyainternational
  - Tag us on Twitter: @NavdanyaInt
  - Tag us on Facebook: navdanyainternational
  - Or email us your video at info@navdanyainternational.org and we'll share on social media.
- **Promote local, organic, healthy food through local biodiverse food systems and cultures and economies of care (farmers markets, CSAs biodistricts).**
- **Organize a meal in your family, community, or institution with local organic food.**
- **Organize a meeting, event, exhibit or any gathering to celebrate our local communities and cultures of resilience.**
- **Educate yourself and others on why false solutions do not get at the root of the problem.**
- **Organize local seed exchanges, and plant native biodiversity.**
- **Create Gardens of Hope, Gardens of Health everywhere – in community gardens, institutions, schools, prisons, hospitals in the cities and countryside.**
- **Practice sustainable agriculture based on integration of diversity of crops, trees and animals.**
- **Create poison free zones, communities, farms and food systems.**
- **Demand that your government stop subsidizing industrial agriculture and unhealthy systems that create a burden of disease. Public subsidies should be redirected to systems based on agroecology and biodiversity conservation, which provide health benefits and protect common goods.**

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