

**Eröffnungsrede zum Congress of Global Peasants Rights
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Dear distinguished Guests,
Excellencies, Ambassadors, Presidents and Chairman,
Dear Colleagues and Friends, Farmers and Peasants who feed the World:
Its Time To Unite!

- Of course, we have today also the International Womens Day!
Applouse please for all our powerful and wonderful Women!

We are proud to host this International Conference here in Schwäbisch Hall and the Castle of Kirchberg. Its a symbolic place, it's a power place!

This hall was erected in 1525 just in the time of the liberation war of our anchesters who were the former slaves of the feudals.

And in 1525 a group of our anchester peasants of south west Germany declared the 12 Thesis of freedom and social unity which are considered as the first declaration of human rights ever. But our peasants liberation movement lastet more then 300 years till the mid of the 19th century.

Today are no more the feudals our oppressors, but the large scale Agroindustrial and Food Business and Trade Monopols. Oppressing the small scale Farmer and the rural societies has become new faces, new methods and new structures, here in the North as there in the South.

There in the South: after liberation from colonialistic structures in the 50 's – 70's a new scheme of Oppression and exploitation was introduced by the western and industrialized nations:

the large scale Agrobusiness and Trade Monopols are again robbing the natural assets of the marginated rural people and societies in the southern countries.

Here in the north we have the similar situation: our rural societies and peasants in the industrialized nations are also suffering and are being exploited by the international Agro- and Foodbusiness, by the Trade Monopols, by the imperialistic Capital generating their profits on the shoulders of the poor peasants families.

The terms of trade, rather north to south, but also within the industrialized economies, are unjust.

Money and the abundant imperialistic capital became a weapon against the poor.

This is the new social question in the frame of Industrialization and Globalization.

Peasants are steadily robbed about their common assets:

Breeds and varieties, developed by peasants though centuries through domestication from wild life to husbandry breeds, from wild plants to autochtone varieties,

are their valuable resources and common rural assets.

We came to know, that already more then 60 % of the treasure of seeds and plants are under the control of Multinational Capital and now licensed to those who developed it originally.

The large international capital took it in an imperialistic manner. The modern colonialism is not done by nations, but by the uncontrolled international mega capital. They have made our natural resources and our common values to their business case.

For all of that, we started our struggle for justice and freedom for the small scale farmers and people living in the rural areas. Jointly in the North and South.

We demand our basic rights, we call them the Global Peasants Rights, which are not yet covered by the human rights charta as I claimed it in July last year in New York at the General Assembly of the United Nations.

On this stage we thank our Colleagues from LVC and FIAN for their extremely important work and efforts to a Intergovernmental Working Group in Geneve installed in 2012 through the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the **Right To Food, Olivier de Schutter**,

upon a process with should lead to a Declaration of Peasants Rights and People Living in Rural Areas,

of which the **Chair Rapporteur and UN-Ambassasor of Bolivia, Nardi Suxo Ittury**, is among us

On this foundation we came together to increase pressure, especially to the European Nations who are so far denying the process and the US of America who are the only country in the world opposing it.

Therefore: we will be strong in solidarity!

Lets give hope to all the peasants of the Globe.
Lets Unite!

This is the message of the Day and of this Congress!

Herewith I declare this Congress for the Global Peasants Rights as opened!