

Excellencies, distinguished Guests, Colleagues,
Honorable Head of the
56th Session of the commission for Social Development!

On the topic of “Strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all” I want to point out:

Globalization and Industrial Development goes along with the degeneration of local and small scale economies, small sale farming and local trade. It has led during the last 40 years to poverty and starvation of the rural people in the North as in the South. The global “Terms of Trade” are dictated by the imperialistic capital and the rich industrial societies, small scale economies and rural societies are the losers of this unjust development. This leads to the “New Social Question”.

Along the unjust Terms of Trade, small scale farmers and rural societies, who are more then 60 % of the worlds population, are being robbed about their common assets in terms of landgrabbing, genetic grabbing and knowledge grabbing, considered as attempt upon the “Global Peasants Rights.”

We have to come up with strategies and measures to stop and prevent this unjust development. We have to allow the poor societies to share our wealth and prosperities in a fair way. We have to enable them the share world markets with their valuable resources and products with fair terms along the international value chains.

As global trade monopolists are dictating low prices to the rural farmers and producers, new value chains have to be established and value generation has to reach the ground and small scale producers in favour to benefit the local economies in the South.

The goal is to achieve fair share on international trade for the poor and emerging societies and economies, instead of charity projects and to live on alms;

but to enable our sisters and brothers in the South to get their fair share in value generation with their own hands work and with their own common and local resources.

I recommend new “Value Chain Partnerships” between North and South, East and West where all are benefitting with the equal share. As we have implemented it under the scheme “SEEDS OF HOPE”, as fair partnerships between farmers in the North and farmers in the South. In this case, small scale farmers are still continuing with their subsistence farming practices for its own consumption and the local markets, but generating also “Cash Crops” with their own hands and from their local natural resources, putting them into value through fair participation on the world markets, especially in Germany and Europe.

This access to world markets under fair share of the value chains – along with their local production for local markets – will give those marginated people future and will at the same time prevent economically based migration from the poor countries in the South to the rich industrial regions in the North. The goal is to provide local income opportunities and sustainable and fair participation on the worlds GDP.

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