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Title: Developing a collective PHM position before the UN Biodiversity COP16 '24

Webinar date: 30th Sept (Mon), 2 PM UTC/ 9 AM Colombia time/ 8 AM Guatemala/ 7 AM Arizona time/ 8 PM Dhaka

Time for each speaker- 10-12 minutes per speaker

Ingles

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has three main objectives: the conservation of biological diversity; the sustainable use of the components of biological diversity; an the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

Bios of five speakers (Please feel free to modify)

1. Farida Akhter is the Founding Executive Director of UBINIG (Policy Research for Development Alternative) in Bangladesh. Apart from being a part of health movements, she is the convenor of Women & Biodiversity Network and organizes Nayakrishi Andolon, a biodiversity-based farming system with over 300,000 farming families producing organic food. She has conducted extensive research on women's development, health and nutrition, agriculture, food sovereignty, fisheries, handloom weaving, garment industries, and related development issues.

2. Nithin Ramakrishnan is associated with the Third World Network. He has been following the ongoing discussions for a treaty (Pandemic Treaty) at the WHO and issues of biodiversity at the COP16 and other forums.

Also see TWN sign on letter:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl_TOt5Rp2P684lhVSCkQ8QqC_fjuMQmgbpHDkyLsXmnJ84Q/viewform

3. Ati Quigua

English

Ati Quigua is a mother, an Indigenous Arhuaca leader of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombian pacifist and environmentalist, and an elected Councilwoman of Bogota for three terms. She has been an indigenous commissioner for peace in Colombia, defender of human rights, the rights of nature and good living at multiple processes in national and international levels.

4. David Paredes

English

David Paredes is from the National Network for the Defense of Food Sovereignty in Guatemala also called REDSAG. Part of MAELA Mesoamerica and Enlazados. David Paredes is originally from Northern Guatemala, from the territory of the Maya Q'eqchí' people. He is currently the Guatemala coordinator of REDSAG (National Network for the Defense of Food Sovereignty), an environmental and social activist.

What are they speaking about?
REDSAG is an active part of the Latin American and Caribbean Agroecological Movement MAELA Mesoamerica and the group Enlazados. David will talk about his experiences of working with these groups, of promoting actions for the defense of native and creole seeds and the ancestral knowledge associated with them. He will share about promoting this work in Guatemala and in neighboring countries such as Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras. and of making a common front of defense against the current consumption model that acts under the mantle of the extractivism model, neoliberal capitalism and control.

5. FredrickOle Ikayo, University of Arizona

Fredrick Ole Ikayo is from the Maasai Tribe, an indigenous and semi-nomadic ethnic group in Tanzania. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D) degree in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy (I.P.L.P) at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. He has also been a Teaching) Fellow in the Environmental Justice Clinic at Vermont Law & Graduate School (VLGS) and supported work with Environmental Justice communities domestically and internationally.

Fredrick will talk about the eviction of the Maasai community in Tanzania in the name of conservation and tourism.
Also see:
https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2024/05/maasai-tribe-tanzania-forced-land-evictions-serengeti/677835/