



ALIANZA POR LA
SOBERANÍA ALIMENTARIA
DE LOS PUEBLOS DE
AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL
CARIBE

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

CONSULTATION AND SPECIAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PEOPLES, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND NGOs FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

PANAMA, JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2018

In preparation for the 35th FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Kingston Jamaica, March 5 to 7, 2018, the Facilitation Committee of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty of the Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean has been mandated to establish a Steering Committee of five representatives of civil society organizations who will be in charge of convening regional social movements to a Regional Conference and for receiving input for the agenda of the FAO Regional Office's Official Conference.

Steering Committee members include the following regional organizations: International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA), CLOC - Vía Campesina, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF) and Latin American Federation of Beekeepers (FILAPI). The role of the Steering Committee is to ensure the participation at the Conference of a broad range of civil society movements and actors, make all venue arrangements, determine the topics for discussion, make all the necessary arrangements for funding, and set up a national organizing team in charge of logistics for the consultation.

The proposed activities will provide an opportunity for regional and sub-regional organizations to gather and interact, both in the discussion and in concrete action; contribute to strengthening and further examine the main lines of actions of social movements, and formulate concrete policy proposals and follow-up on the Food Sovereignty debate as established at the 34th FAO Regional Conference.

Conference Objectives

- Discuss and prepare recommendations for the 35th FAO Regional Conference.
- Discuss and assess developments in the Regional Initiatives as established at the 34th FAO Regional Conference.
- Review progress made in regional food, agriculture and rural development.
- Strengthen and develop regional strategic alliances among social movements and organizations.
- Strengthen the Social Movements for Food Sovereignty Plan of Action.

Conference Activities

- CSO Consultation and Conference for the 35th FAO Regional Conference, in Panama City.
- Participation in the 35th FAO Regional Conference, conducting joint sessions to share and discuss proposals among SM/CSO and government representatives.

Expected Outcomes

- Attendance of 15 delegates representing regional and sub-regional social movements and networks in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Partnerships among different social movements are further strengthened to monitor and take action on food sovereignty.
- Concrete proposals for standards, policy, concepts and activities for monitoring agriculture and food in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Action Plan for social movements for the next period.
- Attendance of 5 CSO delegates at the 35th FAO Regional Conference.

Participants

- 15 international representatives of peasant and social movements, family farmers, small-scale fishing communities, indigenous communities, rural workers organizations, environmental movements and networks.
- 5 Panamanian representatives of peasant and social movements, family farmers, small-scale fishing communities, indigenous communities, rural workers organizations, environmental movements and networks.

Participant selection criteria:

- The Steering Committee will prepare a comprehensive list of conference participants.
- The Steering Committee will determine the number of delegates of social movements and networks that are eligible for funding to attend the CSO Consultation and Conference for the 35th FAO Regional Conference, by region and sub-region.
- The local organizing team, responsible for logistics in Panama, will determine the number of delegates from Panamanian social movements.
- The social movements and networks will nominate their respective delegates to the Civil Society Consultation and Conference. Each movement or network must ensure delegates are balanced geographically and adequate representation of women and youth.
- Consultation and Conference participants will nominate the delegates to the 35^a FAO Regional Conference.

1. Timetable

Towards the Consultation and Conference of the Peoples, Social Movements and NGOs for Food Sovereignty and Social Justice for the Official FAO Conference.

Confirmation of Consultation funding by Bahamas	End of September
Determination of Consultation venue	End of September
Submission of budget to FAO	October 15
Establishment of the organizing committee: - 5 organizations	November 1 to 4
Consultation and Conference invitations are sent to interested CSO	January 20 to 26
First draft of the agenda	December 1
Submission of list of participants	January 15, 2018
Purchase tickets	Before January 18
Consultation and Conference of the Peoples	January 31 to February 2
Return to respective countries	February 3

Input for informal documents of RIs

FAO submits documents	January 17
Alliance sends feedback to FAO	February 15

2. Activity

Activity	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Organization of activities to be carried out prior to the 35 th SCM Consultation in February, 2018. During this period, the following activities will be carried out:	X	X		
Presentation of the FAO Project	X			
Establishment of the local organizing committee	X			
Estimates for and preparation of the necessary material and arrangements for the Assembly and Consultation	X	X		
Steering Committee work and evaluation meetings.	X	X	X	
CSO Consultation and Conference for the 35 th FAO Regional Conference.			X	
Attendance at the 35 th FAO Regional Conference.				X
Financial and final reports				X

AGENDA

3. Provisional agenda for the Civil Society Organizations Consultation and Conference

January 30: Arrival of international and national delegates.

2:00 p.m.: Alliance coordination meeting.

7:00 p.m.: Dinner.

January 31: Meeting with FAO

8:00 a.m. Spirit-building exercise

8:30 a.m. Official opening of the Consultation and Conference led by the **Steering Committee** and **FAO** representatives (Panama University).

8:30 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.: Meeting with FAO on the FAO Official Conference (presentation of three regional initiatives, workgroup discussion and expected outcomes).

13:00 p.m.: Press conference.

13:30 p.m.: Trip to the Pueblo Kuna Autonomous Territory.

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Alliance meeting.

7:00 p.m. Dinner.

8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Meeting of the Consultation and Conference Steering Committee.

February 1 and 2: Consultation of the Peoples, SCOs and SMs (draft agenda)

Objectives of the Consultation and Conference

February 1:

- ✓ Political analysis of the regional situation in Latin America and the Caribbean from the perspective of food sovereignty.
- ✓ Formulate the two-year Action Plan: 2018/2019
- ✓ Dialogue and debate on regional FAO initiatives.

February 2:

- ✓ Final Declaration of the Consultation.
- ✓ Selection of five (5) delegates to the Official FAO Conference.

February 3:

- ✓ 8:30 a.m.: Return to Panama City.
- ✓ 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Meeting with FAO to discuss the outcome of the consultation.
- ✓ 12.00 a.m.: Lunch.
- ✓ 13.00 p.m.: Delegates leave for the Panama International Airport and travel to their respective countries.

*(Agenda subject to change).