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The International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the WFAL has identified 6 main discussion themes to guide discussions taking place during the regional preparation phase (which lasts until December 20th) and the global assembly (from March 31st- April 2nd, 2016, in Valencia, Spain). The themes are not final; they will be clarified in coming weeks*.

10 YEARS AFTER

Land reconcentration and exclusion: Evaluating contemporary evolutions in land access and use 10 years after the CIRADR in Porto Alegre (2006)

1. Land reconcentration

- Agricultural land grabbing/ concentration: a quantitative assessment
- The rush for our forests
- Resource grabbing: water and fisheries

2. Evictions, exclusions and struggles

- Eviction/marginalization
- Rural poverty, urban poverty: rural exodus and exclusion
- Assessing existing forms of resistance to processes of resource monopolization

CURRENT SITUATION

Land and natural resource access and production models: feeding ourselves from the earth, creating jobs and income for a maximum number of people, protecting the environment...

3. Improving the distribution of land and natural resource access: Producing more wealth, distributing resources more effectively, and creating more jobs

- Family farming or large-scale farming business?: A new look at the economic efficacy of production models
- Decent livelihood activities for all
- Access to land and natural resources is not enough. Access to production means should go together
- Resource grabbing and the distribution of wealth (AV)
- Sharing access to resources, a need for food sovereignty?

4. Improving the distribution of land and natural resource access: Conserving resources and protecting the earth

- Repartition of resources, production models, and impacts on the environment: soils and biodiversity erosion, pollutions, climate change
- Deforestation and agricultural frontiers: conservation, sustainable development, and investor concessions ...
- Water access and use (irrigation, fishing areas): distribution and sustainable use
- Sharing access to land and natural resources, a need for Agroecological revolution?

EXPERIENCES, POLICIES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE

Which access to land and natural resources policies and which agricultural policies will result in generalizing production models which generates jobs and added value without destroying natural resources?

5. Facilitating land and natural resource access amongst vulnerable populations: Policies and proposals

- Land reform or agrarian reform?
- Regulating land markets (purchase, sale, and rental), fiscal policy
- Access to capital: a necessary prerequisite

6. Ending evictions and protecting populations' rights: Policies and proposals

- How to best implement the voluntary guidelines** on the ground?
- Protecting vulnerable populations (poor farmers, minorities...) and ending evictions; building alliances on the ground
- International governance: is it conceivable? Including resource access rights for the poor in the MDGs?

Please send contributions (case studies, testimony, analyses, manifestos, and proposals) related these 6 themes, or to any other themes that you would like the forum to cover, to: secretariat@landaccessforum.org. We will accept documents written, audio, or video documents in English, Arabic, Spanish or French.

* The themes will be clarified based on input (comments about the selected themes or suggestions for new themes) that forum organizers receive. Please send your comments or suggestions before September 30th, 2015.

** The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, endorsed by the Committee on World Food Security on 11 May 2012.