

collectively building
a global movement

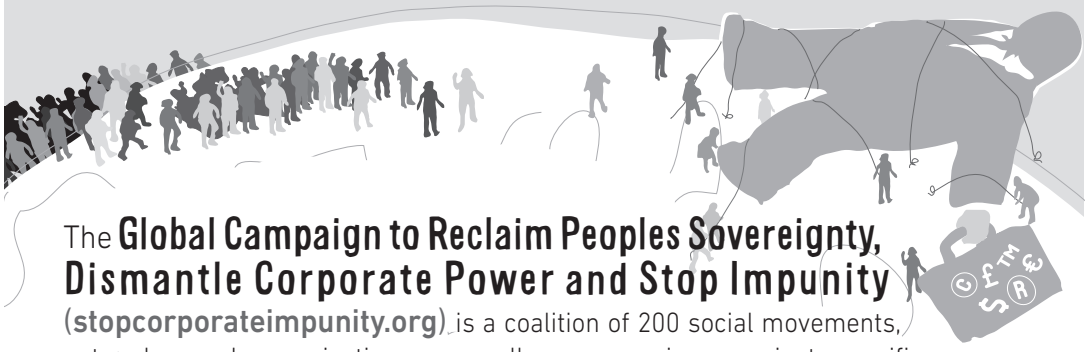
to **DISMANTLE**
THE POWER OF
TRANSNATIONAL
CORPORATIONS



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reclaiming peoples sovereignty

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The **Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity**

(stopcorporateimpunity.org) is a coalition of 200 social movements, networks, and organizations as well as campaigns against specific corporations or sectors from diverse regions and countries.

It is a peoples global structural response to unaccountable corporate power, which provides facilitation for dialogue, strategizing, exchanging information and experiences, acting as a space for greater visibility and deepening of solidarity and support for struggles against Transnational Corporations (TNCs).

At the same time, it proposes an **International Peoples Treaty**, which provides a political framework to give visibility and support to international and national movements and communities in their resistances and practices of alternatives to corporate power. It also participates in the campaign for UN Binding legislation to regulate TNCs operations and stop corporate human rights violations. As such, it is a tool for strengthening resistance to TNCs locally, regionally and globally.

What is the International Peoples Treaty?

The International Peoples' Treaty is above all a political process and vision that emerges from the need to fight against the existing architecture of impunity (Free Trade Agreements, Investment Agreements and other instruments of neoliberal policy), and for the urgent demands for a binding legal instrument to stop corporate violations. Even though the term "Treaty," legally refers to an agreement signed by states, the Peoples Treaty vision is that the people, beyond states, are protagonists in making law and defends the notion of international law "from below."

The International Peoples Treaty places the people as the paramount subjects, political actors and source of the laws and norms of a political, economic and legal system that challenges the current framework of extraordinary privileges and impunity operating for TNCs. It is from within this framework that the determination emerges to overcome the lack of political will and imagination of those saying that a binding Treaty on TNCs is impossible. While The Peoples Treaty represents a political vision from below, it is complementary to the intergovernmental binding instrument set to be negotiated by the UNHRC inter-governmental process.

The recent trajectory of the Campaign

2000-2012

A broad international consultation to build collectively a common frame for the Campaign, that was launched in June 2012 (Rio+20), with 100 signatories of the Call to International Action for the Economic, Political, Cultural and Environmental Sovereignty of our Peoples. "End the Impunity of Transnational Corporations Now!".

2012-2015

Several Campaign activities have been built in different global regions. During a collective process we elaborated the Peoples Treaty Base Document and thanks to the Campaign-regional advocacy strategy as well as the Treaty Alliance political pressure, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) approved a Resolution for a legally Binding Instrument on the operations of TNCs. In June 2014 and in July 2015 the Campaign organised the Days of Mobilisation in Geneva in parallel to the First Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Working Group (IGWG) mandated by the UNHRC Resolution, giving a high public visibility to the demand for an end to the impunity of TNCs.

Where are we at in 2016?

The Global Campaign strategy regarding the Peoples Treaty is in a new phase, in which it will strengthen the action at the regional, national and local level. It will also work on several proposals of practical application of the Peoples Treaty and develop a strategy to confront the current corporate capture of democracy through "multi-stakeholder" bodies that place corporations at the center of governance. Finally, we will intensify the work and the mobilisation for the UN Binding Treaty.

Some of the key dates in our collective calendar of 2016

*** 19-20th January**

Strategy meeting South East Asia network of the Global Campaign (Jakarta)

*** 19th-21st February**

Meeting of the European members of the Global Campaign (Madrid, Spain, during the Plan B Conference)

*** March** Land and Water Convergence Caravan in West-Africa (convened by La Via Campesina); Report of the Ecuadorean chair on the First Session of the IGWG, in the UNHRC Session (Geneva, Switzerland)

*** April** Treaty Alliance Meeting and Seminar on the Peoples Treaty (Rio de Janeiro), Seminar on the Agrarian Reform in Brazil (convened by La Via Campesina)

*** 21st May** International Day of Struggle against Extractive Industries & TNCs (convened by UDAPT)

*** July**

International Seminar on FTAs and TNCs (Morocco, convened by Attac Morocco)

*** 9th-14th August**

World Social Forum (Montreal, Canada)

*** 24th-28th October** Days of Mobilisations during the Second Session of the IGWG (Geneva, Switzerland)

*** 4th-5th November** Global days of Action on the Trade and Investment Regime and TNCs impunity (tbc)

*** 7th-18th November** COP 22 (Marrakech, Morocco)



How to be involved & participate in the Campaign?

Social movements, organizations, campaigns, networks and coalitions of affected communities can participate in the following ways:

Sign on to the **Call for Action to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty** and promote it widely.



Share knowledge and lessons of **resistance to corporate power** with other groups and with the Campaign network, building a **collective repertoire of strategies and practices**.



Promote and engage in **solidarity actions** with ongoing movements against corporate power carried by the coalitions of affected communities that are part of the Campaign network e.g. (MAB, People affected by VALE, Marikana, BDS, etc.)



Participate in the Campaign Working Groups facilitating the **Campaign building process, mobilization and activities**.



Participate in the development and dissemination of **the International Peoples Treaty** with other organizations interested in coordinating strategies against TNCs.



Build together **Hearings of the Permanent Peoples Tribunal** through presenting cases of corporate violations and crimes, attending the Hearings and raising awareness of the decisions of the juries.



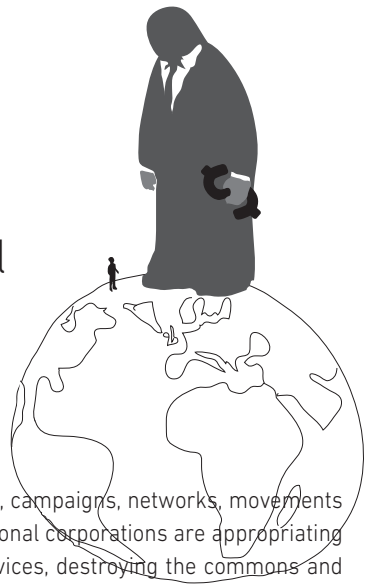
Contribute to the collective building of the Global Campaign with **information on ongoing struggles, ideas and proposals**, undertaking dissemination on websites, social media and with other online tools towards more effective **convergence of struggles** on the corporate power nexus.



Call to International Action

For the Economic, Political, Cultural
and Environmental **Sovereignty**
of Our Peoples End the Impunity
of Transnational Corporations

Now! The time has come to unite the hundreds of struggles, campaigns, networks, movements and organizations that are combating the different ways transnational corporations are appropriating our destinies, natural heritage and rights, dismantling public services, destroying the commons and endangering food sovereignty in every corner of the planet.



Neoliberal globalization has opened the doors for the savage exploitation of the world by the big economic powers. They have gradually taken over our lives and the planet by creating a blanket of impunity through the dismantling and systematic violation of laws and the signing of international trade and investment agreements, which award investors more rights than citizens. As a result, peoples' rights have been systematically violated, the Earth and its resources destroyed, pillaged and contaminated, and resistance criminalized, while corporations continue committing economic and ecological crimes with total impunity. Driven by their imperative of maximizing profit, TNCs seek to pit workers from different regions against one another in what is a race to the bottom for the world's working people.

The governance and policies of the multilateral institutions (IMF, WB, and the WTO) have long served corporate interests, while the institutions of the UN and the EU have been increasingly captured by TNCs. This is reflected in the policies shaped to satisfy the interests of capital and in these institutions' systematic refusal to impose limits on corporations.

In most countries, governments are at the service of corporate interests and against us, the majority of peoples. Setting aside democratic principles, they usurp institutions and, with the complicity of national elites, succeed in altering laws and policies that allow them to continue plundering the wealth of nations and maintain their predatory relation to nature. In the face of mounting criticism of their operations, TNCs' have designed tools like Corporate Social Responsibility to clean up their image, while allowing them to continue to increase their profits. Furthermore, they control major media agencies, which play a key role in ensuring the continuity of corporate hegemony.

Acting with brutality in the rich countries from which they originate, but especially in countries of the Global South - and increasingly in "emerging" countries like Brazil, India, China and Russia - major corporations are appropriating more and more of our wealth and rights. Their growing economic monopoly, political power and control over the justice system destroy our right to a decent life and dominate our peoples' and nations' cultural habits and consumption patterns.

Transnationals have commodified life and continue to seize our territories, forests and water and transform social and human relations. Health and education, for example, are now considered privileges of those who have money, and are no longer seen as the rights of all people. With the crisis in the U.S. and various European countries, the banks have expropriated thousands of people's houses. In Europe, they have imposed austerity measures, which are a replica of the structural adjustment programs implemented years ago in countries in the South to deal with the so-called "external debt". Today, we are seeing unprecedented attacks on public services, labour rights and social programs, while governments use public funds to save the market's excesses and the financial institutions.

Transnational corporations operate globally, moving from one country to another, while applying the same recipe to generate profit at any cost. It is we, the 99%, who bear the costs. Yet, resistance is growing throughout the world. Every day, there are more communities, movements and peoples struggling against transnationals - often confronting specific companies or sectors and that have won important victories. Even so, we have not succeeded in halting the advance of corporations, as when defeated in one place, they adjust their strategies and move to another, where they confront any obstacle that rises on their path.

Therefore, to confront corporate power and the system that protects and benefits TNCs, it is urgent and necessary to give a systematic response. We must unite our experiences and our struggles, learn collectively from our victories and our failures and share our analysis and strategies for putting an end to the impunity of transnationals. The concrete struggles of our communities against a transnational corporation could be even more victorious if we are able to unite them with the efforts of other people in other countries, regions or continents.

Sharing our experience in developing ways of life that are distinct from the culture of transnational production imposed by capitalism, that now wants to disguise itself as "green", is fundamental for building an alternative society in which we, the people, are the protagonists. We are committed to reclaiming sovereignty over the commons, over natural resources, territories and public services and strengthening our struggles for food sovereignty and for ecological and environmental justice.

We, the undersigned, hereby invite you to join us in collectively building this process of mobilization towards a global campaign against the power of corporations and their crimes against humanity. Dismantling the transnationals' system of power demands coordinated action at the global level: engaging in struggles in various spheres, combining mobilizations on the streets and in territories with popular education and actions in parliaments, media and international forums and organisations.

By creating a powerful movement of solidarity and action against TNCs, their apologists and promoters, we will begin to build a world free from corporate power and greed.

Dismantle Corporate Power!
End the Impunity of
Transnational Corporations!



WHO IS PROMOTING THIS INITIATIVE?

INTERNATIONAL

Bi-regional Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Enlazando Alternativas Network
Blue Planet Project
CADTM International
Corporate Accountability International
Food & Water Watch
Friends of the Earth International
Global Forest Coalition
International Articulation of those Affected by Vale
La Via Campesina International
The International Office for Human Rights Action on Colombia (OIDHACO)
Transnational Institute – TNI
World Forum for Alternatives
World March of Women
World Rainforest Movement

REGIONAL

African Uranium Alliance, Africa
Amigos de la Tierra América Latina y el Caribe – ATALC
CADTM – AYNIA, Americas
Campaña Justicia Climática, Americas
Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas – CAOI, Andean region
Focus on the Global South, India/Thailand/Philippines
Food & Water Watch Europe
Hemispheric Social Alliance, Americas
International Alliance of Natural Resources in Africa (IANRA)
Jubilee South - Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development
Jubileo Sur Americas
Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo (PIDHDD), Americas
Red Latinoamericana por el Acceso a Medicamentos
Red Latinoamericana sobre Deuda, Desarrollo y Derechos (LATINDADD)
Red Vida
Social Movements for an Alternative Asia (SMAA)
Southern Africa Faith Communities Environmental Initiative (SAFCEI)
Third World Network Africa
Transnational Migrant Platform, Europe
Young Friends of the Earth Europe

NATIONAL

ACSUR – Las Segovias, Spain
Action from Ireland (AFRI)
African Women Unite Against Destructive Natural Resource Extraction (WoMin), South Africa
AITEC
Alianza Mexicana por la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos (AMAP)
All India Forum of Forest Movement (AIFFM), India
Alliance of Progressive Labour (APL), Philippines
Alternative Information Development Center (AIDC), South Africa
Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM), Philippines
Amigos de la Tierra, Spain
AM-net (APEC Monitor NGO Network), Japan
Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign (Stop the Wall), Palestine
Arlac, Belgium
A Seed Japan (Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development)
ATTAC Argentina
ATTAC Austria
ATTAC France
ATTAC Japan
ATTAC Morocco
ATTAC Spain
ATTAC Switzerland
ATTAC Vlaanderen
Bench Marks Foundation, South Africa
Beyond Copenhagen (BCPH), India
Biowatch South Africa
Both ENDS, The Netherlands
Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association (ABIA)
Brazilian Network for the Integration of the Peoples (REBRIP), Brazil
Campaña de Afectados por Repsol, Catalunya
Campaña Explotación a Precio de Saldo, Spain
Campaña Mesoamericana Para la Justicia Climática, El Salvador
Centro de Documentación e Información Bolivia (CEDIB)
Censat Agua Viva – Amigos de la Tierra Colombia
Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina (CTA)
Centre Europe Tiers Monde (CETIM), Switzerland
Centre for Natural Resource Governance, Zimbabwe
Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD), Zambia
Centre for the Development of Women and Children (CDWC), Zimbabwe
Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos “Segundo Montes Mozo S.J.” (CSMM), Ecuador
Centro de Estudios para la Justicia Social Tierra Digna, Colombia
Centro de Investigación y Documentación Chile-América Latina (FDCL), Germany
Centro de Investigaciones e Información en Desarrollo (CIID), Guatemala
CIVICUS, South Africa
COECCOeiba, Costa Rica
Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CCAJAR), Colombia
Colectivo de Mujeres Hondureñas (CODEMUH), Honduras
Colibri, Germany
Collectiu de Respostes a les Transnacionals (RETS), Catalunya, Spain
Comision Interclesimal de Justicia y Paz, Colombia
Comisión Nacional de Enlace (CNE), Costa Rica
Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (CDH), Ecuador
Comité por los Derechos Humanos en América Latina (CDHAL), Canada
Comité pour le respect des droits humains “Daniel Gillard”
Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers – International Office, Philippines
Common Frontiers, Canada
Confederación General del Trabajo (CGT), Spain
Coordinación por los Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas (CODPI), Spain
Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), Belgium
Council of Canadians, Canada
Cristianos de Base, Spain
CSAAWU, South Africa
Democracy Center, Bolivia
Derechos Humanos sin Fronteras, Perú
Eastern and Southern Africa Farmers Forum (ESAFF) - Zambia
EcoDoc Africa
Ecologistas en Acción-Ekologistak Martxan – Ecologistes en Acció, Spain
¿Economía Verde? ¡Futuro Imposible! – Alianza por una alternativa ecológica, social y urgente al capitalismo, Spain
Economic Justice Network of FOCCISA, South Africa
Enginyeria sense Fronteres, Catalonia
Entrepueblos, Spain

Environmental Monitoring Group, South Africa
 Environmental Rights Action/ Friends of the Earth Nigeria
 FASE-Brazil
 Federation of Organs for Social and Educational Assistance (FASE), Brazil
 Federació de Associacions Veïnals de Mataró (FAVM), Catalunya
 Foro Ciudadano de Participación por la Justicia y los Derechos Humanos (FOCO), Argentina
 France Amérique Latine (FAL), France
 Fresh Eyes- People to People Travel
 Friends of the Earth, Finland
 Friends of the Earth, Japan
 Friends of the Earth, Scotland
 Friends of the Landless, Finland
 Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho (FESPAD), El Salvador
 Fundación de Investigaciones Sociales y políticas (FISYP), Argentina
 Fundación para la Cooperación APY – Solidaridad en Acción, Spanish State
 Fundación Solon, Bolivia
 Global Change Factory, Germany
 Global Justice Now/Attac UK
 Grassroots Global Justice, United States of America
 Grassroots International, United States of America
 Groundwork - Friends of the Earth South Africa
 Groupe de Recherche pour une Stratégie Economique Alternative (GRESEA), Belgium
 Grupo Sur, Belgium
 Hegoa, Instituto de Estudios sobre el Desarrollo y la Cooperación Internacional del País Vasco, Basque Country
 HOMA Center for Business and Human Rights, Brazil
 India FDI Watch, India
 Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF), India
 Indonesia for Global Justice, Indonesia
 Ingeniería Sin Fronteras, Asturias
 Innovations for Change, Nigeria
 Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) - Global Economy Project
 Instituto de Ciencias Alejandro Lipschutz (ICAL), Chile
 Instituto Equit – Gênero, Economia e Cidadania Global, Brazil
 Institute for Socioeconomic Studies (INESC), Brazil
 Instituto Latinoamericano para una sociedad y un derecho alternativo (ILSA), Colombia
 Instituto Mais Democracia, Brazil
 Instituto Políticas Alternativas para o Cone Sul (PACS), Brazil
 Janpahal, India
 Jubilee Debt Campaign, United Kingdom
 Justiça Global, Brazil
 Koalisi Anti Utang (KAU) - Anti Debt Coalition Indonesia
 KRuHA, Indonesia
 Laboratorio de Investigación en Desarrollo Comunitario y Sustentabilidad de México
 Labour Research Service (LRS), South Africa
 La Via Campesina Africa 1 - Mozambique
 Mahlathini Organics, South Africa
 Marcha Mundial de Mujeres Chile - Colectivo VientoSur
 Mesa Nacional frente a Minería Metálica, El Salvador
 Milieu Defensie – Friends of the Earth, Netherlands
 Mining Affected Communities United in Action (MACUA), South Africa
 MiningWatch Canada
 Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens (MAB), Brazil
 Movimiento Rios Vivos, Colombia
 Movimiento Social Nicaraguense – Otro Mundo Es Posible, Nicaragua
 Multiwatch, Switzerland
 National Garment Workers Federation (NGWF), Bangladesh
 North East Peoples Alliance, India
 Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED), Belgium
 Observatório de la Deuda en la Globalización (ODG), Spain
 Observatorio de Multinacionales en America Latina (OMAL), Spain
 Observatorio Petrolero Sur (OPSur), Argentina
 Otramerica, Paraguay
 Pacific Asia Resource Centre (PARC), Japan
 Palenque del Alto Cauca (PCN), Colombia
 Partido de la Rifondazione Comunista/ Izzquierda Europea, Italia
 Pax Romana, Switzerland
 Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), Philippines
 Plataforma Alternativa para el Desarrollo de Haití (Papda)
 Plataforma de Direitos Humanos - Dhesca Brazil
 Plataforma Rural – Alianza por un Mundo Rural Vivo, Spain
 Polaris Institute, Canada
 Recalca, Colombia
 Red Internacional de Derechos Humanos (RIDH), Switzerland
 Red Mexicana de Acción frente al Libre Comercio (RMALC), Mexico
 Red Muqui Sur, Peru
 Red Nacional Genero y Economía Mujeres para el Diálogo, AC, Mexico
 Rede Social de Justiça e Direitos Humanos, Brazil
 Revuelta verde/Rising Tide, Mexico
 SEATINI, Zimbabwe
 SETEM Catalonia
 SIEMBRA, AC, Mexico
 Sindicato de Trabajadoras de la Enseñanza de Euskalherria – STEE-EILAS, Basque Country
 Soldepaz Pachakuti, Spain
 Solidaridad Suecia – America Latina (SAL) / Latinamerikagrupperna, Sweden
 Solifonds, Switzerland
 SOMO – Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations, Netherlands
 South African and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU), South Africa
 South African Water Caucus (SAWC), South Africa
 South Asian Dialogues on Ecological Democracy (SADED), India
 South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, South Africa
 Southern Africa Green Revolutionary Council (SAGRC)
 Spaces for Change (S4C), Nigeria
 Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehavior (SACOM), Hong Kong, China
 Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC), South Africa
 Swiss Working Group on Colombia
 Terra de Direitos, Brazil
 Toxics Watch Alliance (TWA), India
 Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TSOE), South Africa
 Unidad Ecologica Salvadoreña (UNES), El Salvador
 Unión de Afectados y Afectadas por las Operaciones Petroleras de Texaco (UDAPT), Ecuador
 UNISON, United Kingdom
 Veterinarios sin Fronteras, Spanish State
 War on Want, United Kingdom
 Xingu Vivo para Sempre, Brazil

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