



Peoples and the Planet before Profit! Moving away from Free Trade and Extractivism to Dismantle Corporate Power

The neoliberal capitalist system has exploited and abused not only labour but also nature, pushing the planet to its limits. The aggressive policies of liberalization, deregulation and privatization have globalized a model of hyper-production and hyper-consumption that brought humanity to a multiple crisis: economic and financial, food, cultural, energy, ecological and civilizational crises.

Over the past 40 years, with the complacency of the globalized financial system, transnational corporations acquired an unprecedented economic and political power and are a key driving force in today's endless growth system, appropriating our destinies, natural and cultural heritage, dismantling public services and social programs, destroying the commons and endangering food sovereignty in every corner of the planet.

Following a boundless logic of grabbing, extracting and exploiting resources, both natural and human, corporations expand their activities in ever more domains of life in order to increase their profits: food production, land, natural resources, energy, water, health, education, public services and finances. While they rack up outrageous benefits, they evade their tax obligations while calling for governments to use public funds to salvage them from their unreasoned actions and the financial crises they've themselves provoked. They promote a market-led ideology and culture that weaken the social fabric, dismantle all forms of solidarity and crumble democracy. They increase their domination over the decision-making of governments' and state bodies, and their control over the justice system.

Throughout the years, with States' complicity, transnational corporations built a vast architecture of impunity serving the interests of transnational capital and allowing to systematically violate human and labour rights, and commit economic and environmental crimes. Often, corporations are also involved in assassinations, persecutions and threats against trade unions, social activists and communities resisting their actions and operations. The design and implementation of trade and investment agreements are part of this architecture that gives exceptional "rights" to investors and capital against peoples' sovereignty.

In the face of these attacks, affected communities, workers, migrants, women, peasants, indigenous communities, climate activists and social movements all over the world are fighting back, saying with one voice « YA BASTA!». The neoliberal capitalist system doesn't work for the peoples and the planet. We need a new lifestyle that favours the harmony between humans and nature, and not an endless growth model that the capitalist system promotes in order to make more and more profit. On each territory, according to its specificity, all peoples can aspire to *live well*.

In August 2016, in Montreal, hundreds of organizations and movements will meet in the World Social Forum to exchange existing resistances, establish strategies to expand the many alternatives that activists build in their daily lives, and most importantly together take action and charge the pillars of a system that only creates inequality and exclusion and destroys our environment.

The space "Peoples and the Planet Before Profit !" provides an opportunity for groups and movements, that battle against **extractivism** and work for social justice, attack the architecture of **free trade and investment agreements**, challenge daily the **power of transnational corporations**, fight for **climate justice**, to come together to build the momentum and strengthen the coordination of front-line, direct, non violent, disturbing and anti-systemic actions to confront these pillars of the neoliberal capitalist system.

Together, we can change the system and put the economy to the service of the peoples and in harmony with the planet!

Endorsements

RÉSEAUX / NETWORKS / REDES (international, regional)

Comité international pour l'Annulation de la Dette illégitime – CADTM (International)

Common Frontiers (Canada)

Convergencia de organizaciones y ciudadan@s México Mejor sin TPP (México)

Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité – CIDSE (International)
Droit à l'Énergie (International)
Focus on the Global South (International)
Friends of the Earth International (International)
Global Alliance for Tax Justice (International)
Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity (International)
Global Forest Coalition (International)
Health and Trade Network (Europe)
Holy Cross International Justice Office – HCIJO (International)
Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens – MAB (Brasil)
Plataforma Ciudadana Chile Mejor Sin TPP (Chile)
Red de Género y Economía – REDGE (Perú)
Red latinoamericana sobre Deuda, Desarrollo y Derechos – LATINDADD (América latina)
Réseau québécois sur l'intégration continentale – RQIC (Québec)
Seattle to Brussels Network – S2B (Europe)
Stop the Wall Campaign (Palestina)
Trade Justice Network / Réseau pour un commerce juste – TJN / RCJ (Canada)

NATIONAL

AITEC-IPAM (France)
Alliance de la Fonction publique du Canada / Public Service Alliance of Canada – AFPC / PSAC (Canada)
Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux – APTS (Québec)
Alternatives (Québec)
Amis de la terre (France)
ARO CoopérAction InterNational (Québec)
Association canadienne des avocats du mouvement syndical – ACAMS (Québec)
Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale – AQOCI (Québec)
Attac Argentina (Argentina)
Attac España (España)
Attac France (France)

Attac Germany (Germany)

Attac Maroc / CADTM (Maroc)

Attac Québec (Québec)

CEDAL (Peru)

Central Unitaria de Trabajadores de Colombia – CUT (Colombia)

Central Única dos Trabalhadores – CUT (Brasil)

Centrale des Syndicats du Québec – CSQ (Québec)

Centrale des syndicats démocratiques – CSD (Québec)

Centre international de solidarité ouvrière – CISO (Québec)

Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement – CQDE (Québec)

Centro de Investigación Sobre Inversión y Comercio – CEICOM (El Salvador)

Coalition pour que le Québec ait meilleure mine (Québec)

Collectif Justice Mines – KJM (Haïti)

Comité Environnement FSM2016 (Québec)

Comité pour les droits humains en Amérique latine – CDHAL (Québec)

Confédération des syndicats chrétiens – CSC (Belgique)

Confédération des syndicats nationaux – CSN (Québec)

Confédération française du travail – CFDT (France)

Congreso de los Pueblos (Colombia)

Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain – CCMM-CSN (Québec)

Conseil provincial des affaires sociales – CPAS / SCFP (Québec)

Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras – COPINH (Honduras)

Coule Pas Chez Nous (Québec)

Council of Canadians, Chapters Network (Canada)

Décroissance conviviale (Québec)

Développement et Paix – D&P (Québec)

Eau Secours ! Coalition québécoise pour une gestion responsable de l'eau (Québec)

Ecodefense (Russia)

Ecuador Decide (Ecuador)

Euromed des ONG (Maroc)

Eusko Langileen Alkartasuna / Solidarité des ouvriers basques – ELA-Euskadi (Pays basque)

Femmes de diverses origines / Women of diverse Origins (Québec)

Food & Water Watch (USA)

France Libertés – Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (France)

Franciscans International (Switzerland)

Fundación Solón (Bolivia)

Fédération des femmes du Québec – FFQ (Québec)

Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec – FTQ (Québec)

Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec – FIQ (Québec)

Fédération nationale des enseignantes et enseignants du Québec – FNEEQ-CSN (Québec)

Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec – FECQ (Québec)

Global Alliance for the Rights of nature (Ecuador)

Global Justice Now / Attac UK (Royaume-Uni)

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (USA)

Greenpeace Canada (Canada)

Groupe de recherche sur les espaces publics et les innovations politiques / Université de Montréal – GREPIP-UdeM (Québec)

Groupe de théologie contextuelle québécoise – GTCQ (Québec)

Génération nationale (Québec)

Institute for Social Movements and Globalization – IGSO (Russia)

International Women’s Alliance (Québec)

Kairos : Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Canada)

L'Entraide missionnaire – L'EMI (Québec)

Mining Injustice Solidarity Network – MISN (Canada)

MiningWatch (Canada)

Mouvement d’éducation populaire autonome et d’action communautaire du Québec – MÉPACQ (Québec)

Nature Friends (Greece)

People's Health Movement Canada / Mouvement populaire pour la santé au Canada (Canada)

Plataforma FACES do BRASIL Comércio Justo, Ético e Solidário – FACES (Brasil)

Projet Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala – PAQG (Québec)

Projet Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie – PASC (Québec)

Réseau québécois des groupes écologistes – RQGE (Québec)

SCFP-Québec (Québec)

Solidarité Laurentides Amérique latine – SLAM (Québec)

Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique / Canadian Union of Public Employees – SCFP-CUPE (Canada)

Syndicat de professionnelles et professionnels du gouvernement du Québec – SPGQ (Québec)

Syndicat des Métallos (Québec)

Syndicat des travailleurs et des travailleuses des postes – STTP (Canada)

Syndicat Suisse Unia (Suisse)

Transnational Institute – TNI (The Netherlands)

Union générale tunisienne du travail – UGTT (Tunisie)

Union nationale des travailleurs du Congo – UNTC-RDC (RDC)

Union paysanne / LVC (Québec)

Union syndicale des travailleurs de Guinée – USTG (Guinée)

Union syndicale Solidaires (France)

Unión de Afectados/as por Texaco / Chevron – UDAPT (Ecuador)