

# An EXPANSION of whose AGENDA?

The **Trans-Pacific Partnership** is a free trade agreement (FTA) intended to expand existing neoliberal policies to further increase the rights of investors and multinational firms, while decreasing the rights of citizens.



At least **6** more countries want to join



Colombia



Thailand



Indonesia



South Korea



Taiwan



Philippines



TPP is part of the US' "Pivot to Asia" strategy to advance US hegemony in the Pacific region.



For countries that currently trade with TPP members, non-participation in the TPP means a potential loss of export markets and investors.

## Some Consequences:



Investor-state **Dispute Settlement** (ISDS) allows foreign firms to **attack laws** that protect the environment, citizen's health, and jobs.



Corporations are allowed to **challenge laws** that ban environmentally destructive practices.



Expanded **intellectual property rights** (IPR) make **medicines more expensive**.



Expanded IPR **eliminate online privacy** of citizens.



Employers will be more empowered and motivated to **outsource and reduce wages** in Northern and Southern countries.



IPR **restrict farmers** from cultivating, exchanging and selling their own seeds.



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Given the far-reaching impacts of the TPP on national sovereignty, healthcare, the environment, livelihood and people's rights, it is imperative to push for a **people's trade agenda** that will create a world trade system that truly responds to people's needs.