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# FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

*New free trade and investment deals across regions are being negotiated that will have far-reaching implications for people in both the global North and South and for the future of the world economy. These deals often come under the rubric of “partnerships” but they are far from partnership of equals. They are directed by rich industrial countries for the benefit of their transnational corporations (TNCs).*

## TRANSPACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TPPA)



- A massive “free trade” agreement between several Asian and Pacific Rim countries and led by the US
- Part of the US ‘Asia-Pivot’ strategy
- Only 5 chapters are about trade issues, and most are rules on non-trade matters that affect our daily lives including jobs, food, medicines, internet freedom, financial regulation, and more

## TRANSATLANTIC TRADE & INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (TTIP)



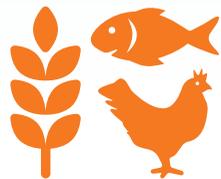
- A bilateral free trade agreement between the United States and European Union
- Like TPPA, TTIP’s primary aim is to remove ‘trade irritants’ that restrict the potential profits to be made by TNCs including labour rights, food and safety rules, environmental regulations, digital privacy laws, and banking safeguards

## THE TRADE-IN-SERVICES AGREEMENT (TiSA)



- A ‘plurilateral’ agreement between different countries of different income brackets across continents
- Aims to liberalise and lock-in market access for health, social services and education, water service, transportation, communication, finance, among others
- Imposes new restrictions on regulation and create grounds to challenge policies of public interest

# FTAs ATTACK OUR RIGHT TO FOOD



Governments can be sued by foreign agricultural firms if governments implement policies seen as “unduly favouring” local agriculture.



Strengthened intellectual property rights will prevent farmers’ from exchanging, saving, and selling patented seeds. This will adversely impact people’s right to food but will greatly benefit big agro-TNCs such as Monsanto, Syngenta, and Dupont as seeds become costlier.



Agriculture systems of developing countries will be transformed from production for local needs and demands to production for cash crops. Agricultural countries that are major food producers will become importers of food from rich industrialised countries, exacerbating hunger and malnutrition.



Poor countries will be flooded with cheap and subsidised agricultural imports from rich countries which can easily undercut domestic prices and destroy the livelihood of millions of farmers.



# NO TO CORPORATE TAKEOVER!

**\$169.28 M**

In 2004, the Mexican government imposed trade barriers to high fructose corn syrup. As a result, 3 big agro-TNCs sued the government in a dispute panel, resulting to Mexico paying the firms a total of \$169.28m.

**\$1.6 B**



The North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) destruction of Mexico's manufacturing and agriculture contributed to the increase in the rate of migration of Mexicans to US and Canada. This created a large reserve of workers willing to accept low pay and work under harsh conditions.

## MONSANTO LAW

MONSANTO



In Guatemala, farmers battled and won against the 'Monsanto Law,' a provision of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) with the United States which sought to make big agro-TNCs the default 'owners' of a seed variety.

**300,000**



Farmers have committed suicide in India with evidences pointing to eroding incomes due to declining food import prices as a driving factor.



## FIGHT FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY!



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