

## OUR CURRENT ISSUES:

### Climate Change - *"Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"*



Grain/Via Campesina. See excellent short film on <https://vimeo.com/140434969>

The devastating effects of Climate Change are already visible in Africa today where it is destroying the livelihood of farmers, bringing poverty and malnutrition on a vast scale. AEFJN worked with worldwide and national campaigns to bring pressure on leaders attending the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference in Paris in December 2015. The conference aim was to reach, for the first time, a universal, legally binding agreement that will enable us to combat climate change effectively and boost the transition towards resilient, low-carbon societies and economies.

### Land Grabbing - *A new wave of colonialism?*



The African people face an existential threat. With the misguided support of some African and European governments, productive land is rapidly being bought up in Africa and the traditional land-users are being turned into refugees and slave labourers in their own homeland. **Land grabbing** is the contentious issue of the buying or leasing of large areas of land in developing countries by domestic and transnational companies, governments and wealthy individuals. The term 'land grabbing' today primarily refers to large-scale land acquisitions following the 2007-2008 world food price crisis.

### Trade - *The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)*



TTIP is a free-trade and investment treaty being negotiated – often in secret – between the European Union and the USA. Its main goal is to remove barriers that restrict the profits of transnational corporations. Yet these 'barriers' are some of our most prized social and environmental standards, such as labour rights and rules on food safety and toxic chemicals. TTIP would enable transnational corporations to take a poor country to an international court if one of these 'barriers' impeded the corporation in its operations. It thus undermines democracy by giving greater importance to business than to the welfare of a nation. We have joined over three million people across Europe in the STOP TTIP campaign.