

CONSEIL GÉNÉRAL DES PEUPLES
GENERAL COUNCIL OF PEOPLES

**BEFORE
HONG KONG....**

**WTO CORPORATE
AGENDA**

...IN GENEVA

26.27.28.29 July

- an Observatory, monitoring the negotiations
- a space for public debate about current trade policies (agriculture, services)
- a festival with music and cultural events for free
- a gathering point with accommodations (camping)

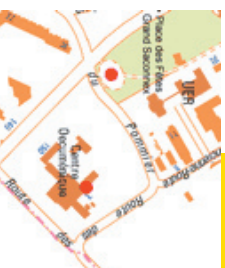
Org: Geneva Peoples' Alliance
www.OmC-Wto.org

ADDRESSES
Conferences & Workshops:
World Council of Churches (WCC)
Bus Nr. 5, Stop Crets de Morillon
Bus Nr. 28 or F, Stop Crets de Morillon or Vie de Champs

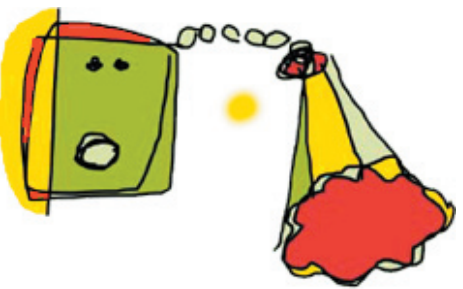
Concerts, Food, Drinks:
Breakfast as of 8 am and meals as of 7pm in the Big Tent at Place des Fêtes du Grands Saconnex.
Lunches at the WCC
Cost of food between 5 to 14 CHF per meal

ACCOMMODATION
Camping cantonal de l'Allondon in Dardagny
And Shelter for Civil Protection in Varembe,
Bus Nr 5, Stop Vermont
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FOR MORE INFORMATIONS:
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FREE CONCERTS
between 19.00 and 24.00
Place des Fêtes du Grand-Saconnex

Wednesday 27.7: Bertrand avec D,
J.Kisling, Shivaz, Nozoff
Thursday 28.7: Altaïr, Toufo, Fred K,
Hateful Monday
Friday 29.7: Cezigus, T.Romanens, Lima
Djari, Skarac, Cornelio Gama

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Tuesday 26th 20.00 opening conference
World Council of Churches (WCC)

“10 Years WTO - Which balance? Which alternatives?”

Facilitator: Musimbi Kanyaro (World YWCA)

Alexandra Strickner (IATP), Alessandro Pelizzari (attac Suisse), Rudi Berli (Uniterre), Rogerio Mauro (MST Brazil), Elroy Paulus (Cosatu), Frédérique Viale (attac France), Josua Mata (Alliance of progressive labor Philippines)

World Council of Churches (WCC)	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28 th	Friday 29th
morning plenary sessions 9.00-12.00 main hall	<p>“WTO and Agriculture: Who is Benefiting? Sustaining a Future for Agriculture”</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Alejandro Villamar, Red Mexicana de Acción Frente al Libre Comercio (RMALC)</i> Sailou Sarr, Réseau des organisations paysannes des producteurs agricoles (ROPPA) Luiz Vicente Facco, National Confederation of the Workers in Agriculture (CONTAG)/Brazil Antonio Onorati, Crocevia Aftab Alam, Action Aid Ms. Riza Bernabe, Rice Watch and Action Network Pierre Andre Tombez, Confederation Paysanne (CPE)</p>	<p>“NAMA Matters: A Debate on the Potential Impacts of the Negotiations on Industrial Products and Natural Resources”</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Nathalie Bernasconi, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)</i> John Hilary, War on Want Harekrishna Debnath, National Fishworkers Forum, India Martin Khor/Goh Chien Yen, Third World Network (TWN) Tim Rice, Action Aid International Aimee Gonzales, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Elroy Paulus, Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)</p>	<p>“GATS Power Play: Corporate Interests Trump Peoples’ Rights”</p> <p><i>Facilitation: Tony Clarke, Canada, Polaris Institute</i> Carlos Auilar, Encuentro Popular, Costa Rica Genevieve Genciancos, Public Service International Susan George, ATTAC, France Benny Kuruvilla, Focus on the Global South, India Josua T. Mata, Alliance of Progressive Labour, Philippines Mustafa Talpur, Action Aid, Pakistan</p>
Afternoon debates:			
13.00 – 15.30	<p>“Stop the Agribusiness Agenda” Strategy Meeting Room 4 Contact: jaycainglet@yahoo.com AAI</p>	<p>“ The United States and Latin America: Contents and after-effects of the agreements like the FTAA” Rooms 2 & 3 Contact: Valeria.borquez@gmail.com Plateforme No-ALCA</p>	<p>“The GMO Trade Dispute at the WTO” Rooms 2 & 3 Contact: Carmen.olmedo@foeeurope.org Friends of the Earth Europe</p>
		<p>“Economic Partnership Agreements and the WTO: What’s at stake for the ACP?” Room 4 Contact: sv@bothends.org Both Ends</p>	<p>“WTO, Trade and Privatisation Policy into the Transition countries - Lessons of the Transition for Post-Transition” Room 4 Contact: attac@attac.ro attac Romania/attac Hungary</p>
		<p>“Market Access and the Environment“ Room 5 Contact: nbernasconi@ciel.org CIEL/WWF</p>	<p>“Mode 4 of the GATS: An Open Discussion of the Concept and its Implications“ Room 5 Contact: tclarke@polarisinstitute.org Polaris Institute</p>
15.30 – 17.30	<p>“Stop the Agribusiness Agenda” Strategy Meeting Room 4 Contact: jaycainglet@yahoo.com CONTINUED AAI</p>	<p>“From Geneva to Hongkong: Stopping the EU’s corporate Trade Agenda” Rooms 2 & 3 Contact: kim.bizzarri@foeeurope.org Seattle to Brussels</p>	<p>“Meeting of the free GATS zones” Room 2 & 3 Contact: onusi@yahoo.fr attac Switzerland</p>
	<p>“Trade Policy between Multi- & Bilateralism: a look at the EU, Brazil and Ghana“ Room 3 Contact: peter.fuchs@weed-online.org WEED & EED</p>	<p>“Cornerstone of global governance or agent of a neoliberal constiutionalism? - Theoretical approaches towards the WTO” Room 4 Contact: pia_eberhardt@web.de attac Germany</p>	
18.30 – 24h00 tente de la Place des fêtes du Grand-Saconnex	<p>musique et restauration Bertrand avec D, J.Kisling, Shivaz, Nozoff</p>	<p>musique et restauration Altaïr, Toufo, Fred K, Hateful Monday</p>	<p>musique et restauration Cezigues, T.Romanens, Lima Djari, Skarac, Cornelio Gama</p>

translations:

- morning sessions and opening conference: translations to french, english, spanish
- translation for afternoon sessions is self organised, the main language of the workshops is english.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON AFTERNOON DEBATES

<p>Cornerstone of global governance or agent of a neoliberal constitutionalism? - Theoretical approaches towards the WTO attac Germany</p>	<p>In public discourse the WTO is mainly linked to the concept of global governance which suggests that despite its need for reform, the WTO should be the ultimate forum for international trade policy. We would like to counter that approach with some critical concepts that shed a different light on the organisation – like the new constitutionalism, accumulation by dispossession or the WTO as a focal point of social and class relations. In how far these concepts are useful for anti-WTO-activists and how they could influence public debates about the organisation</p>
<p>Trade Policy between Multi- & Bilateralism: a look at the EU, Brazil and Ghana WEED & EED</p>	<p>Critics of current trade policy need to look beyond the WTO & critically analyse and challenge all levels of the liberalisation agenda. The EU & the US are threatening to intensify their regional and bilateral negotiating efforts. This is not an alternative to the multilateral efforts in the WTO, but a supplement - and it involves various "WTO-plus"-dangers. In our public seminar we want to look at this issue with a focus on the EU on the one hand and the situation of Brazil and Ghana vis-a-vis the multilevel-trade agenda on the other hand.</p>
<p>Stop the Agribusiness Agenda AAI</p>	<p>This meeting aims to provide new information that will sharpen and deepen our analysis of how the WTO and other trade agreements enhances corporate power [and concentration] on our food and agriculture systems with the aim of contributing in strengthening the positions and demands taken by groups campaigning against the WTO [i.e. WTO out of agriculture; reforming the WTO-AOA]. The Agribusiness Accountability Initiative is a network of academics, activists and food system experts from farm, labor, environment, consumer, church and development organizations, who recognize that corporate concentration and vertical integration among transnational agro-food companies threaten the sustainability of the most important industry on earth– the global food system.</p>
<p>Economic Partnership Agreements and the WTO: What's at stake for the ACP? Both Ends</p>	<p>The African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP) are currently engaged in negotiating Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA's) with the European Union (EU). These EPA's need to be compatible to the negotiations in the World Trade Organisation. However, as these negotiations have not been finalised, it remains to be seen with which WTO Agreements these negotiations need to comply. At the same time, the outcome of the current Doha Development Agenda (DDA) remains uncertain and the question thus arises what is at stake at the WTO negotiations, which have to be completed by the end of this year. Bearing this in mind, civil society organisations, united in the STOP EPA campaign, propose to organise a meeting on the relation between EPA's and the WTO, to assess what the different stakes for ACP countries are in the current DDA negotiations. The meeting will systematically look at the different negotiations at the level of the WTO's DDA and will try to assess the how these negotiations relate to and impact the negotiations in the framework of EPA's. Subsequently, the meeting will have to address agriculture, NAMA, GATS/TRIPS and RTA's (GATS article 24).</p>
<p>The GMO trade dispute at the WTO Friends of the Earth Europe</p>	<p>The US, Argentina and Canada are using the WTO to force feed GMOs in Europe. The WTO Panel will release the interim report in August, and the final report in autumn this year. The workshop aims to analyse and raise awareness about this WTO dispute and its negative impacts on people's life and environment in Europe and worldwide.</p>
<p>Meeting of the free GATS zones attac Switzerland</p>	<p>First meeting of swiss free GATS zones. Meeting with foreign free GATS zones. Presentation and preparation of the European convention of free GATS zones of October in Liege-Belgium with electives from there.</p>
<p>Market Access and the Environment CIEL/WWF International</p>	<p>An informal sharing/discussion on state of play of negotiations on market access which has implications on the environment such as para 31(iii) environmental goods and services and para 16 on non-agricultural market access, particularly on discussions on nontariff barriers and proposals for sectoral negotiations on market access on forest, fish products, chemicals, electronics, etc.</p>
<p>From Geneva to Hongkong: Stopping the EU's corporate Agenda Seattle to Brussels:</p>	<p>The European Union, led by the European Commission and backed by EU member states, has been a key promoter of corporate led trade liberalisation, specifically in the areas of services and non agricultural market access negotiations within the WTO. With the upcoming Ministerial meeting of the WTO in Hong Kong in December, the urgency to further develop an effective counter-action is more than needed.</p>