

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PRESENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**The Deadline for Proposals Submissions to present at the International Conference is
extended until Friday June 28th 2013**



Justice Begins with Seeds

2013 International Conference

Featuring Dr. Vandana Shiva

August 2nd & 3rd, Seattle, Washington

Seattle First Presbyterian Church, 1013 8th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104

Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ 1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle WA 98101



Join food justice and NON-GMO food advocates for dozens of workshops, presentations, and networking opportunities to examine the issues related to GMOs. Get the tools you need to support the movement and advocate for NON-GMO food! Prior to the conference, on JOIN the GMO Awareness Week, attend movies, farm tours, and more!

This annual conference is the largest gathering in the US focused on educating and creating awareness about the implications of GMO seeds. As an international platform to share, learn and launch campaigns in support of a FREE GMO food supply, more than 60 speakers – from farmers, activists, and business owners to scientists and faith leaders -- will examine GMO seed's relation to health, social justice, environment and corporate consolidation within local to global contexts.

Conference organizer, the Biosafety Alliance, is a cross-sector, multi-level and inter-ethnic alliance of people and organizations dedicated to NON-GMO food.

Our Steering committee includes: Acequias Institute, Agra Watch, Basil, Biosafety Alliance, California Food and Justice Coalition, Center for Farm Worker Families, Food First, IDEX, Navdanya Institute, Organic Consumers Association, South Central Farmers Cooperative, Vital Systems, Washington Biotechnology Action Council

For the 2013 conference, we are expecting food justice and non-GMO's advocates from the US, India and Canada. We have confirmed: Vandana Shiva, Wenonah Hauter, Devon Peña, Ignacio Chapela, Ann Lopez, Jeffrey Smith, David Bacon, Phil Bereano, Theo Ferguson, among others.

Request for Proposals

During the 2013 Justice Begins with Seeds (JBS) conference we would like share, learn, network and accomplish our common goals. We are seeking experienced, creative and passionate panelists and facilitators, able to stimulate the minds, bodies and spirits to participate in the broad Non GMO food movement. (We have rooms for up to 250 people)

Session

This year backbone of the conference will be seeds, land, sovereignty and corporate accountability, including health issues, colony collapse disorder, pollution, labeling/banning efforts as well as highlighting collateral damages such waste of food, food deserts and solutions (among others). Below is a detailed description of topics.

Structure

This year conference will have 1 Keynote Speaker, 8 plenaries of 45 minutes each, 24 workshops/presentations of 1:30 minutes each, as well as seeds exchange, literature & video exchange, poster session, film screenings and tours.

Materials and Infrastructure

Presenters will bring materials "Tool Kit" for their workshops/presentations and will include in their proposal if you need sound system, screen projector or any other (if necessary). As organizers with a limited budget, we will inform on time if we are able to help with technical and audiovisual requests.

(For plenary sessions we will have equipment and translation, but not guaranteed for breakout sessions).

Ice Breaking-Community Building

This conference will bring people from different regions, backgrounds and generations, we would like to find volunteers with great skills to interconnect attendees through games, dance, yoga, music, art and any other playful activity that can create a sense of friendship, camaraderie and family. You also can share a skill or teach us something we don't know. We will count on several rooms for small gatherings, up to 20 people.

Presenter/Panelist Application should include the following information:

Name, Address, Organization, E-mail, Phone. It should also include:

- *A short bio for each panelist & facilitator.*
- *Title of Workshop/Presentation*
- *Description of activity, session, action or workshop.*
- *Explain your goals and objectives*

Title of Presentation/workshop/session

(Describe in less than 200 words each of next questions)

What kind of panel or skill share you are planning?

What impacts could occur as a result of your talk?

What would like to accomplish with this session?

How long this session will last?

How many people you expect?

Please attach (if there is any) power point, or printing materials that you would use as a kit-tool for this session.

In which of the next topics your presentation would fit the best?

Submission of Proposals

*Proposals to present at the conference should be sent **by June 28th, 2013** to: justicebeginswithseeds@gmail.com*

*You will receive a notification by e-mail if your proposal has been accepted **by July 10th**, as well as the schedule with details.*

Please determine which topic you are most interested in:

DAY ONE

Honoring Life on Earth

Friday August 2nd, 2013

Context: Our Seeds, Our Life & Our Future: Introduction to conference

One World Crisis -- Cultures in Resistance: Land use, the distribution availability and control of seeds, the resistance of communities and nations to maintain their food sovereignty.

Less Water, Less Bees, Let's Take Action: An update on the global crisis of pollinators and its links to pesticides and agro business.

Synthetic Biology & Faith: Are we walking on the Right Path? Will question synthetic biology in a scientific and ethical discussion between scientists and faith leaders

DAY TWO

Re-vitalizing Living Systems

Saturday August 3rd, 2013

Food Chain's Legal Status: Farm workers; history, conditions and expectations of people living in the shadows.

How to Influence your Corporate Political Actors: US political/corporate map in the US and its implications with farmers, business & consumers.

Invest in your Values: Sustainable business and opportunities of social investment.

GMO & Health Facts -- Just Label It: Learning about health concerns and engaging in campaigns to label and ban GMO seeds, and food ingredients.