

## ADDIS ABABA DECLARATION ON AGROECOLOGY, ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA

The Conference *Changing Food Systems in Africa: Agroecology and Food Sovereignty and their Role in Nutrition and Health* organized in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) in November 2016 concluded its works with the [Addis Ababa Declaration on Agroecology, Ecological Organic Agriculture and Food Sovereignty: The Way Forward for Nutrition and Health in Africa.](#)

The Conference has been organized by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), Mekelle University in Ethiopia, the Ecological Organic Agricultural Initiative (EOAI), IFOAM Organics International, and the African Organic Network (AfrOnet).

Representatives from Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somaliland, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe participated in the Conference. The event was an occasion for a dialogue about agroecology, land, nutrition, policy, seed, and health and to collectively analyze the threats and the opportunities ahead for food sovereignty on the Continent.

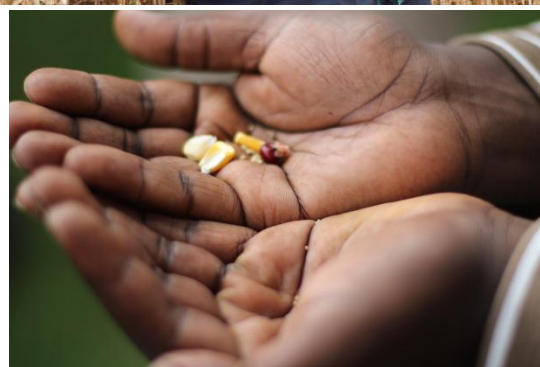
The [Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa \(AFSA\)](#), launched at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference (COP 17) in Durban, South Africa in December 2011, is a Pan African platform comprising networks and farmer organizations working in Africa. The main goals of AFSA is to promote Small African Family Farming and Production Systems based on agro-ecological and indigenous approaches that sustain food sovereignty and the livelihoods of communities.

The Addis Ababa Declaration underlines that the *new narrative acknowledges that small-scale farmers already produce 70% of the world's food, and that following agro-ecological and organic principles and practices, African small-scale farmers can produce adequate food to feed the continent sustainably, provided they have secure access to land, water, seeds/breeds and other natural resources.*

The [Seeding Change: The AgroEcology Fund Blog](#) is spreading useful information about the initiatives taken by the actors involved in the Addis Ababa Declaration.

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