



PAN International Principles

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We will work towards:

1. Advancing sustainable agriculture as a holistic, scientific approach and a movement for social transformation that upholds local knowledge and respects indigenous cultures, **integrates** participatory research, empowerment of women, farmer control over land, water, seeds and forests, protection of workers' rights and of rural communities, appropriate technology, bio-diversity conservation, access to and equitable distribution of food, equitable sharing of benefits and food self-sufficiency respecting ecological integrity.
2. Contributing actively to the elimination of harmful pesticides and other agrochemicals and the generation, innovation and promotion of ecological alternatives to pesticide use, especially organic and ecological agriculture with biological, agricultural and cultural diversity as the basis for sustainable communities.
3. Eliminating the use of harmful pesticides in buildings, transportation, household, public health and other non-agricultural pest control areas.
4. Fighting for local, national and international agreements to restrict, reduce and eliminate pesticide dependence and to phase out and ban pesticides that cause acute and chronic effects, including endocrine disruption and cancer.
5. Ensuring food for all, including national policies that promote and ensure the right to food in order to achieve the improvement of human and environmental health. And establishing Food Sovereignty as the inalienable right of peoples, communities, and countries to define, decide and implement their own agricultural, labour, fishing, food and land policies which are ecologically, socially, economically and culturally appropriate to their unique circumstances.
6. Creating awareness of the dangers of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and campaigning to stop the development and use of GMOs in food, agriculture, pharmaceutical crops and animals, forestry and prevent terminator seeds. We demand the implementation of the precautionary principle to prevent the spread of the use of GMOs.
7. Withdrawal of subsidies for environmentally-unsound agricultural technologies and end all aid by international development agencies for hazardous pesticides, GMOs and industrial agriculture promotion.

8. Strengthening people's movements and empowering women, peasants, poor farmers, fisherfolk, *dalits*, landless farmworkers, Indigenous people, migrant workers and bonded laborers to participate fully in asserting and promoting their rights, decision making in their societies and access to land, resources and knowledge.

9. Strengthening and integrating gender issues in all agriculture programmes from planning to implementation and evaluation.

10. Empowering communities to monitor and resist the impact of trade policies, technologies, and industries that affect their health and livelihoods. Launching and supporting campaigns against corporate globalization and the international institutions and instruments that are destroying people's production and promoting corporate and industrial agriculture.

11. Achieving the public release of information by all companies, governments and institutions on production, use and trade of pesticides and GMOs. Demand full accountability and liability for injustices by corporations and governments and full compensation for damages for persons, communities and countries.

12. PAN will achieve this by:

- a. Developing participatory research and monitoring, resource base-building, education, training, mobilization and advocacy work in order to strengthen grassroots and national capacity.
- b. Developing nationwide, regional and international networks and alliances and strengthening grassroots peasants and women's movements as their foundation.
- c. Launching coordinated campaigns with farmers, waged agricultural workers, food industry workers and environmentalists; women's, human rights, youth and consumer movements and many others.
- d. Influencing, through coordinated actions and activities, the policies and practices of government, inter-governmental organizations and other institutions at national, regional and global levels.

Collated from the Following:

**Pesticide Action Network Fifth International Conference, May 2000
The Dakar Declaration**

**Unifying Principles agreed at the PAN International Meeting, Santa Clara, Cuba,
17-21 May 1997**

The Ottawa Declaration, World Environment Day, JUNE 5, 1986

**Pan International - Calls For Halt To Global Pesticide Proliferation, May 25 – 28,
1982**