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Campaigns

**Farmers and civil
society groups
denounce World Bank
proposal for win-win
land grabbing**

Via Campesina, FIAN, Land Research Action Network and GRAIN, together with over 100 allies, are issuing a loud appeal to stop the current wave of land grabbing that is taking millions of hectares of farmland away from rural communities across Africa, Asia and

Latin America. Their appeal coincides with the release of a new World Bank report that confirms the massive extent of the current land grab assault and puts forward seven “principles” to make these land deals socially acceptable. The Bank’s strategy will be presented in Washington DC at a Roundtable on April 25, co-hosted by Japan, the United States and the African Union, and at the World Bank’s Annual Land Conference on April 26. In a statement, the movements and organisations denounce the Bank’s proposals as an attempt to “reduce the risk of social backlash” while pushing ahead with the take-over of agricultural land by corporate investors. “The World Bank’s principles,” the groups argue, “aim to distract from the fact that today’s global food crisis will not be solved by large scale industrial agriculture, which is what all of these land acquisitions are about.” A breakfast media briefing will be held on Monday, April 26 at 7:45am at the Bread Line Restaurant (1751 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006). Representatives of the National Family Farm Coalition/Via Campesina and GRAIN will be present to explain why win-win landgrabbing, as proposed by the Bank, is impossible and what steps are required to solve the global food crisis. On Sunday April 25, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, groups will be in front of the Millennium Challenge Corporation offices at 875 15th St. NW, where the official Roundtable event will be held, to inform delegates of the position of social movements.

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