

CALL TO ACTION AGAINST THE G8

Resisting Free Trade, Militarism and Fighting for Real Solutions to Climate Change

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The G8 Summit will be held this year from July 7-9 in Toyako, Hokkaido, Japan. This will be a culmination of a series of ministerial preparation meeting beginning in March. The G8 Action Network, a network of various Japanese organizations and movements, is calling on all social movements, peasant organizations, women, migrants, urban and rural poor, fisherfolks and civil society from all over the world who are resisting free trade in its many forms, war and militarism, the privatization of essential services and natural resources, illegitimate debt and the domination of global finance, and fighting for and building real people based solutions to global warming, to come and join us in the week of action against the G8 here in Japan.

WHY MOBILIZE AGAINST THE G8?

The G8 nations account for just fourteen percent of the world \$B!G (Bs population and yet decisions made at these summits dictate the course of the rest of the world. And now more than ever, the evidence is stark that decisions that these nations have made have brought nothing but worsening poverty, increasing insecurity, deepening indebtedness, militarization and wars and now they are pushing for market based solutions to climate change which threaten to endanger the future of the planet. The host of the summit, the Government of Japan, says that it will make this summit a summit on the climate. This is rank hypocrisy. The reality is that the government, under pressure from Japanese industry, is backing away from mandatory limits to greenhouse gas emissions.

We can no longer let this continue. The time is now for all of us around the world to come together and join forces to make our voices heard and stop the G8 from doing any further damage to the world.

JOIN US IN THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING

We will also begin preparations to challenge the G8 Summit beginning March. We invite all of you to come to Japan and join in our international preparatory meeting from March 7-11, 2008.

This is our schedule:

March 7, 16:00: Press conference at Parliamentarian building

March 8-9: International Coordination Meeting & G8 Seminar

March 9: evening, Move to Hokkaido by plane

March 10-11: Activities in Hokkaido

If your organization is planning to attend the meeting, please email nag00562 nifty.ne.jp to register your participation. You can also contact this email for more information on the meeting.

WE NEED YOUR SOLIDARITY

As with all struggles, we can only be successful with the solidarity, support and involvement of movements and activists around the world in resisting this G8 Summit. We invite all of you who are with us in the struggle against trade liberalization, corporate globalization, war and militarism and false solutions to climate change and demanding for cancellation of all developing country debt to sign on to this call. We urge all of you to join us in Japan and to strengthen our struggle and together, build another world.

SIGNED:

G8 Action Network, Japan

ATTAC Japan

Consumers Union of Japan

Forum for Peace, Human Rights and Environment

Globalization Watch Hiroshima

Iwate Network for Protecting Article 9

Japan Asia Africa Latin America Solidarity Committee (AALA)

Japan Family Farmers Movement \$B!J (BNOUMINREN \$B!K (B

JAPAN PEACE COMMITTEE

National Coalition of Workers, Farmers and Consumers for Safe Food and Health, Japan (SHOKKENREN)

No! G8 Action

No to WTO/FTA Coalition

No-Vox Japan

Peoples' Plan Study Group (PPSG)

SPACE ALLIES

The New Communist Association for the Future

IN SOLIDARITY:

(list of organizations outside Japan who sign on)

Alliance of Progressive Labor, Philippines

Anti-Debt Coalition Indonesia (KAU)

Fisherfolk Movement-Philippines (Kilusang Mangingisda)

Focus on the Global South

Global Network Asia

Globalization Monitor, Hong Kong

Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU)

Indonesian Peasants Union (SPI)

Institute for Global Justice, Indonesia

Jubilee South - Asia/Pacific Movement on Debt and Development (JS-APMDD)

Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU)

Migrant Forum in Asia

Stop the New Round! Coalition, Philippines

Transnational Institute (TNI)

WALHI-Friends of the Earth Indonesia

Womyn \$B!G (Bs Agenda for Change, Cambodia)

Ecuador ACJ-YMCA

REBRIP - Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples

CADTM (Committee for the abolition of the third world debt)

People's Alliance for Debt Cancellation (GARPU), Indonesia

Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust, Bangladesh

Equity & Justice Working Group, Bangladesh

INDIAN SOCIAL ACTION FORUM - INSAF, India

RNDD-Niger

FTA Watch Thailand

Iraqi Institution for Development

Confederation of Labor and Allied Social Services (CLASS), Philippines

Ecologistas en Accion, Spain

Jubilee South Africa

BMP - Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino (Solidarity of Filipino Workers)

GEFONT Nepal

People's Solidarity for Social Progress (PSSP), Korea

International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)

INDIAN SOCIAL ACTION FORUM - INSAF, India

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PEOPLES' MOVEMENTS (NAPM), India

Economic Justice and Development Organization (EJAD), Pakistan

The Alternative Information Center (Jerusalem-Bet Sahur))

Labour, Health and Human Rights Development Centre, Nigeria

Plateforme haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif (PAPDA), Haiti

Assembly of People of the Caribbean (APC), Haiti

ATTAC Argentina

Attac Switzerland

Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Americas (COMPA)

GRAPR/NAD, RD Congo

International Gender and Trade Network - Asia

Europe solidaire sans frontières (ESSF, France)
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