



Transition ceremony: ECVC takes over the General Secretariat of La Via Campesina

Invitation to virtual Press Conference - 30 November 2021 at 15:30 CET

La Via Campesina represents around 200 million peasant farmers worldwide, defending peasant agriculture and food sovereignty as a means to promote social justice and dignity.

LVC is a decentralised movement and for the past eight years, the headquarters of the movement has been in Harare, Zimbabwe, hosted by the peasant organization ZIMSOFF. As of November 30, it will be hosted by the European Region of La Via Campesina (European Coordination Via Campesina) and will be based in Bagnolet, France, hosted by the Confédération Paysanne

At the European level, in the context of the attacks on the Farm to Fork Strategy, the arrival of the secretariat of a global organisation strongly committed to agroecology and food sovereignty will strengthen the citizens' movement for a more social and environmental agriculture.

On the occasion of the transition ceremony (that you can follow on the [Facebook page of La Via Campesina](#) from 1-3 pm CET on 30 November 2021), we invite you to participate in a press conference with several international peasant leaders of the movement. This is an opportunity to understand the challenges of the coming years for our movement and how the arrival of the secretariat of La Via Campesina in Europe represents a fundamental opportunity for the defence of peasant agriculture.

- **Elizabeth Mpofu**, from the peasant organization ZIMSOFF, member of the coordinating committee of Via Campesina for the Eastern and Southern Africa region, outgoing general coordinator of Via Campesina,
- **Kim Jeongyeol**, from the South Korean peasant organization KWPA and member of the international coordination committee of La Via Campesina for the South East and East Asia region.
- **Islanda Micherline Aduel** of the organization Tet Kole Ti Peyizan Ayisyen in Haiti, member of the international coordination committee of La Via Campesina, youth representative for the American continent.
- **Morgan Ody**, from the Confederation of Peasants, member of the international coordination committee of La Via Campesina for the European region and new general coordinator of the movement.
- **Nicolas Girod**, spokesman for the Confédération paysanne.

Please confirm your presence by writing to solenne.garin@viacampesina.org and [join us here](#).

Who is La Via Campesina?

La Via Campesina is an international and decentralized movement that brings together millions of peasants, small and medium producers, landless people, rural women and youth, indigenous people, migrants, agricultural workers and more. It defends peasant agriculture and food sovereignty as a means to promote social justice and dignity.

It is composed of 182 organizations in 81 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. To ensure that the international movement represents the diversity of its members, the International Operational Secretariat of La Via Campesina changes continents according to the collective decision taken every four years by its International Conference.

The organization's work includes the struggle for land and for genuine agrarian reform that ensures that the rights to use and manage land, territories, water, seeds, livestock and biodiversity are in the hands of those who produce food and not in the hands of multinational corporations.