

FINAL AGENDA
Week of strategy and action against EU FTAs
Brussels, 6-11 April 2008

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2008

OWINFS BILATERALS DAY

venue: 11.11.11 – Rue de la Linière, 11 – Metro: Hôtel des Monnaies / Munthof (Line 2)

The full agenda has been circulated separately; contact Alexandra Strickner or Mary Lou Malig for more details: astrickner@iatp.org or marylou@focusweb.org.

Welcome **09:00-10:00**
Welcome, Introduction of participants, Outlining objectives of the meeting – Approving agenda
Overview of OWINFS current work and priorities

Key moments/issues and challenges of FTA struggles in 2008/2009 **10:00-11.30**
Report of OWINFS members on state of play, key moments/issues and challenges of FTA
struggles
(This session shall help us to get an overview of the current state of play, including each groups
reflection on strategic issues.)

Coffee **11:30-12:00**

**Open session – ideas on key issues/strategies as regards FTAs work where OWINFS
could make a difference or play an value added role (including presentation of joint call
against FTAs)** **12:00-13:30**

- What FTAs when stopped would have overall impact on slowing down/stopping FTAs
agenda?
- What key issues could help advancing mobilization against FTAs (besides joint call)?
- What key strategies do we pursue already in different areas (eg with Trade Unions, other
networks)?
- What interlinkage of these strategies?

Lunch **13:30-15:00**

**Building joint strategies and a calendar of joint mobilization/action
for 2008/2009** **15:00-16:30**
Working Groups based on results of discussion in session before – e.g. on global call against
FTAs, key FTAs to defeat, other issues/strategies identified

Coffee **16:30-17.00**

Presentation of results of WGs **17:00-19:00**
Finalization of Work Plan and Sharing of Tasks

Dinner

MONDAY 7 APRIL 2008

INTERNAL STRATEGY SESSION, DAY 1

venue: Espace Jacqmotte, Rue Haute 139, 1000 Brussels – Metro: Louise / Louiza (Line 2)

Objective: The two days of internal strategy sessions are intended to share information on the EU's trade offensive, including both the current state of play and the projected impacts of the individual FTAs, and also to build strategies for future campaigning at the regional, biregional and international levels. The sessions on the first two days are for invited groups only, ensuring that we can build this internal strategy on shared political convictions and that we can debate the more sensitive issues. The rest of the week will then devote its full concentration to outreach in order to engage other groups.

Arrival of participants, check-in 9:30-10:00

Welcome, practicalities and introduction of participants 10:00-10.30

Session 1 10:30-11:45

Chair: Brid Brennan

5-minute overview of the current state of the Global Europe agenda and EU FTAs

Presentations on state of play of current campaigns, available research etc

(a) in the global South

(b) in the EU itself

All participants are asked to prepare a short paper in advance outlining what research and campaigning has already taken place in their regions, plus key challenges / opportunities. The questionnaire circulated is meant to be a 'guideline' – please answer those questions which are of relevance to the FTA you are working on and which you think will be important towards establishing a common basis for productive discussions and will help ensure common campaigning tactics and strategic alternatives.

Coffee 11:45-12:00

Session 2 12:00-13:00

Chair: Charles Santiago

Conclusion of presentations and discussion

Mapping of common themes across the FTAs, plus major opportunities

Identification of gaps in our knowledge, plus major challenges

Lunch 13:00-14:00

Session 3 14:00-15:30

Chair: John Hilary

Discussion of possible areas of disagreement (eg social clause)

Coffee 15:30-15.45

Session 4 15:45-18:00

Chairs to be chosen by each working group

Simultaneous strategy sessions for each region, in biregional working groups (i.e. EU participants plus participants from each region in separate sessions)

Joint dinner and informal exchange **19:00**

After dinner session **20:30-22:00**

Workshop with Renée Velvet (GRAIN) on seeds, law and FTAs
(venue to be announced during the morning)

TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2008

INTERNAL STRATEGY SESSION, DAY 2

venue: Espace Jacquotte, Rue Haute 139, 1000 Brussels – Metro: Louise / Louiza (Line 2)

Session 1 **09:30-11:00**

Chair: Sanya Reid

Feedback of key decisions and dates from the biregional working groups
Joint identification of campaigns targets, allies and strategy

Coffee **11:00-11:15**

Session 2 **11:15-13:00**

Chair: Tom Kucharz

Cross-network strategising to build international campaign of resistance
Methods of doing this (including moments for mobilisation, joint website, etc)

Lunch **13:00-14:00**

Session 3 **14:00-15:30**

Chair: Joseph Puruggunan

Conclusion of previous discussion
Recapitulation of agreed activities, outcomes

Coffee **15:30-15.45**

Session 4 **15:45-20:00**

Chair: Alexandra Strickner

EU strategising session

This session is an important opportunity for S2B and other invited European groups/networks to prepare a joint strategy for campaigning and mobilisation across and within the member states of the EU. This should build on the detailed notes from the S2B meeting in Lisbon, December 2007, at which we identified key moments and constituencies for our outreach.

At the same time, simultaneous strategy sessions for other regions, if they want them.

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2008

OPEN SESSION – European Parliament (room PHS 7C50) 08:30 - 13:00

Objective: This session is to open up our analyses, critique and proposals to a wider audience, including MEPs, other NGOs, farmers' groups, media, academics, trade unionists, etc. The objective is to make as many groups and networks as possible aware of the problems of EU FTAs and to get them involved in the struggles against those FTAs. There will be contribution from each of the regions of the South and from Europe. The session will provide an introduction to the potential impacts of the FTAs, to the parliamentary work on these issues, and a call to any potential allies to join the global resistance against FTAs. It will also act as a preliminary session to the final strategy session in the afternoon.

The agenda has been circulated in a separate document; contact Tom Kucharz for details: agroecologia@ecologistasenaccion.org.

PUBLIC ACTION @ Rond Point Schuman 13:00 - 14:30 (including possibility for media to conduct interviews with participants)

FINAL STRATEGY SESSION

11.11.11 – Rue de la Linière, 11 – Metro: Hôtel des Monnaies / Munthof (Line 2) 15:00 - 17:30

Objective: This is an opportunity to follow up with a wider set of organisations (NGOs, trade unions etc) who work on trade issues. It would follow on from the morning session in the EP and allow us to share the positions, experiences and plans/campaigns of different groups. This will enable us to see what we could jointly do in the future.

Session 1

15:00-16:15

Chair: Charly Poppe

Presentation of our campaign calls; discussion of potential problems for other groups

Coffee

16.15-16:30

Session 2

16:30-17:30

Chair: Mary Lou Malig

Creation of action plans plus e-action strategy

THURSDAY 10 & FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2008

LOBBY MEETINGS & SPEAKERS TOURS
IN BRUSSELS AND OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS

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Seattle to Brussels Network (S2B)
Alianza Social Continental (ASC)
Africa Trade Network (ATN)
Korean Alliance against EU FTAs (KoA)
Korean Congress of Trade Unions (KCTU)
Asia-Europe People's Forum Network (AEPF-EU ASEAN FTA)
Enlazando Alternativas (Red birregional Europa-América Latina y el Caribe)
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