

## Invitation to the international conference “who controls the seeds?”



**What is planned?** Lectures, workshops, meetings, north-south exchanges, south-south exchanges, exhibitions, seed exchanges

**When and where?** On Friday May 29 from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday May 30 from 9am to 9pm at Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus in Berlin-Mitte, Luisenstraße 58/59

**Who is invited?** Anyone with an interest in seeds, activists, gardeners, farmers, political decision makers

In the name of food security, international politics is increasingly paving the way for seeds to come under the control of ever fewer agro and food industry actors. However, only the hands of the many can maintain and further develop the seed diversity that global food sovereignty requires. Which influence do legal regulations and international trade agreements such as the TTIP agreement have on access to seeds? Which kinds of agrarian systems and forms of agriculture can meet the ecological and social challenges presented by peasant agriculture in the world's diverse regions, and which approaches exist that can promote locally organised seed development?

In the run-up to the G7 meeting in June 2015, we will be organising a public conference to discuss current political approaches toward seeds in different regions. Together, we aim to develop both questions and answers concerning the conditions required to preserve global seed diversity. A north-south as well as a south-south exchange of experiences by academic and activist experts should provide us the necessary perspectives. Our focus will be on south Asia, Africa and Europe. The conference will be held in German and English.

Participation is free. Please register at [kontakt@saatmachtsatt.de](mailto:kontakt@saatmachtsatt.de). We will shortly be posting further information on the program at [www.saatmachtsatt.de](http://www.saatmachtsatt.de)

This event is being organised by Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung in cooperation with the German NGO Forum Environment & Development.

