

AGRIBUSINESS MEGA-MERGERS' THREAT TO WORLD FOOD SECURITY - UPDATES, SCENARIOS AND HOW THE CFS CAN RESPOND.

Opening Remarks:	H. E. Ambassador Amira Gornass, CFS Chair and Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the UN Agencies in Rome	FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 08:30 - 10:00 Red Room 1st Floor, Building A Languages: EN/ES/FR
Moderator:	Martin Drago, Friends of the Earth International	
Presentations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pat Mooney, ETC Group• Olivia Yambi, Co-Chair, IPES Food	
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Hinrich Thölken, Ambassador of Germany, Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome• Ramona Duminicioiu, Ecoruralis/ European Coordination Via Campesina	
Closing Summary/ Comments:	Neth Daño, ETC Group, Philippines	

Following the discussion of mega-mergers at the side-event hosted by the CSM at the CFS 43, 2 of the 3 Mega-Mergers are completed or close to completion and the third Merger (between Bayer and Monsanto) is still being contested. Over the last year, governments and societies have become aware that these mergers have potential implications for food security and nutrition on national and global level. Also over this past year, other mergers have come to international attention involving every part of the Industrial Food Chain.

During this side-event, participants will receive the most recent report of IPES-Food (International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems) on corporate concentration in the food system titled "Too Big to Feed". The lead for the report Pat Mooney (ETC Group) and Olivia Yambi (Co-Chair of IPES-Food) will summarize the report's findings, including a discussion of a wide range of policy initiatives governments may wish to consider in the event of future mergers. These initiatives include both national and international legislation and regulation, and discussions on what the CFS should do about it .

CFS Chair Ambassador Amira Gornass has kindly accepted to offer the Opening Remarks to the event, and, Ambassador Hinrich Thölken, Permanent Representative of Germany as well as a representative of La Via Campesina have kindly agreed to provide comments. There will be an opportunity for attendees to raise questions and/or contribute comments.