

summarized and highlighted their discussions and presented policy options and recommendations.

1. Sustainable Agriculture, Local Markets and Food Security

- (a) Support alternative trade arrangements based on market information systems, of small community groups. Upscale sustainable food production practices which bring control of the economy back to natural resources.
- (b) Use all opportunities to make presentations on food security, sustainable agriculture, development.
- (c) Intensify indigenous awareness and advocacy on indigenous way of producing food, consumerism in the north can also be used to do this, personal change in lifestyles particularly in the north.
- (d) Strengthen linkages and action among nations, increase sharing of information, maximize information technologies such as the Internet for information sharing and joint advocacy at the grassroots level.
- (e) Important to define "ecological agriculture". What are those objectives and what do we agree on? Food security as a principle of global citizenship and give emphasis to this imperative of the local community.
- (f) There is a need to strengthen coalitions and community organizations at local, regional and international levels.

2. Civil Society and the Corporate Agenda/WTO 2000

Issue: Control by corporations of I.P.R. or patent holder privilege

Response:

- (a) direct action at local level
- (b) necessity for work at international level, especially at Convention on Biodiversity as a counterweight to the WTO
- (c) Challenge the patent to life forms.
- (d) Get a government to bring a case to the World Court to challenge the Life Patent, and get other countries to support India or other countries who are doing this type of work.
- (e) Recognize the importance of support for communities protecting biodiversity.

Issue: CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

Response: look at international institutions such as CODEX that need to have public education campaigns. Discuss food sovereignty vs. food security.

Issue: Withdrawal of the state from any industrialization of agriculture.

Response: community supported agriculture producers, local producers in eg. Mexico blocking roads to control pricing policies. Strengthening UN system vs. WTO to have a platform.

Position: No patent on life forms.