



III National Food and Nutrition Sovereignty and Security Research Meeting

Final declaration of the III ENPSSAN

FOR FULL SOVEREIGNTY TO PROMOTE FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

Gathered in Curitiba/PR, during the **III National Food and Nutrition Sovereignty and Security Research Meeting**, held November 8, 9 and 10, 2017, we, researchers, educators, students, extension workers and others committed to building knowledge about Food and Nutrition Sovereignty and Security (FNSS)

Reaffirming our permanent commitment to guaranteeing the human right to adequate food and nutrition, as part of the historical and collective process of the struggle for FNSS;

Recognizing that the right to land and to territory, the right to water and to the preservation and sustainable management of socio-biodiversity, are fundamental elements for the guarantee of the human right to adequate food;

Reaffirming that agroecology and peasant and family farming are the key to ensuring the sustainable production and availability of real food, in a context marked by profound social inequalities in a scenario of climate change with global and local repercussions;

Agreeing with Josué de Castro that hunger is a political problem;

Remembering that, to achieve the human right to adequate food and nutrition, the production, sharing, exchange and dissemination of academic and non-academic knowledge(s) is fundamental, as well as its integration with public policies and actions from a participatory, intersectoral and interdisciplinary perspective;

Reaffirming the centrality of cooperation, and of horizontal, interdisciplinary and multi-professional dialogue that respects diverse forms of generating and disseminating knowledge as well as methodological diversity, to guarantee FNSS;

Reaffirming the inseparability of teaching, research and extension in the construction of a citizen science;

Reaffirming our commitment to the democratization and de-colonialization of knowledge, and with a citizen science that is socially relevant and a determinant for reducing inequalities and promoting gender, ethno-racial and generational equality;

Reiterating that the consolidation of FNSS as a field of knowledge that is vital to providing a foundation for the principles of constructing knowledge in a way that is inclusive, critical, reflexive, active, and above all, aimed at the transformation of the reality of food systems;

Remembering that Independence and autonomy in relation to governments, political parties, corporate groups and private interests are fundamental principles for the construction of knowledge about FNSS;

Reaffirming the principles and directives of the Brazilian FNSS Network (Rede Brasileira de Pesquisa em Soberania e Segurança Alimentar e Nutricional- RBPSSAN), we agree to:

1. Work to consolidate and strengthen the RBPSSAN;
2. Contribute so that the RBPSSAN constitutes a democratic space of cooperation and intersectoral, multi-professional dialogue for the production, sharing, exchange and dissemination of knowledge;
3. Influence the academic community, government and society, seeking the integration of knowledge into public policies and actions in order to attain the human right to adequate food and guarantee food and nutrition sovereignty and security;
4. Establish a permanent dialogue with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the Ministry of Education, CAPES, CNPQ and other funding agencies that promote science, with the aim of consolidating FNSS as a field of knowledge;
5. Strengthen links with national and international networks working to build knowledge(s) as well as public policies and actions aimed at promoting the human right to adequate food and FNSS;
6. Consolidate dialogue with entities of participation and social control in the construction of a citizen science, which presents itself as a tool for strengthening the National Food and Nutrition Security System;
7. Denounce and resist retrogressions in legal frameworks and public policies that violate social, environmental, political and economic rights, especially the human right to adequate food and nutrition, and that threaten food and nutrition sovereignty and security;
8. Denounce funding cuts and contingencies affecting scientific and technological development and education today that are compromising the advances achieved in recent decades; Denounce that the cuts and contingencies in the budget allocated to social policies, as well as the dismantling of public policies such as the SUS, Social Security and programs such as PAA, PNAE and Bolsa Família, constitute a grave violation of the human right to adequate food and nutrition, a threat to food and nutrition sovereignty and security and a step backwards in relation to the historical achievements of the Brazilian people, such as the removal of Brazil from Hunger Map (FAO, 2014).

With reference to the place we occupy in the field of FNSS: of researchers, professionals from different fields and social agents committed to the construction of a reflexive knowledge about the social practices aimed at FNSS, we reaffirm our position and commitment to knowledge that is critical, liberating, inclusive, non-sexist, non-racist, de-colonizing and able to transform our reality.

Declaration approved by all participants in the final plenary session.

Curitiba, 10 November 2017.