

Standing on the Threshold: Food Justice in India

17th-18th July 2012

AGENDA (NB: tentative)

Day1: 17th July 2012

Welcome and introduction of opening plenary panelists (Biraj Swain)

10:30 - 13:00	<u>Opening Plenary: Food Justice-Gaining It Maintaining It</u>
Opening Remarks	Nisha Agarwal, CEO, OxfamIndia (Chair)
Keynote Address	MS Swaminathan, MP-Rajya Sabha
Introducing the Bulletin	Lawrence Haddad, Director, IDS and Lead Editor of the Bulletin
Panel Discussion	Prof KV Thomas, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Harish Rawat, Union Minister of State, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission
Special Commentator	P Sainath, Development Bureau Chief, The Hindu
Video Message	Olivier De Schutter, United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
Bulletin Launch/Vote of Thanks	Biraj Swain, Campaigns Manager, OxfamIndia

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

14:00 - 17:00	<u>Afternoon Plenary New Roles, New Rules and New Alliances</u>
Chair	Dr Ashok Gulati, Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP)
Panelists	<i>Judicial activism and the progressive reading of Art 21 of the Indian Constitution</i> Harsh Mander, Supreme Court Commissioner on Right to Food <i>Riding the Tiger - Mainstreaming food and nutrition in media</i> Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Senior Journalist and Political Commentator <i>Agricultural Investments and Debt Waiver: Looking Beyond the Prism</i> R. Ramakumar, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Discussants	Dr. D. K. Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution Dr Amir Khan, Deputy Director, Strategy, Planning and Management, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Special Commentator	Ravish Kumar, NDTV India

Day2: 18th July 2012

- 10.00-13.00** **Morning Plenary: From Margins to the Centre:
Addressing Exclusion and Invisibility**
- Chair** Prof. Sukhdeo Thorat, Chair University Grants Commission
- Panelists** ***Addressing discrimination***
Dr RP Mamgain, Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies
- Eastern India: The neglected zone or brimming with
potential?***
Subrat Das, Executive Director, Centre for Governance and
Budget accountability
- A Just Food System for Women***
Prof Amita Shah, Director, Gujarat Institute of Developmental
Research
- Adivasis and the Tribals-Their Land and Power***
Prof Felix Padel, IRMA and London School of Economics
- Discussants** Dr Kaveri Gill, International Development Research Centre
- Special
Commentator** Asutosh, IBN 7
- Lunch: 13.00-14.00*
- 14.00-17.00** **Closing Plenary: Prioritizing the Agrarian Agenda in the
era of Climate Change**
- Chair** Vijay Paul Sharma, Dean-Centre for Management in Agriculture,
IIM-Ahmedabad
- Panelists** ***India's Climate Policy: Squaring the Circle***
D Raghunandan, Delhi Science Forum
- Making small holders viable in climate change era***
Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable
Development
- Defining India's role in global Food Price Volatility***
MS Swaminathan, Rajya Sabha Member and Swarna Vepa, MSSRF
- Discussants** Animesh Shrivastava, Senior Agriculture Economist, Agriculture
and Rural Development Unit-SAFANSI
- Special
Commentator** Neelam Sharma, Doordarshan, Badi Charcha Host
- Closing Remarks
/ Way Forward*** Avinash Kumar, Director of Policy and Advocacy at OxfamIndia &
Vinod Bhanu, Executive Director of the Centre for Legislative
Research and Avocacy
- Final Vote
of Thanks*** M Kumaran, OxfamIndia, and Hugh Cole, Oxfam GB

Every section will close with 30 minutes open house
The event is co-hosted by CLRA