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## **Annual Report 2013**

### **Introduction**

The year 2013 was marked by several important events for FIMARC: The World Social Forum in TUNIS, The International Study Session on "Agricultural Investment and small holder farmers", UN intergovernmental Working group session in Geneva on Rights of Farmers and other people working in Rural areas, The world Committee on Food Security and Civil Society Forum in Rome The Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), Thanks to our partners FIMARC was able to participate in all these important instances and platforms to give rural people and farmers a voice.

In one hand FIMARC organised a lot of good activities at local, national and international levels and the recognition of FIMARC towards UN institutions such as HRC and CFS is highly increasing and encouraging. But on the other hand the International General Secretariat lost a lot of financial support in 2013 and spent a lot of time finding funds for guaranteeing work, which has to go on in 2014 most especially in the context of our World Conference in 2014 in Germany. FIMARC had to stop the Part time administrative staff due to the financial constraints. The reductions of subventions put the existence of the General Secretariat in danger. We are really looking forward to CCFD and EF for the renewed strategy to ensure an increased sustainable support for our mission. Thus with this annual report we want to thank our supporters CCFD and EF for the tremendous support that has been rendering to us for the cause of rural people even at this time of crisis.

Our work on food sovereignty, human rights, right to food, decrease , farmer's rights and solidarity economies etc is running really well and during the last year we strengthened our work in these areas with trainings, seminars, networking and lobby work. . FIMARC received a lot of positive feedback form different partners in 2013 in this regard. This showed the importance of involvement of rural people which have significant impact on various policy making institutions and politicians, since rural voice is seldom recognised in politics;

Towards the World Food Day 2013, FIMARC launched the campaign "Healthy people depend on Healthy food systems - Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition". Call for common action was send to our movements and partners. A lot of movements took up actions around that international day. Seminars, press releases and panel discussions were organised by FIMARC national or diocesan movements which helped to bring up the topic on the public agenda.

The relationship between FAO/CFS and FIMARC is progressing well, thus we invest a lot of time in order to use the political space FAO is offering us. This is one indicator of a lot that our work and

knowledge is accepted in the field of agriculture. FIMARC study session on Agricultural Investments and Small holders which held in April 2013 drew clear orientation of our engagement on this topic. The FIMARC pedagogical document on Agricultural Investment and Small holders ,elaborated by our Human rights Working group is also an activity of the year worth mentioning

FIMARC will celebrate its 50 years of Existence as well as our World Assembly in Germany in 2014 and We are really looking forward for the Jubilee orientation

This report is based on the action plan 2013 and Generally speaking, the activities of 2013 was much focussed on Agricultural Investment issues with a vision of decrease/ less is more

### **Global objectives and working lines**

**The global objective:** keeping rural populations in their living environment, enabling them to live a dignified life.

The overall goal of all our activities is to foster sustainable rural development and peasant based agriculture by promoting and creating a lively rural world. Our activities also aim for the creation of sustainable society and to promote a comprehensive education and training of rural people

### **Main working lines that can be adapted according to movements' and continental realities:**

FIMARC as a movement of rural people and small holder family farmers we are much concerned about the current situation of the agricultural sector and rural development trends in many of our countries. FIMARC take into account in our actions, lobby and advocacy the following trends.

- Food sovereignty: access to land, keeping rural people in their environment;
- Decrease /Less is more
- Solidarity economy;
- Sustainable rural world and peasant based agricultue
- Defence of Human Rights and right to food
- Justice and solidarity between the peoples

### **The topics we involve:**

- 1 Food, fuel and financial crisis
- 2 Price volatility
- 3 Land grabbing
- 4 Agro fuels
- 5 climate change
- 6 Alternative Economy
- 7 Migration
- 8 *Agricultural Investment*

### **Composition of the Exco of FIMARC**

<b>President</b>	Ki hwan CHUNG (South Korea)
<b>Treasurer</b>	(Nieves Martinez Bravo (Spain)
<b>Secretary General</b>	George Dixon Fernandez (India)
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fr. Pasqual Kinoti SVD (Paraguay)

**Delegates**            John Mwidu (Uganda) - Coordinator Africa  
                             Jean-Paul Perin (France) - Coordinator Europe  
                             Manuel Moran (El Salvadore) - Coordinator Latin America  
                             Philip Biswas (Bangladesh) - Coordinator Asia

### **Goal**

The Goal of the Program is to strengthen the capacity of rural people and farmers and their organizations to mobilize and dynamize rural areas for better rural livelihood prospects and engage in policy processes and initiatives to achieve right to food and food sovereignty of the most effected people

### **A. objectives**

With the present project, FIMARC wants to contribute to:

- To enhance a platform for rural people to share their realities and concerns in their own contexts.
- To improve the situation of rural women and their projects
- Reinforce the capacity building of international leaders
- To Train leaders to help them in organizing their advocacy and lobbying actions to implement their activities
- To ensure rural people's voices to be liaise with decision-making bodies
- To animate continental coordination's and ensure efficient global coordination for all regions and in all the domains of intervention.
- To advocate and lobby against the causes of the poverty among rural people at world forums and power blocks for the progressive realisation of right to food and food sovereignty.

### **B) Specific objectives:**

- Improved networking between rural /farmers organisations at different levels for the realisation of right to food
- More stronger coordination of member organisations to actively involve in the countries and contnents with other actors for the realisation of right to food
- Preparation for the involvement in the UN process of the declaration of the rights of farmers and other people working in rural areas
- Formulation of policy proposals and strategies in relation to alternatives for sustainable rural development
- Strengthening Human Rights Working group of FIMARC

### **Achieved Results**

- Participation in the Intergovernmental working group meeting in Geneva on Farmers rights Declaration.
- Elaboration of political demands of rural people to international institutions
- The member organisations of FIMARC put pressure to their governments on local and national level for right to food and local based development
- The needs of the rural poor and family farmers are taken into consideration while local development plans are formulated
- Networking with other organisations has strengthened
- Exchange of information and share best practices
- Better coordination of FIMARC activities at continental and world level
- More visibility and increased advocacy and lobby work at FAO,HRC and CFS
- Publication of Pedagogical document on Agricultural Investment

## **I FORMATION ACTIVITIES**

### **1) FIMARC Global session on rethinking development for the realisation of right to food**

Seminar on **rethinking development for the realisation of right to food** in Assesse prior to the Exco in April 2013 : FIMARC organised a global training session on rethinking development for the realisation of right to food for the global leaders of FIMARC in Assesse ,Belgium in April 2013.This seminar was aimed for the socio-political formation of the international leaders in charge of FIMARC .The study session highlighted the following aspects.

Changes in politics are not enough. There is a need for a more fundamental change of the dominant development paradigm. The current crises reflect a model of development that is oriented on a modernization approach, blind to environmental and human rights issues and confusing economic growth with progress in society. The model regards combating poverty as a primarily technical challenge in which the category of social justice plays no role.

A coherent analysis of the common causes of the multiple crises and their interdependencies is needed now. This presupposes overcoming the current fragmentation in the development discourse of politics, science and civil society. Depending on the respective actors, this discourse focuses on narrow topics such as poverty alleviation and millennium development goals, climate change, trade and investment, and human rights and conflicts.

A holistic model of development, based on six cornerstones, must be re-considered:

- environmental sustainability,
- social justice,
- economic efficiency,
- democratic participation,
- cultural diversity,
- international responsibility.

A model of this kind must be based on international law and universal human rights, including the rights of women and children. Planet's ecological infrastructure should be protected. Investment in sustainable agriculture, in particular organic farming is needed.

We were able to make a concrete declaration and follow up plan in terms of the topic on rethinking development .An interactive session with CIDSE, FIAN,FIMARC Human Rights Working group and the field visit to an alternative initiative of community livin in Wevy Weron was quite enriching experience Results : FIMARC had a pertinent analysis of land issues to strengthen the struggles in various countries .This study session helped the global leadership to make a new orientation towards this topic. It Strengthened the Lobbying and political action capacities by a better knowledge of this critical issue

### **2) FIMARC AT THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2013 OF TUNIS**

WSF, whose motto is "Another World Is Possible", was started in Brazil 11 years ago. It brings together anti-globalization, anti-capitalist and social justice movements with its stated aim to develop "a permanent world process seeking and building alternatives to neoliberal policies.

The world social forum 2013 was held in an Arab country for the first time in the University of El Manar, Tunis from 26-30 of March 2013. Around 5000 organizations and over 30.000 participants from 127 countries from five continents attended the WSF which casts itself as an alterna- tive to the World Economic Forum in Switzerland and addressed a range of subjects from the environment to demo- cratic governance and women's rights.

"The revolutionary processes, rebellions, uprisings, civil wars and protests" were at the heart of the

discussions as well as the social and economic problems behind the Arab Spring and the crisis in Europe. Thousands of Tunisian revolutionaries, globalisation activists and civil society groups took to the streets of Tunis for a carnival-like march to open this year's World Social Forum (WSF).

The activities of the WSF was organized during five days with 1000 workshops, 70 musical shows, 100 films projection in addition to 50 exhibitions .

Before the official closing of this international event on March 30, a march of support to the Palestinian people on the occasion of the Land Day was organised.

For FIMARC, WSF is an opportunity for broadly expressing and enriching its ideas, analyses and lines of action, as well as a space to build up networks and alliances to construct another world based on solidarity and justice. Being promoting the above ideologies and actions FIMARC find it appropriate to participate in the World Social Forums since from its origin.

FIMARC participated in the World social forum which held in Tunis from 26-30 March 2013.. FIMARC find it appropriate to participate in the World social forum as it is an open meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences and interlinking, networking for effective action, by groups and movements of Civil society; We believe that there is a space for the respect of human rights, equality and democracy. FIMARC used World Social Forum 2013 as an effort to make an analysis on how alternatives can be build upon sustainable rural development . FIMARC also organised an International Workshop on Alternatives for sustainable rural development. More over FIMARC was a co organiser of another work shop on Agricultural transition together with More and Better network. We also participated in the workshops organized by CCFD

### **3) FIMARC Campaigns during World Food Day**

#### **Context**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations celebrates World Food Day each year on 16 October, the day on which the Organization was founded in 1945 in order to heighten public awareness of the problem of hunger in the world, to strengthen international and national solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty, and to encourage the participation of rural people, particularly women and the least privileged categories, in decisions and activities influencing their living conditions.

FIMARC has been actively involved in supporting this call for many years and last year we have made a call to make some pragmatic actions in various countries in this regard. At the occasion of the World Food Day, FIMARC publishes every year a communication or a declaration to call the movements to take up some concrete actions to eradicate hunger and poverty ; This actions can be organised in different levels. This year world food day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> October with the main theme "Healthy people depend on Healthy food systems - Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition". FIMARC prepared a call for action and materials to motivate the member movements to take concrete action in their countries

The World Food Day, October 16<sup>th</sup>, has become one main action day of FIMARC . Each year FIMARC prepares call for actions and formulates material that is used by rural groups all over the world in order to hold public activities, information campaigns or seminars.

### **4) FIMARC Bureau and Exco**

Bureau and Exco are the Elected rural leaders who are specifically responsible for the follow up of the action plan at continental and world level. Exco is the main political decision body of FIMARC for it's operation and development. It comprises of one elected representative from each continent and 4 members of the Bureau

The normal tasks of Bureau and Exco :

- The discussion and approval of FIMARC's financial statements and new budget
- The discussion and decision on internal functioning
- final revision of the action plan and elaboration of result indicators and sources of control
- definition of follow-up strategies
- The discussion and sharing of experience on different topics
- organisation of operating mode, communication and clarification of roles and tasks
- evaluation of the work of the commissions (Human Rights)
- The report and evaluation of activities carried out in each continent and at world level
- The discussion on the participation in continental and world events, summits, forums, platforms

The meetings of the Bureau and Exco took place in April 2013 in Assesse, Belgium and the second Bureau held in October 2013 in Wurzburg, Germany to finalise the programme of the World Assembly of 2014

### **5) CFS open ended working group on Agricultural investment**

CFS has been decided to work on the principles of agricultural investment (rai) with a two year process and an open ended working group is being launched to prepare the ToR and the way forward in this regard. Although the smallholder sector produces food for more than 70% of the world population, their needs and rights are ignored and even undermined by governments, multilateral agencies and corporations. Since they are by far the largest group of "investors" in food production, smallholders need adequate and effective public support! FIMARC really push this agenda with other producer organisations in this process. FIMARC would Participated in the Open ended Working Group on Agricultural investment of CFS in a regular basis, FIMARC also involved in the CSO working group on Agricultural Investment to bring the collective voice of the most affected people. The final negotiation on Principles of Agricultural Investment will be in 2014

### **6) Working group on United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas**

FIMARC has been actively involved in the process in relation to the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas from the very beginning. An open-ended intergovernmental working group, which has been mandated to negotiate and finalize a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, held its first session in Geneva from 15-19 July 2013. During the 5 days working group session, there was panel discussions on issues ranging from food security, biodiversity conservation, the fight against climate change to the human rights situation in rural areas, examining in particular discrimination, poverty and hunger in these areas, as well as the need for a declaration on the rights of peasants. Our human rights working group members Gabriel Falchun (Coordinator), Gérard Boinon, Marcelle Favre, Elisabeth Pariat and George Dixon Fernandez (Secretary General) participated in this first working group meeting to bring the voice of the rural people and farmers. FIMARC also organise a preparatory meeting with CETIM and made very strong written and oral interventions

Many European governments are not in favor of this process and thus there is a need of collective lobby and advocacy work to be carried out. FIMARC is jointly working with Via Campesina and CETIM in this regard.

### **7) Publication of the pedagogical document on Agricultural investment and contribution of small scale farmers**

The International secretariat in Assesse together with the help of Human right working group was responsible for the elaboration of the material and its follow-up. In its field of action we always try to spread our ideas through the pedagogical documents. During last years, FIMARC published various documents on climate change, Food Sovereignty, Agro fuels etc. The pedagogical document on Agricultural investment and contribution of small scale farmers was published in 3 languages (French, Spanish and English) and this document is a major contribution to the analysis and reflection on the the impact of Agricultural investment and the contribution of small scale farmers. This tool is at the disposal for all the national movements and organizations for the animation of the basic groups. This also published on the FIMARC web site to serve more people. This document also serve for our lobby work in relation to the UN process on Principles of Agricultural Investment.

## **8) Human Rights Working Group**

This is an important commission existing at International level of FIMARC. This commission is an important body for sharing experiences, reflection and proposal of solutions regarding human rights issues which FIMARC is concerned. They contribute to revitalize the movement with new ideas, proposals and materials, and to define the position of FIMARC on Major human rights issues and violations, for our education, lobbying, advocacy and networking activities. The commissions also prepare the inputs to the conference regarding their specific topics and set up elements for the action plan follow-up.

Since from its foundation FIMARC is working on the human right issues and promoting right based approaches including right to food and food sovereignty. This commission is composed of members from national movements of France and Switzerland (due to the geographical proximity to ECOSOC) and temporary representative from other movements and the Secretary General. This commission generally meets few times in a year. This commission has been also responsible for the preparation of Pedagogical document of FIMARC with a human right approach. The recent documents on land grabbing, Agricultural investments etc have been widely used by members and Public ..

Main tasks are:

1. To follow up the process of how FIMARC has to work on Human Rights issues, elaboration of a concrete action plan and political proposals.
2. To defend and promote the concept of Human rights, Right to food and food sovereignty within FIMARC and in the society, through the elaboration and diffusion of papers to the movements, as well as partners and other related institutions.
3. Lobbying and advocacy towards regional and international institutions on HR issues
4. Participation in continental and world meetings, forums and platforms related to HR
5. Preparing training and awareness materials on relevant issues.

The Human Rights working group meeting of FIMARC was held in Geneva in July 2013 as well as in October 2013. The first meeting was meeting prepared the participation of and interventions of FIMARC in the UN Intergovernmental Working group session on Farmers rights and the objective of the second meeting was to prepare for the World Assembly and global consultation on this topic. Another objective of the meeting was for the evaluation of the work done during the last year and for the definition of objectives and planning of new activities for the coming year and most especially to collect the inputs from national movements on Farmers rights where FIMARC is actively involved

## **II. FIMARC Engagement in other different Proess in relation to Right to food, Food Sovereignty and Human rights**

**A) HRC 22 -FIMARC participated in the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the human rights council 2013 and made an intervention on women and their right to food in support of the report submitted by UN special reporter Mr.Oliver de Schuter on right to food**

### **B) Participation in the FAST Group of CIDSE as well as in the CIDSE seminar on Alternatives:**

FAST Working group of CIDSE is important for FIMARC as it is a resource group that treats many subjects related to our preoccupations. As international organization FIMARC brings the concrete expertise of the movements that it federates and the preoccupations that they carry to the CIDSE WG. FIMARC was invited in the CIDSE seminar in Brussels on Alternatives in September 2013 as a panelist to present the concrete alternative initiative. George Fernandez, Secretary General of FIMARC presented the Direct Marketing initiative of South Korean member movement (KCFM) in the seminar which was appreciated by many.

### **C) Participation in FAO , CFS(World Committee on Food Security) and CSM(Civil Society Mechanism )**

In the past FIMARC was much involved in lobby and advocacy work in Geneva on human rights issues and right food in the frame work of UNHCR and time to time we participate in the different meetings of FAO but it was not regular as we do not have human and financial means to carry out this work. Hence most often we depend and link with the work of MIJARC on certain key issues and events to

make the necessary follow up .But during the last two years FIMARC has been much focusing on the governance of Food and Agricultural issues due to the emerged crisis related to food ,fuel and land grabbing. We have been doing a regular follow up on the Voluntary guidelines to land tenure and natural resources as well as involving in the newly renewed World committee on Food Security (CFS ) and Civil society Mechanism which is the interactive body to CFS. This new focus of FIMARC in FAO and CFS is also due to the fact that the New secretary General had a lot of experience in this field and who being the advisory group member of the CFS can make a good impact interms of political work with the governments FIMARC Bureau had a meeting with Civil Society Department (OCEP) of FAO in 2012 to discuss about our involvement and future collaboration .The participation in FAO meetings is a very good opportunity to defend our values and the interests of rural people particularly regarding food and agriculture. It is an important forum for lobbying towards world leaders on the governance of food and agricultural policies and systems. FIMARC Participated in the Coordination committee meeting of the Civil Society Mechanism held in Rome from 3-4 October in Rome and Annual Civil Society Forum which held in Rome from 5-6 October at FAO headquarters to prepare the World Committee on Food Security 2013.FIMARC participated also in the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the World Committee on Food Security and made oral statement on behalf of global Civil society on pertinent issues related to food and agricultural governance.

**D)South Asian Regional Consultation of the Civil Society Mechanism of the Committee on Food Security :**The main objectives of the consultation was to bring together all the constituencies of the CSM of South Asia to share and evaluate the experiences on CSM and CFS work and also to understand the various CFS process and related issues from the South Asian sub region. George Dixon Fernandez, the Secretary General of FIMARC was invited as a resource person for this regional consultation .The consultation developed strategies and identify concrete follow-up actions of South Asian Civil Society and Social movements on existing debates at CFS e.g. Responsible Agriculture Investment, Implementation of newly adopted VG on Land Tenure, forestry and fisheries, discussion on bio-fuel, climate change and protracted crisis.

**E)The Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2):**An inter-governmental meeting on nutrition jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in cooperation with the High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis (HLTF), IFAD, IFPRI, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, WFP and the WTO, was held at FAO Headquarters, in Rome, 19-21 November 2014. It was a high-level ministerial conference which proposed a flexible policy framework to address today's major nutrition challenges and identify priorities for enhanced international cooperation on nutrition.ICN2 brought together senior national policymakers from agriculture, health and other relevant ministries and agencies, with leaders of United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, researchers, the private sector and consumers. The conference reviewed the progress made towards improving nutrition since 1992, and reflected on nutrition problems that remain, as well as on the new challenges and opportunities for improving nutrition presented by changes in the global economy, in food systems, by advances in science and technology, and identify policy options for improving nutrition.

FIMARC wanted to engage in this programme to bring the aspect of right to nutrion and right to food of the rural populations

#### **F.FIMARC engagement in IPC for Food Sovereignty**

The IPC is an autonomous, self-managed global network of more than 45 people's movements and NGOs involved with at least 800 organizations throughout the world. The IPC serves as a mechanism for information and training on issues regarding food sovereignty. It promotes forums in which PMs and other CSOs involved in food and agriculture issues can debate, articulate their positions and build their relationships at national, regional and global levels. It facilitates dialogue and debate between civil society actors, governments and other stakeholders at all levels. It is not a centralized structure and does not claim to represent its members. It does not aspire to constitute an all-inclusive civil society interface with FAO and other institutions, but is rather a space for self-selected CSOs which identify with the food sovereignty agenda adopted at the 2002 forum.FIMARC participated in the



IPC Preparatory meeting in October 2013 .Manuel Moran,the latin American coordinator of FIMARC from El salvadore participated in the IPC general meeting which was held in in Brasil in November 2013

### **III. Follow up and other activities**

#### **A) Publications of the Voice of the Rural World- VMR**

Voice of the Rural World (VMR) is the review of the movement, published four times a year in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Portuguese). It has been sent to around 1500 people as well as to all the national movements. It is a popular and useful tool of FIMARC as it is focusing on one special theme linking with the challenges of our era. It contributes to the information and formation of national and local leaders on the different topics of FIMARC's work. It is also a forum to share ideas and experience between the continents.

#### **Objectives of the publication**

To serve as tool between the movements of the FIMARC from the experiences which promote viable alternate development of the rural people and particularly peasants;

For the people in charge of the basic groups, VMR is a tool of formation in link with the general orientations of the FIMARC, the defined priorities of work related to global plan and the different continents;

An information and tools of analysis on the issues of our corporation, the big challenges that concern the rural world and peasant.

To share the experiences and the good practices that exist in the movements and create united actions on certain issues

Reinforce the protagonism of the readers and to reach out to the vast network of organizations that fight in the same perspectives and/or with similar objectives

#### **The General Theme and topics for 2013**

The 4 numbers of VMR during the year 2103 focused the following thematic areas.

General theme: Decrease

109-Agricultural investment

110-(Disarmament for peace / conflict resolution and development)

111-Agroecology

112 -Theme of the world Assembly

4 numbers of VMR are published in 4 languages (French, Spanish, English, Portuguese). Each publication has been sent to partners and movements and it is a popularized tool using by many of the people in our movements as well as general rural public. Each publication has a special thematic focus, which is linked to the challenges of our era.

The Voice of the Rural World is a tool easily usable by the biggest number by its easy form and easily reproductive format. it is a tool of information and of education .Since 2011, the reduction of the support from the donor to the VMR caused a real problem in the process of this publication and we were constrained to reduce the number of pages to 16 of the VMR and to use our own resources to realize the publications as we had foreseen it. Hence in 2013, we continued with our online publication

#### **B. Participation in the global meeting of ATD Quart Monde**

FIMARC participated in the global meeting of ATD quart monde held in Brussels in January 2013 to bring the views from Rural people and to have better solidarity and linkages with the urban poor.

#### **C.Participation in the meeting of Nuncio**

FIMARC had a bilateral meeting with Appostolic Nuncio to the European Commission , His Excellency Mgr. Alain Paul Lebeaupin at his residence in Belgium to discuss about possible collaboration on common issues of the Church and the movement.

#### **D. Advocacy and Networking**

*The Bureau (president, secretary general ,Treasurer and world chaplain) together with the continental teams and the commissions were responsible to carry out the activities around advocacy and networking and to be present during UN international conferences either in Rome, Geneva, Paris, etc. The activities were evaluated and followed up according to the action plan and logical framework elaborated during the World conference. The participation within the main organs (councils, conferences, committees) of FAO, CFS ,UNHCR and UNESCO is very important. FIMARC is part of different platforms like IPC (International Planning Committee), More and Better network and with the support of CCFD ,our involvement in the different platforms,Lobbying and advocacy initiatives are much strengthened and our aim is to involve more member organisations in the struggle of rural people for the right to food and food sovereignty*

#### **IMPACT**

The common plan of action which have been evaluated each year as well as along with the Bureau ,Exco allowed the continuity and sustainability. The strengthening of continental coordination capacities have a positive impact on communication and the development of concrete activities on the different continents, benefiting to the national movements. Continental and international leaders improved their capacity of action and work more efficiently, with clear guidelines. The national movements engaged strongly in the major process elaborated above

#### **FOLLOW UP**

The international secretariat plays a key role in all the organization, being at the centre of all the activities of information, of planning of the programs, of support to the regional coordination's, of organizations of the work of advocacy and of lobby and of global coordination management. The General Secretariat was in charge of the follow up and assessment of projects and activities carried out by continental coordination's and by the commission. Secretariate also provided necessary support and information in time to the continents and national movements regarding campaign and other political actions. The General Secretariat also organised the operational and logistic support for specific international activities and the participation in important events and major lobby ,advocacy efforts where FIMARC represented.