



## 2025: popular perspectives and tasks

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Wondering what 2025 will look like for the people's struggles for food sovereignty and climate justice, ROOTS talked to leaders of different peasant organisations. Here are some of their thoughts. We welcome our readers to share your insights as well!

**Kafui Kan-Seneya, from the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG), told us:**

“Our world, after transiting from 2024, is seeing increased tensions and return to intrusive power politics, hovering World War III and threats of hyper imperialism to reimpose its control over our resources as well as the food we consume. To enable us in the Global South to break out from the current information and technological barriers of the Global North and in our present circumstances, we need food sovereignty much more than ever. Consequently, it has become imperative to directly influence work and methods of peasant agriculture particularly in improving productivity and increasing production. Besides, given the context of the unwillingness of young and capable talents in the rural areas to follow the vocation of their parents and the resultant outflow to urban areas have



left an aging population in agriculture. I am convinced the time has come to shift and intensify the debate from food security to food sovereignty.”

**Stephen Ruvuga, leader from MVIWATA in Tanzania, referred to the downs in 2024:**

“So many downs and heartbreaks happened in 2024, notably, the genocide with no end in Gaza, that received full political, financial and military support from global Zionists. The war aimed at expanding imperialists interest throughout the Middle East and protecting the Zionist state of Israel have been rampant. Additionally, there has been a systematic and legitimized exploitation of rural communities through land evictions and the push for GMO seeds in African nations. Carbon trading has also been used as a deceptive tool for exploitation of the rural poor..

Despite all these challenges, the will and desire to defend food and national sovereignty—along with the dignity of the globally exploited—remains unbroken. There is a continued quest to build an economically and socially just, people-centered development through socialism. In this 2025, we expect a resurgence of positive development that cannot be reversed.”

**Andreia Matheus, from the Landless Workers Movement (MST) in Brazil, said:**

“The causes of the environmental and climate crises are closely linked to the agribusiness model in Brazil and, therefore, structural changes continue to be necessary in the country. We understand that the solutions to the environmental crisis and climate change involve continuing and strengthening our political struggle and confronting the hegemonic model of development, with agrarian reform and agroecology being necessary for this transformation. Agroecology is the necessary path to confront the environmental crisis, since it provides the principles for establishing another model of agriculture that meets the productive and nutritional needs of peasants and society as a whole. However, the massification of agroecology and the production of healthy food require real conditions to materialize it. Therefore, as an organization, we are committed to building and fighting for the conditions for the transition and/or production of agroecologically based food, which involve access to land, cooperation and access to technologies adapted to the reality of peasant agriculture, such as bioinputs, machinery, seeds, and energy, among others.”

**Yanina Settembrino, member of the Rural Federation (Federación Rural para la Producción y el Arraigo), from Argentina, added:**



“The transition to sustainable forms of production is a historical necessity for humanity. The global agri-food model no longer hides its only intentions, the reproduction of capital. Food for the people must be the priority, having safe, healthy and sovereign food. In Argentina, the neoliberal government of Javier Milei not only deprives millions of Argentines of the right to food, but also denies the climate crisis; both actions have only one winner: the concentrated factual powers, the corporations, the owners of everything but our dignity. In 2025, the Rural Federation intends to deepen its objectives of technical and political training in agroecology, technical assistance, production of bioinputs on a large scale and cooperativization of medium-scale agricultural production. We understand these strategic lines to be the way to return to the Argentine Agricultural Model what should be its main ethic: the Food Sovereignty of Argentina and the world.”

**Similarly, Pramesh Pokharel, General Secretary of All Nepal Peasant Federation (ANPFa) in Nepal, said:**

“In the year 2025, we will continue our struggle for agroecology, food sovereignty and climate justice. We already sense that the nexus of corporations and imperialism is going to be really bad in the coming years. Peace will be destroyed, and more destruction will be done by the capitalist system against the people and planet. Therefore, there will be more resistance by the people. We need a strong call for peace, justice and sovereignty. We need more cooperation and international solidarity amongst people's organisations. 2025 will be another year towards a multipolar world and one step forward in the advancement of socialism.”

**Jamila El Abboudi, leader of the Movement for Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Development, in Morocco, also referred to the struggles in 2025:**

“We are welcoming the year 2025 fully prepared to continue the struggle for an ecological agriculture that is capable of facing climate change, challenges and its manifestations. We are also prepared to continue the struggle to achieve full sovereignty for smallholder and peasant farmers over their land and their original seeds. We are continuing our struggle to preserve the life and fertility of the soil, as well as all natural resources for future generations. Happy New Year, and may you remain steadfast in the struggle for true ecological agriculture.”

**Regarding ROOTS, Weiyan Zhu, coordinator of the International Association for Popular Cooperation (IAPC), pointed out:**

“Looking back, in Feb. 2022, we surveyed to collect thoughts from our network and started to build the infrastructure and contents of ROOTS from scratch. The articles



published by ROOTS open a window for all audiences, including me, to learn about agroecological practices, people's struggles, and a lot of other topics among different countries and across different cultures. ROOTS is one of the best gifts to celebrate IAPC's five-year anniversary. Reaching five years marks an important milestone as we demonstrate perseverance, stability, and growth. We have seen profound changes in the last 5 years, and there will be more ahead. Let's keep persevering to welcome the next challenges and work hard together to create a more glorious and wonderful future!"

As we conclude, it's clear that the path to achieving food sovereignty and climate justice won't be easy, but it's a struggle that must continue. The leaders consulted for this article have made it clear that 2025 will be a pivotal year, marked by increased resistance against the corporate-imperialist nexus and calls for peace, justice, and sovereignty. As we embark on this new year, we at ROOTS remain committed to amplifying the voices of those on the frontlines, sharing their stories, and supporting their struggles. Together, we can build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world, where food sovereignty is a reality, not just a utopia.

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