

# NYÉLÉNI 2007 AT A GLANCE

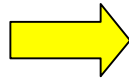
## Day 1 (23 Feb)

### Opening & Orientation

*Session 1:* Opening Ceremony  
Getting organized: agree on process & agenda

*Session 2:* Regional meetings

*Session 3:* Sharing views on Food Sovereignty: sectoral/interest group meetings & Plenary



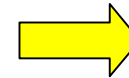
## Day 2 (24 Feb)

### Thematic Working groups

*Session 1:* "What are we fighting for?"

*Session 2:* Sectoral meetings

*Session 3:* "What are we fighting against?"



## Day 3 (25 Feb)

### Strategy working groups: "What can we do about it?"

*Session 1:* Thematic working groups on strategy

*Session 2:* Sectoral meetings

*Session 3:* Regional groups meet to discuss joint actions

*Evening:* Drafting of synthesis report & action agenda

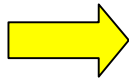
## Day 4 (26 Feb)

### Towards a joint action agenda

*Session 1:* Sectoral/interest groups discuss synthesis report & action agenda

*Session 2:* Plenary to discuss synthesis report & action agenda. Draft political statement presented

*Session 3:* Plenary cont'd, (or back to sectoral/interest groups if no consensus)



## Day 5 (27 Feb)

### Wrapping up & meeting with governments

*Sessions 1&2:* Regions and/or sectoral/interest groups meet to fine tune the action agenda

*Session 3:* Final plenary with government representatives. Adoption of action agenda and political statement.

*Session 1 = 07:30-10:00/10:30 hrs*  
*Session 2 = 11:00/11:30-13:00 hrs*  
*Session 3 = 16:00-19:00 hrs*

### Sectors are:

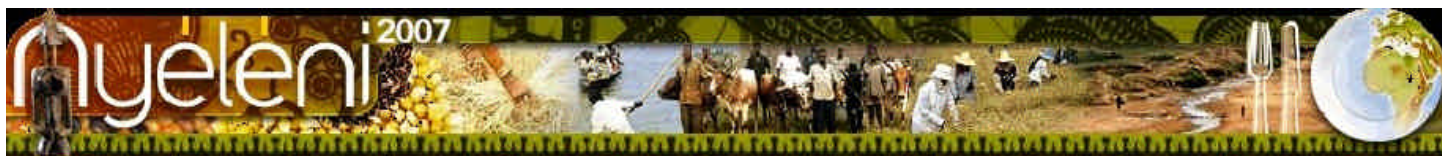
1) Farmers/peasants, 2) Fisherfolk, 3) Pastoralists, 4) Indigenous Peoples, 5) Workers & Migrants, 6) Consumers & Urban Movements

**Interest groups are:** Women, Youth and Environment. May meet in parallel with Sectoral meetings.

### Evenings are for:

Self organised activities and debates & cultural events.  
Party on evening of 26 Feb





# Nyéléni 2007

## Forum for Food Sovereignty

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007, Sélingué, Mali

### PROCESS AND PROGRAMME

January 2007

**From:** International Steering Committee

**To:** Participants

This paper describes the programme for Nyéléni 2007 - Forum for Food Sovereignty, the process of how the Forum will be organised and its output documents.

### Objectives

The Forum has three key objectives (as described in the preparatory document which was circulated earlier to all regional organisers / participants):

- to deepen the understanding and the meaning of “food sovereignty”: what does food sovereignty mean for us, what kind of food production and consumption do we defend?
- to strengthen the dialogue and alliance building between different sectors and interest groups and seek a better understanding of their analysis, goals and strategies;
- to establish joint strategies, a joint plan of action and to increase our joint commitment in the struggle for food sovereignty.

### Agenda

Each day is divided into three working sessions totalling seven hours.

Session 1: 08:00 – 10:00/10:30

Session 2: 11:00/11:30 – 13:00

Session 3: 16:00 – 19:00

- *Ad hoc* and self-organised meetings will take place mainly outside these hours.
- There is an opening event each day at 7:30 – a Mística or cultural/political reflection

23 Feb Opening ceremony, presentation of programme, introductions

24 Feb Thematic Working Groups

25 Feb Thematic Working Groups, Sectoral/Interest groups/Regional discussions

26 Feb Sectoral/Interest groups/Regional discussions and Plenary

27 Feb Sectoral/Interest groups/Regional discussions and Final Plenary, Closing Ceremony

*(See annex for daily programme)*

## Other events

22 Feb The day before the Forum there will be a meeting of Women delegates organised by the World March of Women

25 Feb Cultural evening. In addition, artistic and culinary activities, will be presented by our Malian hosts, singers, artists, cooks and chefs at other times during the week, e.g. during meal breaks and in the evenings.

There will be a video wall and some display space for showing short films, posters and other information brought by delegates

A parallel set of events will be organised outside the forum area for local people and others.

## Process

At Nyéléni 2007, delegates will debate food sovereignty issues in order to deepen collective understanding, strengthen dialogue among and between sectors and interest groups and formulate joint strategies and actions.

Therefore the International Steering Committee proposes that the Forum will be organised in **six sectoral groups and three interest groups**:

The sectoral groups include: 1) Peasants and small farmers; 2) Fisherfolk; 3) Pastoralists; 4) Indigenous peoples; 5) Workers and migrant workers; and 6) Consumers and urban movements.

The three interest groups represent: 1) Women; 2) Youth; and 3) Environment.

Any contributions of ideas or comments on the political process in the Forum will be handled by Sectors and Interest Groups and each will appoint spokespeople to present views in the plenaries.

NGO delegates will be encouraged to participate in the sector and interest groups with whom they work and to play a supportive role in the Forum process.

The key discussions in the Forum will be organised in three sessions of thematic working groups around **seven central themes** that relate to food sovereignty. Discussion of these themes must also explicitly include the key issues of gender, youth and environment, as well as the issue of participation in policy formulation and democratisation of decision making. Sectors and interest groups will decide which delegates attend which thematic working group. Delegates are expected to attend all three sessions of the same thematic working group.

The seven themes proposed are: 1) Trade policies and local markets; 2) Technology and local knowledge; 3) Access to and control over natural resources (land, water, seeds, livestock breeds); 4) Sharing territories and land, water, fishing rights, aquaculture, forest use between sectors; 5) Conflict and disaster: responding at local and international levels; 6) Social conditions and forced migration; and 7) Production models: impacts on people, livelihoods and environment.

Discussion guidance notes on each of the themes will be circulated before the Forum.

The three steps in the discussion sessions in thematic working groups will relate to the following questions:

Step 1: **What are we fighting for?** What does Food Sovereignty mean for us? What do we have in common? What do we defend? What do we do to sustain it? Special emphasis on what Food Sovereignty means at local levels.

Step 2: **What are we fighting against?** What is preventing us from realising Food Sovereignty? What are the problems? How is neo-liberalism (from local to international level) affecting us? What are our internal potential tensions or conflicts of interests and how to overcome them?

Step 3: **What can we do about it?** What is our common struggle? How to strengthen our movements (from local to international level)? How can we increase our resistance? How can we work better together?

## **Outputs**

The results of the Forum will be presented in three sets of documents.

1. A '**Synthesis Report**' that describes delegates' understanding of food sovereignty and the strategies and actions proposed – it will include an **Action Agenda**. (Within two months, this report will be finalised by the International Steering Committee and will be published as a final report of the Forum.)
2. A '**Political Statement**' that summarises the synthesis into a clear call to action.
3. Various **Reports** (written, audio and visual). These will be edited and made available in several formats both at the time of the Forum and in the following months.

## **Delegates**

Delegates will be organised and housed in **seven regional groups**:

Delegates are coming from seven regions; 1) Africa; 2) West and Central Asia; 3) South Asia; 4) Southeast and East Asia; 6) North America (including Mexico), 5) Latin America and the Caribbean; and 7) Europe.

Any problems concerning logistics or personal matters will be dealt with by the staff member supporting the region.

This Forum is NOT an open space like World Social Forums. This Forum is by invitation only. Up to 500 delegates have been invited and they will be supported by about 100 other participants (interpreters, staff, media-communication people, artists, cooks and so on)

## **International Steering Committee**

International Steering Committee will be responsible for organising the process of the Forum. It will be strengthened at the beginning of the Forum with additional delegates proposed by sectors in order to achieve better sectoral, regional and gender representation. It will present the program and the process at the start of the Forum. It will make proposals to the plenaries (points for consensus or for further discussion) and actively support the process towards consensus among the sectors and interest groups. The International Steering Committee has appointed staff to support every stage of the process and to assist it in preparing the outputs of the Forum.

## Timetable

## ANNEX

Because of the expected hot afternoon weather, there will be an early start each day and a long break after lunch. Breakfast will be at 6:30 followed by a cultural/political event – a Mística –in the Plenary space at 7:30

Each day is divided into three working sessions, totalling seven hours:

**Session 1:** 08:00 – 10:00/10:30; **Session 2:** 11:00/11:30 – 13:00; **Session 3:** 16:00 – 19:00

**Break** There will be a one hour break in the morning.

**Lunch** break will be from 13:00 to 16:00 which gives time for food, an afternoon rest to recharge batteries for the work in the late afternoon and/or to set up self-organised meetings.

**Dinner** will be at 19:30. In the evening there will space for self-organised events, cultural activities, videos etc.

**Meetings of the Interest Groups** (Women, Youth, Environment) will be self-organised. Delegates participating in the interest groups will also participate in the sectoral meetings during days 2 and 3, if possible. However, some may want to meet in parallel with the sectoral group meetings.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
21 February		Delegates attending the Women's day arrive	
22 February	All Day	Women's day	The women delegates will meet and discuss their participation in the Forum
		Other delegates arrive	Other interest groups (youth, environment) may also meet during day (preferably) or in the evening.
	Evening		Sectors meet to get to know each other
<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>7:30-8:00</b>	Mística / cultural-political reflection	
23 February	<b>Session 1</b> <b>8:00-10:00</b>	Formal opening ceremony  Presentation of programme and introductions by delegates.	To be organised by Malian hosts  History, objectives, common ground on Food Sovereignty, presentation of the Forum process, the decision making structures and organisational aspects during the Forum  Presentation of delegate groups by spokespersons with delegates of each sector, interest group and region standing up together and making themselves known.
	<b>Session 2</b> <b>11:00-13:00</b>	Regional Meetings	To clarify programme and logistical information, prepare regional testimonies and prepare for the sectoral meetings
	<b>Session 3</b> <b>16:00-19:00</b>	16:00-17:30 Sectoral/interest groups meet	Getting to know each other, ownership of the agenda, questions regarding process  Deciding on internal functioning of each sector and interest group, who will participate in different thematic working groups, appointing spokespersons for the plenaries. Preparing sectoral input and input from interest groups for the plenary
		17:30-19:00 Plenary to share views and testimonies	Short interventions from sectors, interest groups, regions. Sharing of information / testimonies on key struggles and what is Food Sovereignty
	<b>Evening</b>	Self-organising activities	Bilateral meetings, speakers' corners, cultural events, video wall

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
<b>DAY 2</b>  24 February	<b>7:30-8:00</b>	Mística / cultural-political reflection	
	<b>Session 1</b> <b>8:00-10:30</b>	7 Thematic Working Groups Step 1: What are we fighting for?	Discussion of the 7 Themes in working groups (with possibilities of subdividing into language and other sub-groups during sessions)
	<b>Session 2</b> <b>11:30-13:00</b>	Sectoral Meetings	Sectors and/or interest groups reporting back on, and evaluating, working group discussions
	<b>Session 3</b> <b>16:00-19:00</b>	7 Thematic Working Groups Step 2: What are we fighting against?	Discussion of the 7 Themes in working groups (with possibilities of subdividing into language and other sub-groups during sessions)
	<b>Evening</b>	Self-organising activities	Bilateral meetings, speakers corners, cultural events
<b>DAY 3</b>  25 February	<b>7:30-8:00</b>	Mística / cultural-political reflection	
	<b>Session 1</b> <b>8:00-10:30</b>	7 Thematic Working Groups Step 3a: "What can we do about it?" Develop common strategies? Prioritise joint actions	Discussion of the 7 Themes in working groups (with possibilities of subdividing into language and other sub-groups during sessions)
	<b>Session 2</b> <b>11:30-13:00</b>	Sectoral Meetings	Sectors and/or interest groups reporting back on, and evaluating, working group discussions
	<b>Session 3</b> <b>16:00-19:00</b>	Regional Groups Step 3b: "What can we do about it?" Develop common strategies? Prioritise joint actions	Develop common understanding; agree proposals and strategies; prioritise actions from a regional perspective. Formulate action agenda: prioritise activities for work with other regions
	<b>Evening</b>	Self-organising activities  International Steering Committee	Bilateral meetings, speakers corners, cultural events  Drafting of synthesis report and action agenda
<b>DAY 4</b>  26 February	<b>7:30-8:00</b>	Mística / cultural-political reflection	
	<b>Session 1</b> <b>8:00-10:00</b>	Sectoral/interest groups meet	Discussion of draft synthesis report and action agenda
	<b>Session 2</b> <b>11:00-13:00</b>	Plenary	Presentation of positions of sectors on the draft synthesis report and action agenda. Interest groups give input when necessary  Presentation of draft political statement
	<b>Session 3</b> <b>16:00-19:00</b>	Regional meetings or  Sectoral/interest groups meet followed by a Plenary	If consensus in the morning plenary, regional meetings to discuss implementation of action agenda  If no consensus, define points of disagreement and discuss in sectoral/interest groups and search for consensus in plenary
	<b>Evening</b>	Cultural event / party	

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
<b>DAY 5</b>  27 February	<b>7:30-8:00</b>	Mística / cultural-political reflection	
	<b>Session 1</b>  <b>8:00-10:00</b>	Regions and/or sectoral/interest groups meet	Discuss the action agenda
	<b>Session 2</b>  <b>11:00-13:00</b>	Plenary and/or regions and/or sectoral/interest groups meet	Finalise the action agenda
	<b>Session 3</b>  <b>16:00-19:00</b>	16:00-18:30 Meetings with government representatives  18:30-19:00 Closing ceremony	Adoption of action agenda and political statement
	<b>Evening</b>	Start departure	Some delegates with late night / early morning flights may have to depart immediately
<b>28 February</b>		Departure	