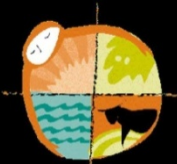


# Food Sovereignty from concept to reality

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Food Ethics Council



# Soberanía Alimentaria “control over food system”



1996



# Food Sovereignty: a reaction by the world's food providers against the WTO



# **Food Sovereignty: embeds the Right to Food**

**“Food sovereignty includes the Right to Food – the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through socially just and ecologically sensitive methods”**



**2002**



# Food Sovereignty Framework

What it stands for | What it opposes

## 6 Pillars

1. *Focuses on Food for People and the Right to Food, rather than industrial commodities*
2. *Values Food Providers and respects Farmers' Rights, rather than squeezing them off the land and destroying their seeds*
3. *Localises Food Systems, rather than unfair global trade*
4. *Puts Control Locally, rather than by distant TNCs*
5. *Builds Knowledge and Skills - of real farmers, rather than remote science and GMOs*
6. *Works with Nature in ecological production, rather than chemically-intensive monocultures*

2007



# **Food Security**

*a co-opted concept serving the*

## **Industrial Commodity Paradigm**

**Governance by  
current powerholders**

***Reinforces the Status Quo***



**Food Sovereignty in  
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# **Food Sovereignty: a Right and a Reality**

