



Istanbul, Turkey, 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2007

Dear partners,

You are kindly invited to **the Forum of Seed & Life**.

Seed and seeding are the sources of the life and the starting point of the food chain.

As being the most valuable element of the food, seed holds its historical and cultural meaning as a symbol of an equal, fair, safe and healthy food of the public who is looking forward to reach.

From the early beginning of the agriculture up to now, the knowledge and the experience of the farmers regarding the seed and agriculture, their products that they have produced, developed and shared between each other are at a risk of vanishing. Seed is trying to be sacrificed for the unlimited greed of the transnational monopolies.

The seed which is the first ring of the food chain and the key of food sovereignty is trying to be captured from the farmer with the laws, legal regulations, patents certificates etc. which produced and manipulated by the international organizations (such as World Trade Organization, World Bank and International Money Found) and trying to be transferred to the transnational agriculture, food and seed companies.

The Turkish Seed Law ,which is put into force on the 8<sup>th</sup> th Nov.2006 seems very similar to the reflection of this operation.

We will talk and discuss all the details of the "seed" in the forum of "Seed and Life" which we have organized in Istanbul on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.

We will also declare a statement for the **17th April International Peasants Day** and **Joint International GMOpposition Month** (March 24 - May 12).

We will have guests from abroad who will share their knowledge and experience with us in the forum.

We will have three workshops on different topics in which we will try to find a solution to protect and save our seeds. We will discuss the instruments and the ways of struggle to protect our seed, our life and our lands from the transnational agrobiotech companies.

*We are inviting you to our Forum to save our seeds.*

No To GMOs Platform,  
Farmers Union Confederative Platform,  
Chamber of Agricultural Engineers