



*Building trust across the world's divides*

*Initiatives of Change*

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## **Food and Sustainability Network (FSN)** for creating a fair, clean and healthy world

### *An Initiative of Change*

#### *Vision*

Networking with people around the world to promote just and sustainable strategies for food production and distribution, water use, health, the soil and the environment.

#### *Mission*

We recognize and seek to make amends for the damage we humans have inflicted on our environment, and on ourselves, as we pursue this mission.

We recognize that our lifestyle has harmed our environment and the ability for mankind to be healthy and thrive. We strive to protect the quality and biodiversity of food and of nature for future generations.

We provide a network that links people at the grass roots to experts, providing the knowledge and education that supports and maintains sustainable food and energy production for a healthy human lifestyle.

We seek that on all levels human health is sustained by national and international projects aimed at achieving carbon balance.

We strive to bridge individual, corporate, national and international interests by encouraging the system of fair trade as a solution to the issues of corrupt marketing practices and market domination by unscrupulous people and corporations.

We take action when the human right to eat, live, thrive and be healthy is threatened by corporate, financial, environmental, political interests or national customs, and support international sustainable strategies for food, justice, health and the environment.

#### *Aims*

To sustain the natural resources, recognize and repair the damage that we have inflicted on our environment as we work to build a sustainable future.

To encourage fair trade as an answer to the problems of human and environmental abuse and to safeguard agriculture as a means of providing freedom and democracy for the whole planet.

To protect the quality and biodiversity of food and sustainable health for future generations and to establish an international network with a shared vision of human, environmental and food sustainability that will enable all humankind to survive.

## *FSN Code of Ethics*

- Buy better, buy less, use leftovers, no waste
- Share information – tell the truth as you know it
- Become an educated and responsible consumer and citizen
- Prioritize local and seasonal produce
- Support local farmers – buy food grown sustainably
- Establish contact with your local agricultural authority
- Show our gratitude to farmers

## *About the Food and Sustainability Network*

At a time when parts of the world experience problems caused by an overabundance and over consumption of food, leading to waste and chronic illness, the so-called underdeveloped countries are still facing more than their fair share of poor nutrition and famine.

For the first time in history we have a generation that has grown up on highly processed or ‘fast’ food. We also have an increasing problem with obesity and chronic ill health in some parts of the world contrasting to famine and death in others.

We have an economic system that endorses the consumption of enormous amounts of energy in the production of overabundance and waste, and this takes place without full compensation to small farmers and producers who, in addition to this injustice, suffer a lack of nourishment and self worth.

In order to preserve biodiversity, uniformity which primarily benefits rich countries, must be re-evaluated. Agriculture is part of the culture of every nation. Its traditions go back thousands of years and have marked our environment. It cannot be standardized across different countries.

Europe’s policies to safeguard agriculture are the result of a desire to preserve its thousand year old history. This would be lost if we allowed agriculture to disappear, in the same way that the anthropological characteristics of developing countries cannot be ignored by the rest of the world. If agriculture disappears, who is going to feed us?

The Food and Sustainability Network (FSN) focuses on empowering the growth of self-sufficient agriculture.

The FSN will use international networking to encourage all countries to develop strategies to avoid the causes of famine, bringing into focus the importance of making environmental decisions that sustain human health for future generations. This would help avoid the proliferation of negative aspects of chemical and petrochemical industries that are harmful to human health and procreation.

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