



TRANSFORMATION FOR WHOM?

On the Corporate Capture of the UN Food
Systems Summit

“The Future of Seeds in the UN Food Systems Summit”
MAY 6, 2021



Food Systems Summit 2021

ACTION TRACKS

1

Ensure access to
safe and nutritious
food for all



2

Shift to sustainable
consumption patterns



3

Boost nature-
positive production



4

Advance equitable
livelihoods



5

Build resilience to
vulnerabilities, shocks
and stress



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Transforming unjust, inequitable, unhealthy, and unsustainable food systems

Truly, there is an urgent and life-saving need to transform the global food system -- a need to radically change the food system to serve the people's needs and aspirations as well as address climate change.

Global hunger crisis hit five year high in 2020 as 155 million people faced severe food insecurity, new U.N. report says

BY PAMELA FALK

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Markets

Cargill Pays Record Dividend to Family Owners After Profits Boom

By [Javier Blas](#)

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- ▶ Agriculture giant's net income grows 17% from previous year
- ▶ Fiscal-year profit of \$3 billion is fourth-highest ever

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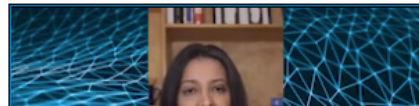
Cargill Inc., the top privately owned company in America, paid its family owners a record dividend in its 2020 fiscal year after profit surged on the back of volatile agricultural markets.

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STOCK MARKET
28,290.48 ▲ 277.88 2.84%
3,188.48 ▲ 10.11 0.87%
58,520.80 ▲ 285.42 0.77%



In June, Cargill announced it would no longer publicly disclose quarterly earnings. Instead, the Minneapolis-based company said it only will share publicly its annual revenue and percent of operating cash flow that is reinvested back into the company.

The dividends to the 125 family member stockholders who control Cargill increased to \$1.13 billion, up 76% from \$643 million in the previous year, *Bloomberg* reported.

Cargill's revenue for the year totaled \$114.6 billion, according to the company's fiscal year 2020 annual report, *Nourishing the World*.

Corporate Capture or Corporate Planning?

A sordid mix of GM seed lobbyists, land grabbing enablers, cartel associations, and WEF-funded NGOs were handpicked to lead the Summit through an opaque process of selection.

“The World Economic Forum –

an organized global platform in which the world’s corporate giants, plutocrats and heads of states converge to promote the corporate agenda under the guise of ‘improving the state of the world’

– aims to cement its dictate through the recalibration of our food systems and agriculture.”



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**148 groups worldwide urge
UN to sever partnership with
WEF**

AGRA succeeded in proliferating chemical-intensive agriculture, lobbying for pro-corporate legislation, reducing crop diversity, and shackling small farmers to debt bondage -- all to the benefit of international seed and fertilizer monopolies



REPORT FROM RLS AND LOCAL NGOS

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition Receives Grant – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

GAIN's Chair Catherine Bertini is in the Champions Group. GAIN's Director of Knowledge Leadership Dr Lynnette Neufeld is a member of the Science Group while GAIN Board Member Dr Joachim von Braun will chair the Science Group with another Board member, Dr. Kaosar Afsana, serving as one of the Science Group's Vice Chairs.

Programmes / Countries	Bangladesh	Ethiopia	India	Indonesia	Kenya	Mozambique	Nigeria	Pakistan	Tanzania
Large Scale Food Fortification	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marketplace for Nutritious Foods					✓	✓			
Nutritious Foods Financing					✓	✓	✓		✓
Commercialisation of Biofortified Crops	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Post Harvest Loss Alliance for Nutrition		✓		✓			✓		
Better Diets for Children	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Adolescent Nutrition	✓			✓		✓		✓	
Workplace Nutrition	✓		✓		✓	✓			
Urban Governance for Nutrition				✓					✓
Keeping Food Markets Working – COVID-19 Response	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SUN Business Network	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
Making Markets Work	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Human Rights as a lever and not front and center

Moreover, the peasant right to land and resources, people's right to development and self-determination remain absent, if not deliberately excluded, in the Summit documents.

The background is a collage of three images. The top-left image shows a street scene with a large banner that reads 'AYUDA HINDI CHAHA -UMA-'. The bottom-left image shows a person holding a sign that says 'TUNAY NA REFORMA SA...'. The right image shows a crowd of people at a protest, with one person wearing a shirt that says 'NO TO PHAS... VES TO RE...'.

These agricultural policies that rely heavily on fossil fuel intensive inputs are being rebranded as “nature positive” solutions despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Rightsholders or Stakeholders?

The corporate capture of the UN FSS is an open admission of defeat for multilateral agencies and a death threat to the hungry people's of the world, its food producers, and our planet.

A governance and social innovation model where risks are socialized and where profits and gains are privatized



Transformation for whom?

If it does not change course, the UNFSS will be 'business as usual with caveats' at best or a framework to roll back human and people's rights to the benefit of profits at worst.

**Indeed, there is a need to reclaim our
voices in the transformation of the global
food regime**

**for just, equitable, healthy,
and sustainable food systems**