

# Open Source Seeds as a Tool to Strengthen Farmers' Rights

**Tunis 2013: If we rely on corporate seed, we lose food sovereignty**

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# FARMERS' RIGHTS

RESOURCE PAGES FOR DECISION-MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS

***Farmers' Rights:***  
***right to sow***  
***right to save***  
***right to use***  
***right to breed***  
***right to share***  
***right to sell***  
***right to participate***  
***in decision making***

**“Nothing about us without us”, say  
peasants as the Farmers’ Rights  
Consultation begins in Bali**

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At Farmers’  
Rights  
Global  
Consultation  
in Bali,  
global  
peasants’  
movement  
La Via  
Campesina  
to defend

peasant-seed systems and insist peasant participation in decision making.





**Seed laws  
that criminalise  
farmers**

# UPOV '91...Again

## - Seeding Saving Under Attack

Terry Boehm spoke about the restrictions being placed on seed saving: how these tools transfer wealth from farmers to corporations, and how legal instruments are being used to take away farmer's seed. He also discussed the growing impact of UPOV '91.

He discussed the variety of patenting using seed originally are now

The government's focus on "innovation" must be understood as part of the push to adopt UPOV '91, which is being led by big seed corporations and supported by universities. Both are looking for the resulting increase in revenue



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# UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021



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Foreword by Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft

## Shaping the Future of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

### Klaus Schwab

President and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum

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GREAT  
> RESET

■ Session will begin shortly

## Science to Live By: CRISPR-Cas Corn

By J. Dirk Nies - July 6, 2017

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CORN



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Insect Protected Corn

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**SEED CORN**







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(within this fence)**



**AFRICAN MODEL LEGISLATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE  
RIGHTS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES, FARMERS AND BREEDERS,  
AND FOR THE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO BIOLOGICAL  
RESOURCES**

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protection over the biological  
resource or parts or derivatives  
thereof ...”**



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## OPEN SOURCE SEED SYSTEMS

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**Welcome**  
to the meeting on  
**Open Source Seed Systems**  
in Africa



# **Global Coalition of Open Source Seed Initiatives (GOSSI)**

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**Bioleft – Argentina**

**[bioleft.org/en/](https://bioleft.org/en/)**

**Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) - India**

**[csa-india.org](https://csa-india.org)**

**Open Source Seed Initiative (OSSI) – USA**

**[Osseeds.org](https://Osseeds.org)**

**Rete Semi Rurali – Italy**

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**Seed Savers Network – Kenya**

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# Why We Patent Seeds

It takes our vegetable breeders between eight and twelve years to develop and commercialize a new vegetable seed variety. Our dedication to a time intensive process of testing and re-testing helps ensure that we deliver reliable seed to our customers and plant variety protection (PVP) certification ideas and investment spe

**Change the narrative !**

## The Open Source Seed Initiative: Let's Take Back Our Seeds

*The Open Source Seed Initiative seeks to combat corporate seed control and patenting by bringing seed varieties, breeding projects and germplasm back to the public commons, where they belong.*

By Margaret Roach