

## GOSSI-Masipag Webinar

Title:	<b>“The Future of Seeds in the UN World Food Systems Summit”</b>
Date:	<b>May 6, 2021</b>
Platform to use:	<b>Zoom</b>
Time duration:	<b>12:00GMT (15:00 East Africa time, 13:00 CET, 20:00 Phil time, 9:00 Buenos Aires time, 6:00 USA CST)</b>  <b>2 hours (and 20 mins)</b>
Context	<p>The current food system, characterized by being unjust, inequitable and unsustainable has wreaked havoc among rural communities and the poor sectors of the society leaving them hungry and resource-poor. In the advent of the Covid19 pandemic, these flaws were further exposed, and has gravely affected food insecure families and the lives and livelihood of farmers and food producers across the globe.</p> <p>The call for a World Food Systems Summit by the United Nations has never been more timely, given the circumstances. The summit aims to launch “bold actions” to deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. However, information about the direction of the summit is said to displace farmers rights to resources such as land, seed and technologies and the initiatives of the people for a food system that reflects their needs and aspirations.</p> <p>At present, the issue on seeds as common property of farmers is being entangled into a maze of policies basically preventing them from saving, sharing and improvement. As seed is integral in the food system, farmers, consumers and the rural people have much at stake in the future of seeds and the UN World Food System.</p> <p>The Global Coalition of Open Source Seeds Initiatives (GOSSI) and farmer-scientist network MASIPAG will be working together to discuss and unpack the UN World Food Systems Summit, the current realities of food and agriculture and the special role of seeds and farmers in achieving a just, equitable and sustainable food systems.</p>
Objectives:	<p>a. To inform the participants about the current food system, the key issue on seeds and its central importance to the future of food / agricultural systems;</p> <p>b. The topic (on UN Food Systems Summit) is broader than seeds / open source, as such the participants will gain perspective on the larger issues in which seeds / open source are embedded;</p> <p>c. To make this webinar part of the build up activities of civil society organizations (CSOs) to the parallel activity initiated by MASIPAG together with its other partners in the Philippines on National People’s Food Systems Summit and international efforts as well under the Global People’s Summit on Food Systems.</p>
Expected Participants:	GOSSI members and allies MASIPAG members, partners and allies Solidagro, etc
Webinar Facilitators:	Overall facilitator: Jack Kloppenburg (GOSSI USA) Co-facilitator: Alfie Pulumbarit (MASIPAG)

## Program and Flow:

Time	Topic	Presenter
5 minutes	Introduction of GOSSI, including the Objectives of the webinar	Jack Kloppenburg, OSSI USA / GOSSI Steering Committee
5 minutes	Introduction of MASIPAG	Cris Panerio, MASIPAG Philippines
20 minutes	Brief introduction to and summary of the UN World Food Systems Summit, issues and challenges	Presenter #1 – Sylvia Mallari, People’s Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS)
	Q & A	
20 minutes	4 <sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution and Corporate capture on Food System: Impact on farmers’ rights and livelihood	Presenter #2 – Kartini Samon, Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN)
	Q & A	
20 minutes	Open Source Seeds as a tool to strengthen Farmers’ Rights	Presenter #3 – Jack Kloppenburg, GOSSI
	Q & A	
20 minutes	Farmers’ Rights and Agroecology in practice, and ways forward	Presenter #4 – Chito Medina, MASIPAG
30 minutes	Open Forum	
10 minutes	Call to action	Masipag and GOSSI
5 minutes	Closing Message/Synthesis	GOSSI

Note: Additional minutes (15 minutes in total) will be allocated for the question and answer after each presentation.

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