



**UK Food Group Seminar**

**Food Sovereignty and the Right to Food**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**10:00am – 12:30pm**

**Friends House, Euston Road, London**

**Keynote Presentation:**

**Michael Windfuhr, author “*Food Sovereignty: towards democracy in localised food systems*<sup>1</sup>”**

We are delighted to have Michael Windfuhr with us at the end of the month to present this timely seminar. He was the former Secretary General of FIAN-International (FoodFirst Information and Action Network) and is now Human Rights Director for the German church development organisation Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World). Michael is one of the world’s leading exponents on realising the human right to adequate food.

This seminar will inform, discuss and deepen understanding of the ways in which implementing the food sovereignty framework and realizing the right to food will strengthen our food systems and eradicate hunger, secure livelihoods of food providers and sustain the biosphere. Michael Windfuhr’s presentation will provide insight into the stark choices for the food system in the face of multiple crises.

We are also organizing this seminar now because Michael Windfuhr is in the process of updating the Practical Action publication *Food Sovereignty: towards democracy in localised food systems*<sup>1</sup>. This seminal paper has been very well received by many institutions, such as FAO, academics including the Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food, and human rights and development organizations.

The new edition of this paper will address the challenging and changing environments that are now affecting individual, national and global food supplies – the food, energy, climate and financial crises, bilateral trade agreements, new food and agriculture governance structures and global and regional programmes, especially in Africa. It will compare and contrast the food sovereignty framework and the Right to Food with food security concepts, policies, practices and programmes.

Ideas about developing and disseminating the paper will be especially welcome during and after the seminar. We want to widen the circle of those involved, so please let others know about this meeting...

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AGENDA		
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Arrivals and coffee</b>	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Patrick Mulvany, UKFG Co-Chair</b>
<b>10:40</b>	<b>Food Sovereignty and the Right to Food.</b>  <b><i>Presentation and questions for clarification</i></b>	<b>Michael Windfuhr</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>12:20</b>	<b>Summary and next steps</b>	
<i>We can continue discussions informally over lunch in the Friends House cafeteria <a href="http://www.friendshouse.co.uk/catering">www.friendshouse.co.uk/catering</a></i>		

<sup>1</sup> *Food Sovereignty: towards democracy in localized food systems* Michael Windfuhr and Jennie Jonsén  
 FIAN-International [practicalaction.org/docs/advocacy/foodsovereignty\\_fian.pdf](http://practicalaction.org/docs/advocacy/foodsovereignty_fian.pdf)