

LIST OF IFG EVENTS, TEACH-INS, SEMINARS & PUBLICATIONS

(1994-March 2011)

IFG TEACH-INS (16)

New York City: November 10-12, 1995, Riverside Church and Columbia University

*THE SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND
POLITICAL COSTS OF ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION*

The IFG revived the "teach-in" format at this first event in a series of large public Teach-Ins to provide deep critiques and analyses of globalization that built a framework for the massive global citizen movements and campaigns that formed during the following years. More than 2500 people filled historic Riverside Church for two days of speeches and then workshops at Columbia University.

Washington, DC: May 10-12, 1996, Lisner Auditorium, George Washington U.

*THE SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND
POLITICAL COSTS OF ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION*

This public event was the second in a series of Teach-Ins held in the U.S. to focus attention on the major issues resulting from the rush to globalize.

Berkeley, CA: April 11-13, 1997, Berkeley Community Theatre

*THE SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND
POLITICAL COSTS OF ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION*

This event focused attention on the many negative effects to the environment, communities, human rights, equity and democracy brought about by economic globalization.

Toronto, Canada: November 3-9, 1997

*RESISTING THE EMERGENCE OF
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE*

The IFG organized an international conference of over 100 researchers and activists from five continents focusing on the emergence of corporate governance. Immediately following the symposium, the IFG held a Teach-In on "Challenging Corporate Rule" at the University of Toronto, November 7-9, (all 2,000 seats sold out in advance) addressing global corporations' role in dominating all economic, environmental and social activity on our planet.

Seattle, Washington: November 26-27, 1999, Benaroya Symphony Hall

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION & THE ROLE OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Held at the 2,500-seat Benaroya Symphony Hall during the Ministerial Summit of the WTO, this "blockbuster" Teach-In sold out well in advance and could have sold just as many seats at the door. Leaders from citizen movements from around the world spoke on a variety of issues: the environment, labor, agriculture, biotechnology, and many others. This event kicked off the week of activities, discussions, and debates that took place in Seattle during the WTO Summit.

SEATTLE DEBATE ON GLOBALIZATION AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, SEATTLE TOWN HALL — LIVE ON CSPAN

The IFG organized a high profile debate on Globalization and the WTO between Ralph Nader, Vandana Shiva, and John Cavanagh vs. former U.S. Undersecretary of Commerce David Aaron; chairman of the U.S. Alliance for Trade Expansion, Scott Miller; and professor at Columbia University and economic policy adviser to the GATT, Jagdish Bhagwati. Over the next few days the debate was shown repeatedly on C-SPAN, referred to in the major print media a number of times, and was aired on over 150 radio stations in the U.S. and abroad.

SEATTLE RALLY AGAINST GLOBALIZED INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE

As part of the activities in Seattle, IFG co-organized with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) a huge outdoor rally at the Seattle Farmers' Market, protesting the globalization and industrialization of agriculture. This was followed by a march and protest near the convention center.

Washington, DC: April 14, 2000, Foundry Methodist Church

BEYOND SEATTLE — GLOBALIZATION: FOCUS ON THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The IFG held a sold-out Teach-In during the World Bank and IMF's general meeting in Washington, D.C., which convened 30 of the world's experts on how the policies of these institutions, along with the WTO, gravely affect the environment, social welfare, democracy, culture, sovereignty, labor, indigenous peoples, and the global poor.

New York City: September 5, 2000, The Town Hall

GLOBALIZATION AND THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

This event took place the day before the UN's millennium summit celebration. Over 1,200 people attended and over 200 media representatives covered the event, including The New York Times (a front-page story); Reuters; USA Today; ABC World News Tonight; and National Public Radio.

New York City: February 24-25, 2001, Hunter College

TECHNOLOGY & GLOBALIZATION

The IFG held a two-day Teach-In, which included over 60 of the world's greatest thinkers on technology, globalization and

democracy. Over 1,800 people attended this event, the first of its kind providing a platform for a heretofore unarticulated critical examination of technology.

Ottawa, Canada: November 2001

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE WORLD BANK?

The IFG co-sponsored a Teach-In just prior to the IMF/WB meetings in November 2001.

South Africa: May 2002

SOUTH AFRICA: SOLIDARITY CARAVAN

The IFG formed a "caravan" of activists from both the North and the South to visit with movement groups, labor unions, parliamentarians, and others in South Africa and build alliances and co-educate one another. IFG representatives visited townships, attended union shop steward meetings, and participated in a forum on water and energy privatization with over 200 leading South African activists. The IFG also met with ministers in the South African parliament hosted by Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi.

Johannesburg, South Africa: August 24-25, 2002, University of Witwatersrand

SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WSSD) — WHICH WAY WORLD? CORPORATE RULE OR SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY?

On the eve of the United Nation's WSSD in Johannesburg, the IFG organized a two-day Teach-In that focused attention on the institutions, agreements, and multinational corporations driving the globalization model, and how they are causing irreparable harm to the planet. Many leading local (African continent) and global environmental leaders participated in the Teach-In, which drew thousands of attendees.

Cancun, Mexico: September 9, 2003, Teatro de Cancun

ALTERNATIVES TO GLOBALIZATION & THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The focus of this event held prior to the WTO Ministerial in Cancun was on alternative visions and specific policy proposals that are more equitable, just, and sustainable than current WTO rules. The Teach-In brought together the world's most dynamic leaders of the growing international movement of civil society opposing the current global economic structure and issued the call — "a better world is possible."

New York City: November 18, 2006, Cooper Union Great Hall

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RESISTANCE TO ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

This event celebrated indigenous peoples' victories and resistance against corporate globalization. Speakers discussed, amongst other things, the work for the past two decades by many indigenous activists on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and also the rise in political power of indigenous peoples, especially in South America, where they have brought great political transformation.

Washington, DC: September 14-16, 2007, Lisner Auditorium, George Washington U.

CONFRONTING THE GLOBAL TRIPLE CRISIS: CLIMATE CHANGE, PEAK OIL, AND GLOBAL RESOURCE DEPLETION & EXTINCTION

A 3-day event with sixty speakers from 16 countries, leading discussions and workshops on climate change, "peak oil" (the end of the era of cheap energy), and global resource depletions - water, soils, forests, oceans, and the mass extinction of plant and animal species. Solutions put forth included eliminating all carbon-based energy systems, replaced by appropriate renewables; achieving far less consumption of resources, materials and products; moving toward localization, not globalization (with sharp reductions in long distance transport of resources and commodities); ending economic domination by institutions like the World Bank, the WTO, and their corporate clients; and overall, "powering down" of all economic activity; among others.

**IFG PUBLIC SEMINARS AND
PRIVATE ASSOCIATES MEETINGS**

Vancouver, B.C., Canada: June 7-10, 1998

"FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM I"

The IFG held a groundbreaking meeting on food and agriculture issues with over 50 leading activists, farmers, researchers, public health experts, and other experts from around the globe to exchange information, form stronger networks and mobilize campaigns.

Washington, DC: December 1998

"TOWARD A PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY"

A briefing for the Congressional Progressive Caucus and NGOs on proposals and strategies to regulate capital and corporations. Sponsored by IFG, Friends of the Earth-U.S., and Third World Network.

Cuernavaca, Mexico: February 4-7, 1999

"FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM II"

The IFG held a symposium attended by over 70 activists, organizers, researchers, academics and NGO leaders from 17 countries. The agenda of this gathering included reports and discussions on: the current global crisis in agriculture; how trade agreements affect agriculture and the environment; food safety issues; intellectual property rights; and models of sustainable and equitable food and agriculture.

Leavenworth, Washington: June 23-27, 1999

"FORESTS AND GLOBALIZATION SYMPOSIUM"

This inaugural meeting of the Forests and Globalization working group brought together 50 key forest protection leaders and trade specialists from 14 countries to examine how globalization affects forest protection, to educate one another on the damaging initiatives proposed by the World Trade Organization (WTO), and to create a new international collaboration to address how global economic rules affect forests.

India: March 2000

IFG DELEGATION TO INDIA

The IFG organized a delegation of farmers, scientists, and researchers to visit India and meet with Indian trade unions, farmer organizations, and parliamentary leaders. India is a leader among southern governments within the WTO and thus plays a critical role. After the collapse of WTO negotiations in Seattle, the U.S. government increased pressure on India to further liberalize and accept U.S.-backed WTO policies. One goal of the IFG delegation was to demonstrate solidarity of the North with the citizen movements in the South and some Indian government leaders striving to protect local communities and the environment. The IFG team also participated in large symposiums, a Solidarity Convention attended by thousands, and smaller private events and press conferences in India.

Czech Republic: September 2000

PRAGUE DEBATE

The IFG participated in a much publicized and historic debate sponsored by President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic during the IMF/World Bank annual meeting held in Prague in September 2000.

Bangalore & New Delhi, India: September/October 2000

“GLOBAL PEOPLE’S SEED 2000”

This series of events addressed the problems caused by the global industrial agriculture system that is promulgated by global trade agreements and institutions. The events largely focused on the spread of genetically modified (GM) seeds and crops and the dangers they pose. The IFG sponsored an international delegation with leaders in the organic agriculture and anti-GM movements in Europe, Canada, and the U.S., to participate in seminars, press conferences, and private meetings with Indian policymakers, government officials, and NGOs.

San Francisco, CA: January 2001

“INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM ON GLOBALIZATION”

The IFG convened an international gathering of youth leaders and IFG associates to provide an opportunity for youth addressing globalization to meet each other and to directly interact with some of the IFG associates who have been working on these issues for many years.

San Francisco, CA: June 2001

“INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND GLOBALIZATION: EXPLORATORY MEETING”

The IFG convened a meeting of indigenous peoples to address how economic globalization affects indigenous peoples and cultures of the globe. Twenty indigenous peoples from the Americas and the Philippines attended.

Porto Alegre, Brazil: February 2002

“SECOND ANNUAL WORLD SOCIAL FORUM”

The IFG sponsored three of the 26 major plenaries at the 2002 World Social Forum (WSF) where an estimated 50,000 people were in attendance.

Porto Alegre, Brazil: January 2003

“THIRD ANNUAL WORLD SOCIAL FORUM”

The IFG sponsored panels on alternatives to globalization and launched the IFG’s alternatives book at this worldwide event where an estimated 80,000 people were in attendance.

Sacramento, CA: June 24, 2003

“AGRICULTURE MINISTERS’ BRIEFING”

The IFG co-hosted a ministers’ briefing/dinner with the Government of Tuscany in Sacramento, CA, during the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ministerial-level Conference on Agricultural Science and Technology. The briefing featured a diverse panel of experts who spoke to the myriad negative aspects of industrial agriculture, with a special focus on the dangers of genetically engineered crops. Delegates from numerous countries attended the briefing including ministers from New Zealand, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Turkey, Fiji, Macedonia, South Africa, and others. The IFG also set up a display and information booth at the USDA Conference, and talked with and distributed materials to over 100 agriculture ministers.

Santiago, Chile: April 14-16, 2004

“LATIN AMERICAN SEMINAR ON ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION”

The International Forum on Globalization and Chile Sustentable hosted a three-day Latin American seminar on Alternatives to Economic Globalization. The seminar brought together leaders of popular movements, key government officials, renowned scholars and representatives of leading non-governmental organizations implementing alternatives or have created powerful proposals of their own.

Brussels, Belgium: September 2004

“EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEETING ON ALTERNATIVES”

In December 2004, Jerry Mander and John Cavanagh and the European Green Party presented a seminar on alternatives for members of the European Parliament (MEPs). The event, organized by U.K. MEP Caroline Lucas, was attended by key leaders from Left parties in Europe as well as some non-progressive parties, which made for a lively debate.

San Francisco, CA: January 10, 2005, Cowell Theater, Fort Mason

“LAUNCH OF THE 2ND EDITION OF ALTERNATIVES TO ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION”

Authors David Korten, John Cavanagh, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Jerry Mander, Randy Hayes, Debi Barker, Victor Menotti, and Antonia Juhasz discussed the framework for a more just, equitable, democratic and sustainable economic system.

Geneva, Switzerland: July 20, 2005, Palais des Nations, Geneva

“PARADIGM WARS – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ RESISTANCE TO ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION”

Reception and release of the report at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Presentations by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Jerry Mander, and Victor Menotti.

Brussels, Belgium: October 2005

“EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEETING ON ALTERNATIVES”

IFG Staff and Board Members led sessions of the European Parliament meeting in Brussels, focusing on agriculture, China, the WTO and subsidiarity.

Hong Kong: December 2005, World Trade Ministerial

“IFG IN HONG KONG - ADVANCING ALTERNATIVES”

IFG Board Members and Staff hosted a briefing at a side event during the Sixth Ministerial of the WTO on alternatives to economic globalization.

San Francisco, CA: January 2006

“ASSOCIATES MEETING: THE GLOBAL POLITICAL MOMENT — TRANSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES”

This meeting brought together key IFG associates from civil society from both the North and the South to explore difficult and sensitive, or “sticky issues.” Topics covered included: State of the World, State of the Movement, Naming the Fundamental Problems, Alternative Visions, The Planetary Ecological Crisis: Central to All Other Issues?, Global Bureaucracies/Global Governance, and Strategic Directions.

New York City: May 18, 2006, Fifth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

“PARADIGM WARS – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ RESISTANCE TO ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION”

Release of IFG’s report at the Fifth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

San Francisco, CA: October 2006

“BRIEFING: AT THE END OF THE ERA OF CHEAP ENERGY — STRATEGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION”

In 2006 IFG convened a meeting of 50 of the most committed thinkers/activists, scholars, scientists, and philanthropists from the global South and North on the major issues relating to “peak oil” and its implications, and to climate change. We also involved experts in other “peaking” resources, such as minerals and water, as well as key scientists and researchers.

London: February 2007

“BRIEFING: THE TRIPLE CRISIS — CLIMATE CHAOS; PEAK OIL (THE END OF CHEAP ENERGY) AND GLOBAL RESOURCE DEPLETION”

A three-day gathering where we brought together another group of thinkers and activists, mainly from Europe, Asia and Africa, to further build on this new alliance with common goals, and soon common actions. Speakers addressed the “triple crisis” facing the planet — climate chaos, peak oil (and the end of cheap energy), and global resource depletion, with the goal of creating strategies and opportunities for economies of sufficiency, equity, and sustainability.

Brussels, Belgium: February 2007

“EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEETING ON ALTERNATIVES”

Debi Barker, Victor Menotti, and IFG Associate Richard Heinberg participated on a panel for the European Parliament's Trade Commission in Brussels. They provided Members of the European Parliament with insights on the implications of EU and American energy proposals in the WTO on their respective individual energy initiatives.

Washington, DC & New York City: August 2007

"BRIEFING, EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN STRATEGY MEETING, and STREET ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES"

In early August, a one-day gathering was hosted by the Institute for Policy Studies, where IFG brought together four dozen, mostly international and US-based, nongovernmental organizations — many of whom were not traditionally involved in campaigns for indigenous peoples' rights — with the key international indigenous leaders campaigning for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The intent was to raise awareness on the history and importance of the UN Declaration and to organize an immediate emergency campaign in support of the Declaration's impending vote in the UN General Assembly in September 2007. At the meeting, a coalition was created and its member organizations worked together to circulate letters of support, lobby UN delegates and participate in a major street and media action targeting the governments leading the opposition — Canada, New Zealand and Australia — in New York City on August 30th.

Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia: December 2007

"BALI CALL" AND STEPS TO A GLOBAL GRAND BARGAIN"

A dozen key IFG staff members and Associates traveled to Bali for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. In collaboration with the Institute for Policy Studies (our partner in the Global Project on Economic Transition), we created the "Bali Call" signed by 150 leaders of major international organizations. It was presented to 150 NGO's at a special panel presentation entitled "Steps to a Global Grand Bargain" that was co-organized and chaired by the Institute for Public Policy Research of the UK. It has been circulated to thousands of NGOs, press and government representatives. Much of the material is rooted in our Manifesto on Global Economic Transitions, and demands reduction in all greenhouse emissions far beyond 80 percent by 2050. It also outlines new finance mechanisms to oversee broad systemic changes that will bring both sustainable futures, and increased equity among nations and peoples.

Berkeley, CA: September 2008

"AN EVENING WITH VANDANA SHIVA"

International food sovereignty and deep democracy activist Vandana Shiva shares her views on the current planetary situation in an event presented by IFG, KPFA Radio 94.1 FM, and Navdanya International.

Poznan, Poland: December 2008, UN Climate Change Conference, COP 14

San Francisco, CA: October 2008, Fort Mason

"IS CAPITALISM SOON OVER?"

Washington, DC: November 2008

"IFG'S CLIMATE STRATEGY SESSION ON COPENHAGEN'S ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE"

Berkeley, CA: February 2008

"MAUDE BARLOW ON THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS"

Board Member Maude Barlow hosts an evening event for the public on the global water crisis. Maude Barlow is the national chairperson of The Council of Canadians, Canada's largest citizens' advocacy organization with members and chapters across Canada. Maude Barlow is also the co-founder of the Blue Planet Project, which works to stop commodification of the world's water. She serves on the boards of the International Forum on Globalization and Food and Water Watch and is a councilor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. In addition to being nominated for the "1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005" she is a recipient of the "2005/2006 Lannan Cultural Freedom Fellowship" and the "2005 Right Livelihood Award". She is the best selling author or co-author of 16 books, including *Too Close For Comfort: Canada's Future Within Fortress North America*; and *Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop Corporate Theft of the World's Water* (with Tony Clarke), now published in 47 countries.

Belem, Brazil: January 2009, World Social Forum

San Francisco, CA: June 2009

"UPDATE ON NEWS FROM NIGER DELTA / SUIT AGAINST SHELL OIL"

Recent headlines don't tell the real story about attacks by the Nigerian military on communities in the oil-producing Niger Delta, nor about how Royal Dutch Shell will appear before a federal court in New York to answer charges in connection with the execution of Nigerian author/activist Ken Saro-Wiwa by Nigeria's former military regime. Please join IFG in welcoming Oronto as our "African Scholar in Residence."

San Francisco, CA: October 2009

"SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA JOINS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION"

On Saturday, October 24th, the International Day of Climate Action, thousands around the world were involved in over 4400 actions in 178 countries, calling for climate justice at the Copenhagen climate talks. IFG joined the Bay Area convergence next to Justin Herman Plaza (Embarcadero BART) at 3pm and told our leaders that the world needs climate justice action now!

Pt. Reyes, CA: October 2009

"SEARCHING FOR A MIRACLE"

*Jerry Mander gave a 350 Day talk in Pt. Reyes, CA. He points out six main flaws in the current economic paradigm of infinite growth on a finite planet, and explains why 'we'll get to 350, one way or another.' This event also publicized the release of a new report jointly published by IFG and the Post Carbon Institute, *Searching for a Miracle: 'Net Energy' Limits and the Fate of Industrial Society*, authored by Richard Heinberg with a foreword by Mander.*

San Francisco, CA: November 2009

"TEN YEARS: FROM SEATTLE TO COPENHAGEN The WTO Shutdown and what it means for a UN Climate Deal in Copenhagen"

Fifty thousand peaceful protesters on the streets of Seattle stunned the world on November 30, 1999 when they shut down the World Trade Organization's (WTO) attempt to launch a new round of world trade talks aimed at expanding global corporate power over peoples. Ten years later, the WTO remains on the ropes due to a sophisticated global network of activists — spanning from Indian peasant farmers to South African HIV/AIDS activists to Brazilian workers — who have kept the WTO from concluding its negotiations. Though maybe less visible today, global justice networks are morphing into new movements to turn crises like global climate change into opportunities for political transformation. We will also discuss one current process toward global economic transition: the United Nations' summit to seal a climate deal next month in Copenhagen, where the "spirit of Seattle" is again being invoked to inspire actions. Please join us in recalling Seattle's popular victory through reflections with those who made history happen, and all who see more change to come.

Copenhagen, Denmark: December 2009, COP 15

“IFG PRESS CONFERENCE AT COP 15 WITH VICTOR MENOTTI AND CLAIRE GREENSFELDER”

Copenhagen talks in disarray due to rich countries' failure to deliver on developing country concerns. In response, the International Forum on Globalization, together with allies present at 15th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, reinforces need for energy conservation, indigenous rights, and providing finance technology package.

San Francisco, CA: January 2010

“BAY AREA COP 15 REPORT BACK”

What went down in Copenhagen? What's next for a global climate deal? The United Nation's Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen not only failed to conclude new global climate deal but also to find a way forward. Contrary to what's being reported in the US as a victorious American initiative, much of the world does not view President Obama's forging of the "Copenhagen Accord" as the "rescue of a collapsing UN process." In fact, some see it as an undermining of two years' work toward good faith negotiations that defies established international principles of equity and shifts obligations onto developing countries. Given the continuing confusion, there is an urgent need to set straight the record on Copenhagen's results, to reinforce the reasons why a UN climate process is so critical, and to point to some possible ways forward to a successful outcome at COP 16 in Mexico. Please join the International Forum on Globalization for an informal briefing, based on their team's two weeks time on the ground in Copenhagen.

Washington, DC: February 2010, Jewish Community Center Theatre

“EVALUATING COPENHAGEN”

This event aims to provide alternative perspectives on the outcomes of the December 2009 UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen; reinforce the reasons why a UN climate process is so critical; and point to possible ways forward to a successful conclusion at Cancun in December 2010. Speakers include: Martin Khor, Director of the South Centre; Victoria Tauli-Corpuz; Director of the Tebtebba Foundation and Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Maude Barlow, Chair of the Council of Canadians and Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the UN's General Assembly; Gopal Dayaneni, Movement Generation, head of delegation to Copenhagen for US grassroots leaders from urban, racial, economic and environmental justice groups; and Victor Menotti, Executive Director, International Forum on Globalization. Moderated by Senior PBS correspondent, Ray Suarez.

Berkeley, CA: February 2010

“CONVERSATIONS FROM THE FRONTLINE OF THE CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENT”

Engage in conversation with leaders in the climate justice movement to discuss strategies and pathways toward achieving a global agreement on climate change. Speakers include: Marie Rose Taruc, Asia Pacific Environmental Network; Alberto Salamando International Indian Treaty Council; Cathi Tactaquin, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; Ellen Choy, Environmental Service Learning Initiative; and Victor Menotti, International Forum on Globalization.

San Francisco, CA: March 2010

“VOLUNTARY STANDARDS FOR RE-ENGINEERING THE PLANET?: ARE YOU OUT TO LUNCH?”

Silvia Ribeiro, Latin America Director of ETC Group, and Victor Menotti, Executive Director of IFG discuss the dangers of geoengineering. Come find out more about why civil society is concerned about geoengineering: What are the technologies at play?

Who is backing geoengineering? What critical international and national meetings are happening on these schemes? And what we should be doing about them?

Cochabamba, Bolivia: April 2010

“THE WORLD PEOPLES’ CLIMATE SUMMIT”

After the climate summit in Bolivia, it is now possible for the governments to express the agenda of the social movements and the world’s most threatened peoples within the next official climate conference in Mexico.

San Francisco, CA: May 2010

““PLANET OR DEATH! WE SHALL OVERCOME!” COCHABAMBA PEOPLE’S CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT BACK & DISCUSSION”

In collaboration with the Center for Political Education, this panel report-back and organizing strategy session included activists who attended the conference: Alberto Saldamando, International Indian Treaty Council; Colin Rajah, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; Jason Negron-Gonzales, Movement Generation; Evelyn Rangel-Medina with the Ella Baker Center; Bing Gong, the Lia Fund; and Claire Greensfelder and Victor Menotti of IFG. An organizing session to discuss and plan next steps after the conference and leading into the Mexico Climate Summit in November followed the report back.

Bonn, Germany: May 2010, UNFCCC Intercessional

Point Reyes, CA: June 2010

“THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COCHABAMBA”

Report back on the World People’s Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth. Speakers included: Victor Menotti, IFG; Claire Greensfelder, Land is Life; Bing Gong, KWMR Programmer & West Marin Activist.

San Francisco, CA: June 2010

“THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP NEGOTIATIONS: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF U.S. TRADE POLICY”

On June 14, Global Exchange and the California Fair Trade Coalition hosted a forum of experts from across civil society to explore the opportunities and threats posed by the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations. On the same day trade ministers from around the world were in San Francisco to attempt to negotiate a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which marks the defining moment on U.S. trade policy for the Obama Administration. The choice is stark: a new kind of trade agreement that lifts standards around the world or the expansion of NAFTA-style agreements to Asia and beyond. If the TPP is successfully negotiated, we will have an established Obama trade policy for years to come, for ill or for good. Speakers included: Kevin Danaher, Global Exchange, moderator; Lori Wallach, Public Citizen-Global Trade Watch; Victor Menotti, International Forum on Globalization; Zeke Grader, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Associations; Bill Hing, University of San Francisco School of Law; Ellen Shaffer, Center for Policy analysis on Trade and Health; Amy Kapczynski, UC Berkeley School of Law; Alberto Saldamando, International Indian Treaties Council (invited); Anuradha Mittal, Oakland Institute (invited); and Tim Robertson, California Fair Trade Coalition.

San Francisco, CA: June 2010

“RALLY FOR NEW FAIR TRADE AGENDA”

Executive Director, Victor Menotti Speaks at the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Negotiations. The proposed TPP is a new framework among eight (8) nations: Australia, Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, and the United States.

Cancun, Mexico: September 2010

“IFG CANCUN CONVENING”

IFG worked well with labor leaders and indigenous communities in the Zona Maya nearby Cancun for the 2003 WTO meeting and we continued to collaborate with them in 2010 to assess what was possible and desirable to support local public participation at COP 16.

San Francisco, CA: September 2010, World Affairs Council

“UN ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL: ADVANCED SCREENING OF ‘CLIMATE REFUGEES’ AND PANEL DISCUSSION”

The 13th United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF) took place October 22-31 in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University, celebrating the power of documentary films dealing with human rights issues, environment, racism, women’s issues, universal education, war and peace. The year’s theme was POPULATION – MIGRATION - GLOBALIZATION. Victor Menotti joined the discussion panel after the advance screening of “Climate Refugees” at the World Affairs Council.

Palo Alto, CA: October 2010

“UNAFF: ‘CLIMATE CHANGE’S IMPACT ON POPULATION’ PANEL DISCUSSION”

Stanford University hosted a panel discussion with Professor Paul Ehrlich, Anne Howland Ehrlich, and Victor Menotti on the links between climate change and population issues.

San Antonio, TX: November 2010

“INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON CLIMATE JUSTICE, WITH JIM HIGHTOWER”

Texas’ ex-Commissioner of Agriculture and national radio personality, Jim Hightower, poked fun at the world’s biggest polluters and discussed what’s at stake in the upcoming UN Climate Conference in Cancun with climate justice leader Genaro Rendon of the Southwest Workers’ Union and with Victor Menotti. Victor gave an explanation of the challenges Texas climate campaigners face in the context of global climate justice.

Cancun, Mexico: December 2010, UNFCCC COP 16

As it did at the COP 15 in Copenhagen, IFG played an important role in organizing discussion and promoting policy ideas that are the culmination of its ongoing work in this forum.

San Francisco, CA: January 2011

“KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT PROTEST”

The Korea-US FTA will be the second largest trade agreement since NAFTA. Not only will it cost tens of thousands of jobs and weaken worker rights, the FTA strengthens the rights of corporations over public interest laws intended to protect our health and the environment. We must let Representative Pelosi and Congress know that we oppose the corporate free trade agenda! This event was co-sponsored by: San Francisco Labor Council, California Fair Trade Coalition, Citizens Trade Campaign, Eclipse Rising/Hobak, International Forum on Globalization, Korean Americans for Fair Trade, Oakland Institute, and the AFL-CIO. Speakers included: Kim, Kyung Ran, Director of External Relation at the Korean Federation of Trade Unions (KCTU), South Korea; Anuradha Mittal, Oakland Institute; and Christine Ahn, Korean Americans for Fair Trade.

Japan's Nuclear Disaster: March 2011

"AN EVENING OF ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIVISM"

Support Japan's leading anti-nuclear campaigners from Green Action-Japan in their activism and efforts to address the current crisis. Aileen Mioko Smith, Japan Fellow at IFG, is the founder of GREEN ACTION, a Japanese citizens organization (NGO) campaigning against Japan's plutonium program. Green Action networks regularly with domestic and international citizen groups to address pertinent issues concerning Japan's plutonium program. Event co-sponsors included: IFG, Earth Island Institute, Green Action, David Brower Center, INOCHI/Plutonium Free Future, and the Center for Safe Energy.

BOOKS, SPECIAL REPORTS AND OTHER MEDIA PRODUCTS BY IFG

The Case Against the Global Economy — And For a Turn Toward the Local

Editors: Jerry Mander and Edward Goldsmith.
Published by Sierra Club Books, 1996.

NEW YORK TIMES ADVERTISEMENT:

Should Corporations Govern the World?

Published February 12, 1998

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ADVERTISEMENT

Should Corporations Govern the World?

Published February 17, 1998

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