Looking ahead for agrarian reform and the defense of land and territory

Allies from 26 countries in Asia, Africa, America and Europe have met in West Sumatra, Indonesia, from July 10 to 15, 2012, convened by La Via Campesina and the Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform under the issue "Agrarian Reform and the Defense of Land and Territory in the 21st Century: The Challenge and the Future".

In the midst of a global emergency caused by the multiple crises of food, climate, finance, poverty and unemployment, they evaluated strategies and lessons learned during two decades of struggles for agrarian reform, urged by the recent worldwide avalanche of land grabbing.

The result was the Bukit Tinggi Declaration, which begun to outline some key elements of a new vision of agrarian reform and the sovereignty of peoples over their territories.

The full declaration can be read at <u>http://viacampesina.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1316</u> :-bukit-tinggi-declaration-on-agrarian-reform-in-the-21st-century&catid=23:agrarian-reform&Itemid=36