



NAVDANYA'S FOUNDER:
DR. VANDANA SHIVA

Physicist, ecologist, and activist Dr. Vandana Shiva is the founder and director of Navdanya International. Winner of the alternative Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 (the Right Livelihood Award) and named among the top five "Most Important People in Asia" by *AsiaWeek* in 2001, Vandana Shiva is one of the world's most dynamic and provocative thinkers on the environment, women's issues, and international affairs. She has written numerous books and also serves on the board of the International Forum on Globalization, is the vice president of Slow Food and a member of the Executive committee of the World Future Council. She also directs the Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Natural Resource Policy, in New Delhi, India.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT DR. SHIVA:

"Shiva is a burst of creative energy, an intellectual power" —*The Progressive*

"Shiva has devoted her life to fighting for the rights of ordinary people.... Her fierce intellect and her disarmingly friendly, accessible manner have made her a valuable advocate for people all over the developing world." —*Ms. Magazine*

"A woman leading a quiet revolution through seeds of change." —*Elle Magazine*

"I want Vandana Shiva to be president of the world" —David Brower, Founder of Friends of the Earth and Earth Island Institute

BOOKS WRITTEN BY
VANDANA SHIVA INCLUDE:

Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in a Time of Climate Crisis (2008)

Manifestos on the Future of Food & Seed (2007) Edited by Vandana Shiva

Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace (2005)

Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution and Profit (2004)

Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply (2004)

Biopiracy: The Plunder of Nature and Knowledge (1997)

The Violence of the Green Revolution: Third World Agriculture, Ecology and Politics (1992)



Navdanya International

NAVDANYA offers viable and visionary perspectives that provide equity, peace, and sustainability for people and the planet.

- Defending the Rights of Nature
- Protecting Seed and Cultural Diversity
- Linking Food and Climate Change
- Promoting Local and Ecological Farming



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Navdanya International aims to defend and protect nature and knowledge and the rights of people to have access to food and water, and dignified jobs and livelihoods. We believe that local, ecological food models are the foundation to safeguarding natural resources—notably water—and to alleviating poverty and hunger, especially in the time of climate chaos.

Engaging in grassroots mobilization, science-based research, and policy advocacy, Navdanya has unique capacity to link local issues to national and international arenas Navdanya is

actively involved in rejuvenating indigenous knowledge and culture, and highlighting women’s perspectives and historical role of being the primary guarantors of food security. Navdanya means nine crops. These crops represent India’s collective source of food security. **OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**

Seeds of Freedom

Seeds are the first link in the food chain and provide the basis for food security. For centuries—in both the North and the South—farmers have developed seeds that adapted to regional ecological and geological conditions, cultural traditions, and nutritional needs. Free exchange of seed among farmers, based on cooperation and reciprocity, has been the basis of biodiversity and food security.

The diversity and future of seed is under threat in both developing and developed countries. Today’s globalized industrial agriculture system has replaced traditional, local seed varieties with commercially developed seeds, leading to a massive loss of genetic diversity. The current global food crisis is deeply connected to this erosion of seed diversity.

NAVDANYA STRONGLY ADVOCATES—VIA POLICY AND PRACTICAL GRASSROOTS ACTION—THE SANCTITY OF THE SEED. Our Seeds of Freedom is a biodiversity program working with communities to establish seed saving centers, provide training manuals and classes on ecological farming, and organize direct marketing programs that enable farmers and rural communities to maintain viable, vibrant economies. From the seed to the table, Seeds of Freedom bring freedom from hunger and freedom from poverty.

Seeds of Hope

Over 150,000 farmers in India have committed suicide over the last decade because the costs of industrial seeds and chemicals, along with the global integration of commodity markets, have left them in debt and deep poverty. Seeds of Hope provides a way out of this desperation.

Building on the seed conservation and ecological farming success of Seeds of Freedom, Navdanya distributes seeds throughout the “suicide belt” of India. Sharing traditional seeds, providing training to farmers, and setting up community seed centers provides hope to rural communities.

When the super cyclone hit Orissa, India, in 1999, Seeds of Hope distributed saline resistant seeds conserved by Navdanya’s pioneering seed saving center. We have also aided other communities that have been victims of natural and climate change related disasters.



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Diverse Women for Diversity

Diverse Women for Diversity (DWD) is an international network of women that emerged as a response to threats to cultural and biological diversity posed by globalization.

For thousands of years women have produced their own food and guaranteed food security for their children and communities. Even today, 80 percent of local food production work in Africa is done by women; 50-60 percent in Asia; and 30-40 percent in Latin America. Worldwide women are creating alternatives to the dominant, profit-oriented global industrial system. These alternative models are based on principles of non-violence, reciprocity, equity, respect for the integrity of nature, and protection of biodiversity in nature and in cultures.

DWD facilitates community food festivals, exposure tours, and training programs in biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, indigenous healing systems, water conservation, and capacity building for leadership and good governance. DWD's Statement on Peace, produced at a conference held in 2001 in India illustrates the power of empowered women: "We—Diverse Women of Diversity—committed to a peaceful world, celebrate our differences. From our differences come our strengths. ...We ask all peoples of the world to stand with us in defending and celebrating diversity, peace, and hope."

Food and Climate Security Project

Our current global industrial food system is at the center of the most pressing challenges of our age—global warming, increased hunger, and natural resource depletion. How we respond to these crises will be a test of our collective humanity and will require bold, visionary responses.



In addition to exacerbating hunger and food insecurity, the present energy-intensive, fossil-fuel driven food system is a major contributor to climate change. At the same time, food supplies are extremely vulnerable to vagaries of shifting weather patterns due to climate change.

The link between climate change and food systems is not being discussed by governments, the media, and other institutions. It is vital that these and other entities recognize that sustainable, locally based food systems are a fundamental mitigation and adaptation strategy to climate change. Ecologically diverse systems also provide more secure food stocks.

Through international and national gatherings, publications, and grassroots mobilization, Navdanya highlights the critical link between food systems and climate change. Navdanya also exposes false solutions to the food and climate crises—such as genetically modified (GM) seeds—and advocates instead for agriculture and climate policies that provide a secure food and energy future for all.



Industrial agriculture contributes approximately 25% of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, 60% of methane gas emissions, and 80% of nitrous oxide emissions.



Advocacy & Action Research

Navdanya's science-based research links micro to macro and research to action at the community, national, and global level.

Located in the lush foothills of the Himalayas, our 40-acre farm and seed university with thousands of varieties of plants is a living laboratory for nutrition, organic farming, composting, cooking, water conservation, solar technologies, medicinal plants, and is a market for farmers to trade seeds.

Navdanya conducts vital research in collaboration with institutes around the world on crop yields; pest management; water conservation; and many other subjects.

Policy Analyses and Recommendations

Engaging with global civil society movements and participating in meetings in numerous international fora, Navdanya advocates transformative economic and trade policies that protect nature and people's rights to knowledge, biodiversity, food, and water. These rights are core to removing poverty and hunger and providing livelihoods with integrity—and are key to restoring ecological balance.

Navdanya provides policy briefings for governments and issues numerous publications and “rapid response” articles and briefings on urgent issues—food safety; hunger and malnutrition; climate and energy; and much more.

Visit Navdanya

The Bija Vidyapeeth Center is located on the Navdanya farm in Dehra Dun. Described by author Barbara Kingsolver as “a small, green Eden framed against the startling blue backdrop of the Himalayas,” the Center holds courses teaching practical knowledge about sustainable farming, herbal medicines, cooking, and more. The Center also provides an intellectual forum for discourse on world issues. We have courses all year long featuring leading activists and scholars from around the world. **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES, VISIT: WWW.NAVDANYA.ORG**

Launch of Navdanya Office in the U.S.

Because of the emerging global food and energy crises, now is a critical time to launch a Navdanya office based in the United States. The most powerful corporations, governments, financial institutions, NGOs, and foundations, along with the United Nations, reside in the U.S. and exert enormous influence over millions of lives in the developing world. A Navdanya U.S. office will expand our capacity to more effectively engage with these constituencies and to link rarely heard views from the global South with rarely recognized issues in the U.S. and Europe.

What You Can Do!

Your support is needed to sustain our programs that improve the lives of people and the environment, and to support our new office in the U.S. From establishing new seed banks and preserving indigenous farming communities to engaging in international policy arenas, Navdanya provides alternative models through our grassroots outreach, innovative research, and astute policy advocacy. **VIEW OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.NAVDANYA.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US AND TO SUPPORT OUR IMPORTANT WORK.**