



## Seattle Plus Ten Organizing Committee

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### Media Advisory

#### Seattle+10 People's Summit

#### Marking the Historic Popular Uprising of '99 that Shut Down the WTO Ministerial, and Building Northwest Movements for Global Justice, Climate Solutions, and Vibrant, Healthier Communities Going Forward.

\* Video and photos available from '99 Protests \*

\* Spokespeople from People's Summit Program available for interviews \*

**WHAT:** The WTO protests in Seattle, 1999, famously brought together “Teamsters and Turtles.” In the spirit of the “blue-green alliance” and other creative collaborations that emerged in the WTO protests of 1999, the People's Summit is an opportunity for leaders across diverse realms of Northwest civil society—labor, environmental groups, solidarity groups, cultural artists and sustainable food advocates among them, to move forward a shared vision for global justice. Over the course of three days of featured lectures, interactive workshops, film screenings, and cross-issue networking, public interest advocates from Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, and beyond, will reflect on the 10th anniversary of the WTO shutdown in Seattle, the significance of the 2009 WTO meeting on November 30th, and the upcoming Climate Change talks in Copenhagen this December. Participants will be encouraged to reach across interest sectors and international borders to discover new areas of collaboration, strengthen alliances, and draw inspiration for working on shared solutions to the economic and climate crises, over the next 10 years.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 27th through Sunday November 29th. Three days of plenary sessions featuring internationally recognized speakers, interactive workshops on subjects ranging from immigration reform to the role of urban gardening in building socially just and sustainable neighborhoods. The People's Summit coincides with the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 WTO “restart” meeting in Geneva—10 years to the day from when over 50,000 protestors shut down the Seattle WTO Ministerial in downtown Seattle—and the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, opening December 7<sup>th</sup> in Copenhagen.

**WHERE:** People's Summit events will occur in multiple Seattle venues, including Town Hall Seattle, Seattle University, the Northwest Film Forum, and New Hope Baptist Church. A complete Summit Schedule is available at: <http://seattleplus10.org/schedule>

**WHO:** Featured speakers include regional, national and international experts on labor, trade, food security, climate, civil rights, economic justice, community development, media and community-based arts: Rep. Bob Hasegawa (11<sup>th</sup> District), Eric Holt-Giménez, Executive Director of Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy; Dena Hoff, Vice-President of



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the National Family Farm Coalition; Rebecca Adamson, Founder and President of First Nations Development Institute; Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Sr, Pastor at New Hope Baptist Church; W. Gerard (by video-taped message), United Steelworkers International President; Thea Lee, Policy Director and Chief International Economist at the AFL-CIO; Jim Sinclair, President of the B.C. Federation of Labour; David Korten, *When Corporations Rule the World* and *Agenda for a New Economy*; Amy Goodman, host of *Democracy Now!*; Sarah van Gelder, founder of Bainbridge-based *YES! Magazine*; Patti Goldman, Vice President for Litigation at Earthjustice; and international pranksters, The Yes Men, premiering their new film, *The Yes Men Fix the World*.

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### About the Seattle+10 Organizing Committee:

The Seattle+10 Organizing Committee is an ad-hoc group of activists and organizations that have come together to mobilize and inspire citizens and civil society to carry forward the lessons and energy of Seattle 1999, when civil society—representing diverse areas of public interest—successfully shut down the WTO ministerial. Participants in the Seattle+10 organizing committee include the Community Alliance for Global Justice, the Washington Fair Trade Coalition, YES! Magazine, Reclaim the Media, and many other interested groups and individuals. For a full list of co-sponsoring and endorsing organizations, please see:  
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