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No more business as usual

Invitation for a debate, action & celebration to launch the Alternative Trade Mandate (ATM) on 26-27 November 2013, Brussels

The current trading system isn't working. Tons of food – often unsafe – get thrown away while millions of people go hungry. EU trade policy has played a significant role in causing and exacerbating the current crises in our economy, food, energy and the environment. But the recent launch of the EU-US trade negotiations shows that the EU wants more of the same, namely destructive trade agreements which eliminate social and environmental safeguards in pursuit of corporate profit.

The Alternative Trade Mandate Alliance, a group of almost 60 civil society groups from across Europe – among them the EMB – has developed an alternative vision for European trade policy – one that puts people and the planet before big business.

Join us on 26 - 27 November in Brussels, shortly before the summit of the World Trade Organisation in Bali, when we will present this alternative to the world and outline our plans for a powerful campaign in the run-up to the European elections which will help to make our vision a reality.

Programme:

26 November 2013

13:30-18:00 Gathering with activists from Europe and the global south, to present and discuss our alternatives and our campaign in the run-up to the European elections in 2014

18:00-22:00 Delicious food & drink and live music

27 November 2013

10:00-12:00 Joint action: walk of resistance and alternatives through the EU quarter

13:00-15:30 Alternative Trade Mandate Alliance meeting to discuss the EU election campaign

For further information, please have a look at the ATM website at: <http://www.alternativetrademandate.org/>

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