

Foreign pension funds and land grabbing in Brazil

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Financial speculation with farmland in Brazil

- After 2008 global economic crisis - farmland as a target of financial speculation
- Cosan / Shell - Radar
- TIAA, European and Canadian pension funds / Harvard University
- Large global fund - Risk of displacement for rural communities and small farmers
- Expansion of mono-cropping plantations - Environmental destruction

Impacts in the Cerrado

- Neocolonial discourse: privatization of public lands
- Land rights violation of indigenous, quilombola and peasant communities
- Pollution of water, soil and food production
- Deforestation, climate change



National and International organizing

- Community organizing: Legal and advocacy strategies to advance collective land rights.
- Production of grassroots communication tools, research and monitoring (www.social.org.br).
- Collective spaces for grassroots organizing and education.
- International advocacy and solidarity: protection against violence and environmental destruction.
- Organizing individual and institutional clients of TIAA (petitions, faculty resolutions, student groups, public education).

Stop Land Grabs Coalition

www.stoplandgrabs.org



Action Aid, CPT (Pastoral Land Commission), Fian, Friends of the Earth, Grain, Grassroots International, National Family Farm Coalition, Uprooted and Rising, Rede Social de Justiça e Direitos Humanos.