# **BIG FOOD DEBATE** Saturday evening at the NJPN Annual Conference 2010

## FEEDING THE WORLD: WHAT ARE THE ROLES FOR SMALL SCALE AND INDUSTRIAL FOOD PRODUCTION TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY?

### Chair:

John Vidal, The Guardian's Environment Editor and author of McLibel:Burger Culture on Trial.



## Speakers: **VANDANA SHIVA**

Vandana Shiva is an internationally-renowned voice for sustainable development and social justice. A physicist, scholar, political activist and feminist, she is Director of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Natural Resource Policy in New Delhi. Its studies have validated the ecological value of traditional farming and been instrumental in fighting destructive development projects in India. She also founded Navdanya 'nine seeds', a movement promoting diversity and use of native seeds. In 1993, she received the Right Livelihood Award (often known as the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize) for her work "placing women and ecology at the heart of modern development discourse". Vandana is the author of many books, the most recent being Soil Not Oil: Climate Change, Peak Oil and Food Insecurity. www.navdanya.org



### PATRICK MULVANY

Patrick Mulvany is an agronomist by training who studied the highly biodiverse, productive and sustainable food systems in the highlands of SW Ethiopia. He built progressively upon this initial experience and now focuses on the realisation of food sovereignty, underpinned by agricultural biodiversity and ecological production, and the related issues of the governance of food and agriculture, biodiversity and technology. He is the senior policy adviser to Practical Action, formerly the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG). Patrick is also Chair of the UK Food Group, the UK network for non-governmental organisations working on global food and agriculture issues. Patrick is an active participant in the civil society lobbies at the Food & Agriculture Organisation of the UN and the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as in international food sovereignty and seeds networks. www.practicalaction.org.uk; www.ukfg.org.uk

## **DAVID HOWLETT**

David Howlett is a visiting senior research fellow in climate change and agriculture at the University of Leeds in their Africa College – an international research partnership working to enhance human health and food security in sub-Saharan Africa. He is seconded from the British government's Department for International Development (DFID) where he worked on food and climate change policies, and headed DFID's agriculture research team. He has lived in Africa, Asia and the Pacific where has worked with farmers and policy makers to tackle poverty and food security.



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## **ALISON AUSTIN**

Alison Austin is an independent consultant working with businesses to put sustainable development issues at the heart of their activities. She spent 25 years working with Sainsbury's Supermarkets where she headed up the environmental team for the last 18 years. In the last 5 years Alison also led the Sainsbury's own brand team that developed product policy on health and nutrition, animal welfare, ethical sourcing, raw material sourcing (timber, fish, palm oil) as well as organics and agricultural issues. Alison was involved in the launch of GM tomato puree into the UK and also in its subsequent withdrawal and Sainsbury's Non-GM policy. She is currently working on projects relating to low carbon buildings, renewable energy technologies and palm oil. In 2000 she was awarded the OBE for services to the environment.