

DECLARATION OF THY, DENMARK
Energy for Agriculture and Energy from Agriculture:
Facing the Challenges of Poverty
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"Tackling poverty which affects one-third of the world's population and serving the needs of the unserved should be our priority. We have the knowledge and the technologies to achieve these goals. What is needed is for all to be honest, faithful and credible – to ourselves as well as to others – to live in peace and dignity. Not only for a part of the world, but for all.

Lack of sufficient energy supply leads to lack of development. It is in countries and regions with energy shortages that populations suffer the most. It is imperative that with the era of fossil-fuel coming to an end, that future initiatives for energy supply be based on renewable energy"

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The Context: We, the organizing committee and participants (local, national and international) of this conference, find ourselves at a cross-roads. Along with like-minded citizens all around our Home Planet.

The Purpose: of our gathering here in Thy, Denmark has been to share our experiences, our knowledge, our insights and our aspirations about the vital inter-connectedness of the themes that have served as our points of focus: **Sustainable Agriculture for Food, Energy and Industry – in Regional and Global Context. In the process,** we have discovered and re-discovered that underlying all the theoretical and technical underpinnings; the rich diversity of innovative projects and strategies – in essence, we are part and parcel of the whole. We are all together, on One Earth. As One Humanity.

From here, we return to our various home regions around the world and our respective fields of work – **to face the urgent challenges** rapidly mounting on our horizon. Among them, front and center, the devastation of poverty that bears down on one-third of our neighbours, in both North and South. In East, as well as West. The kind of **poverty**, that has become **the root cause of hunger**, malnutrition, economic dislocation and a host of related ills and imbalances. That degrades not just the every-day lives and dignity of those directly impacted; but also those who may feel they are far-removed from such conditions. Though in fact we are all victims of the crises brought on by unjust or ill-conceived policies and conflicts.

Facing Forward: It is no secret that we have reached, perhaps passed, a tipping point when it comes to the indiscriminate use of fossil fuels and related technologies that help the balance-sheets of a few – while leaving the many to cope with the consequences. Among these, hazards to health and security; dwindling public services; lack of access to the basic wherewithal of life and living and educational opportunities that are mal-adapted to the world we are in.

The 6th ICSA Gathering affirms that there is emerging a counter-weight to these phenomena. And as participants we bear witness by our actions and our lives. We count. We have made a difference – and intend to continue doing so.

WE DECLARE HERE IN DENMARK on THIS DAY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2014, THAT WE PLEDGE
TO USE OUR VOICES, OUR VOTES AND OUR DETERMINATION.

- To persevere, each in our own way, nurtured by the cultural well-springs that are our heritage, whether from Asia, Africa, Europe, South and North America or elsewhere.
- As well as to join hands and work together, inspired, re-energized and committed.

TO DO ALL WE CAN . . . TO MAKE REAL THE WORLD OF OUR DREAMS.