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SUMMARY

Iconic Fight Updates from the Ground
Fight against PRONACA levels up via MICI complaint

World Bank spring meeting
Washington D.C., USA, April 2023

SB-58 Climate Conference
Bonn, Germany, June 2023

S3F Strategy Planning Workshop
Quito, Ecuador, July 2023

S3F International Delegation
Santo Domingo de las Tsáchilas, Ecuador, July 2023

Climate Week
New York, USA, September 2023

Finance in Common Summit
Cartagena, Colombia, September 2023

World Bank AGM
Morocco, October, 2023

World Bank Fall Meeting
Washington D. C., USA, October 2023

S3F at COP28
Dubai, November 2023

READ OUR OPINION PIECE

The S3F Op-Ed in El País was the most read piece in their Future Planet section.

“...The choice is theirs: continue to plug money into factory farms and jeopardise a liveable planet; or take a stand for food sovereignty... by investing in... food systems that protect our collective future.”
The Inter-American Development Bank's Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI) formally accepted the complaint by an Ecuadorian Indigenous community and the country's leading environmental network demanding redress for the harmful social and environmental impacts of the IDB Invest's loan for PRONACA.

The complaint seeks for the Bank and meat company to address health and environmental harms caused by PRONACA's operations. PRONACA is Ecuador's 4th largest corporation, and manages more than 115 industrial pig and poultry factory farm facilities across the country.

By accepting the complaint, the MICI commits to facilitate dispute resolution between the complainant and the company to address the main concerns and harms highlighted in the complaint.

If this fails, the next step will be a formal investigation to assess IDB's Invest compliance with the Sustainability Policy.

In December, 2023, MICI did their first field visit and held meetings with the community, CEDENMA and Pronaca. To show we're entering the negotiations in good faith, CEDENMA has agreed to stop using #PronacaContamina for the next month and instead use #RiosLimpios.

Our Ecuadorian partners, led by CEDENMA, organized a press conference attended by 28 journalists; a civil society forum with a dozen speakers; and launched a six month communications campaign.

We also participated as speakers in an action on a Just Transition, organized by the Asian People's Movement on Debt and Development, and we co-organized a side event on the climate impacts of factory farming, raising awareness of the S3F Climate Misalignment report.

Since then, it has reached over a million people and received over 30 media hits!
CLIMATE WEEK
S3F IN NEW YORK

S3F coordinated with Mexican Indigenous youth leader Erika Xananine Ramirez to highlight the need for global leaders to stop financing factory farming if they want to urgently address the climate crisis.

"I believe that now is our time to repair not only the climate, but also the historical damage inflicted on the global south."

— ERKA XANANINE RAMIREZ

Erika represented S3F as she led the New York Climate Week Latin America delegation in:

- Coordinating an Animal Agriculture contingency within the Climate March
- UN General Assembly Food Day event speaker, representing the importance of addressing industrial animal agriculture as a key solution to the climate crisis
- Alternatives to Factory Farming (Youth) Side Event

FINANCE IN COMMON SUMMIT
CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 2023

The Finance in Common Summit annually brings together more than 520 Public Development Banks from around the world. S3F representative organisations, such as Global Forest Coalition, and Sinergia Animal, and Friends of the Earth were active in coordinating actions; panels; and influencing the Civil Society Declaration.

One of the core outcomes of the summit was the Civil Society Declaration, which can be shared with policymakers, the UN and leaders at the national, regional and global level.

WORLD BANK AGM FALL & SPRING
WASHINGTON D.C., USA

S3F organized actions in front of the World Bank headquarters during their Fall and Spring AGMs in October 2023 and April 2023 to demand that the new World Bank President Ajay Banga stand up for real climate action and stop financing factory farming.

We organized a Civil Society Policy Forum panel titled, “MDB-supported private sector livestock operations: Can they address food insecurity, climate change and the SDGs?”

Click here to see the campaign video.

To amplify these actions & demands globally, we organized a Twitterstorm and released a campaign video, generating 425 tweets in over 6 different languages with a reach of 1.2 million people.

This multi-pronged approach was successful to pressure the World Bank, IFC and the shareholders targeted.
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- Bring the S3F campaign to an international audience
- Formally begin to centralise and professionalise our operations
- Track our activities and the power we are building internationally in an effective way

We engaged 6+ more organisations as active members in S3F. These organisations play important roles in bringing diversified skills, tactics, and approaches to the campaign, and increase our representation in key regions of the world.

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Erika Xananine Ramirez is a socio-environmental activist and advocate of Mexican - Ngiwa - descent. She is the co-founder of a youth collective called La Tlacuacha Compartida.

This report, authored by Friends of the Earth on behalf of the S3F campaign, argues that multilateral development banks’ (MDBs) investments in industrial livestock are at odds with their commitments to align their investments and activities with the Paris Agreement.

Xananine represented S3F in the Food 4 Climate Pavilion panel event: Why We Need Plant-Rich Food Systems. The Pavilion aimed to shed light on the critical importance of plant-rich food systems in addressing climate challenges.

Xananine also represented S3F in the panel discussion: A call to action for the Health Ministerial: We need healthy diets for healthy people and planet.

S3F OPERATIONS
WHAT WAS BUILT IN 2023?

We have 6 operational working groups that span across all priority areas of the S3F campaign.

These include both the core and movement building thematic areas of:

- Project Response
- Global South
- Policy and Advocacy
- Communications
- Finance
- Member Engagement

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This is just a snapshot! We hope you will join us in 2024 to build a global movement to end factory farming.