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# STOP FINANCING
# FACTORY FARMING

**A diverse global coalition working to shift public development finance away from industrial animal agriculture, towards sustainable and equitable food production.**

Industrial livestock operations are a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, biodiversity loss, antibiotic resistance, animal suffering, serious workplace injury, pollution and water depletion, often disproportionately impacting women, Indigenous peoples and low-income communities of colour.

**CLICK HERE TO SEE THE S3F WEBSITE LAUNCHED IN 2023**



## 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

> **...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.**

## READ OUR OPINION PIECE

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

READ IT IN ENGLISH HERE

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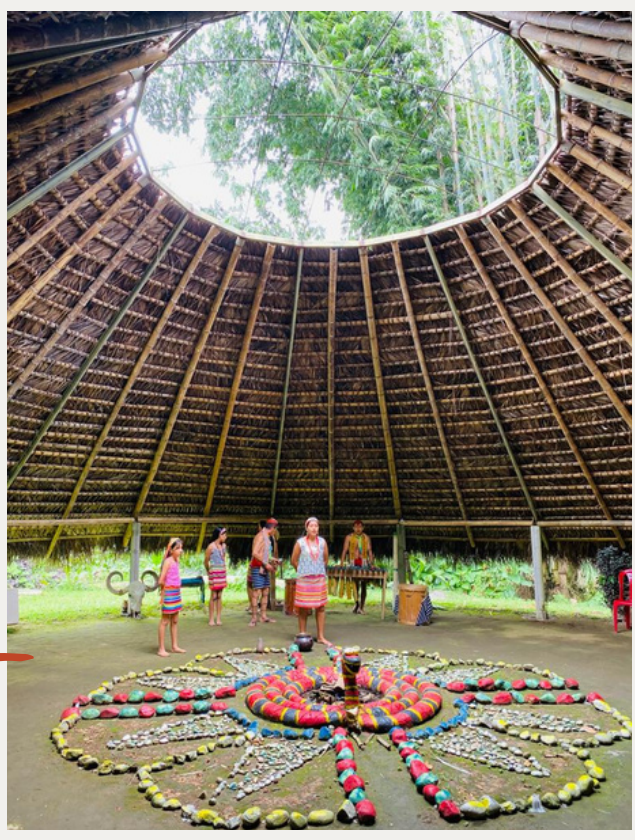
## Tsáchila Fight Against PRONACA Levels Up Via MICI Complaint

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.

EXPLORE THE MICI CASE HERE



**WATCH THE PRONACA CAMPAIGN VIDEO HERE**

**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.

Click here to watch the campaign's top media hit!

## Background: Campaign Launch

**The #PRONACAContamina campaign has reached 578,386 people from June to September 2023, securing 20 media hits.**

**Since then, it has reached over a million people and received over 30 media hits!**

## SB-58 CLIMATE CONFERENCE, BONN, GERMANY

During the Bonn Climate Conference (SB-58) in June 2023, Steering Committee member Global Forest Coalition carried out several actions on behalf of S3F, including an action on factory farming.

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.

## S3F INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION SANTO DOMINGO DE LAS TSÁCHILAS, ECUADOR, JULY

**International delegation and partner meeting:** We organized a workshop with several Ecuadorian organizations in Quito and visited one of the seven Indigenous communities impacted by PRONACA's factory farms in Santo Domingo de las Tsáchilas.

We learned first-hand about the struggles of the Tsáchila people, which made us even more resolved to fight alongside them for justice.

**We presented to the Governor of the 7 Tsáchilas communities about the process of filing a formal complaint to the IDB Invest's independent accountability mechanism (MICI).**

## S3F STRATEGY MEETING SANTO DOMINGO DE LAS TSÁCHILAS, ECUADOR, JULY

**In July, the S3F Steering Committee gathered in person for the first time ever** to strengthen our relationships and begin strategic planning for the coming year. Together we:

- Revised our Theory of Change, and the underlying frameworks that guide our way of working together
- Solidified our working groups, including a Project Response working group. This will utilize the Early Warning System (EWS) to flag new agribusiness projects and identify iconic fights & a Global South working group to deepen our engagement with global South members.

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## 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.**
>
> **- ERIKA XANANINE RAMIREZ**

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

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

IMAGE CREDIT: JULIA NIKHINSON

## 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.

READ THE CIVIL SOCIETY DECLARATION HERE

## 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.

Carolina Galvani, Executive Director of Sinergia Animal, speaking on behalf of S3F. Other speakers included Earth Justice and Compassion in World Farming

Nordic Executive Director Jon Jonasson moderated the panel

**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.

We also featured our new S3F brand identity on bus shelter ads surrounding the World Bank headquarters.

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## COP28
## DUBAI, NOVEMBER 2023

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.

## CLIMATE MISALIGNMENT REPORT

**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.

## 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

- We hired **a new communications expert who is a feminist Global South representative.** Natalia Sálvatico has been an activist designer and illustrator since 2000. She will:
  - 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.

- Hired our **first independent ambassador**, Erika Xananine Calvillo Ramirez, who will support the S3F campaign to lift up the voices of communities impacted by factory farming in the Global South.
  - Erika Xananine Ramirez is a socio-environmental activist and advocate of Mexican - Ngiwa - descendent. She is the co-founder of a youth collective called La Tlacuacha Compartida.

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