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First Peoples Focal Group Annual Report

First Peoples First! This is the first foundational principle guiding the work of AFSA and a guiding tenet of the Peoples' Food Plan and Agroecology Land Trust (ALT). However, putting this into practice has been an ongoing journey of engaging in two-way learning, building relationships, making space, and envisioning together. Where we started a few years ago - with space being held by one Indigenous person - to where we are now - a First Peoples' Focal Group - is an achievement that we should celebrate, not only as a huge step in the right direction, but as an important milestone in Indigenous Food Sovereignty.

Grassroots foundation of First Peoples Focal Group (FPFG) beginnings

The Agroecology and Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) would like to proudly acknowledge and recognise the strength, devotion, commitment and integrity of the original First Nations Peoples who created the foundational grassroots work in 2023 to bring to light, diversity of Indigenous voices and lively presence to contribute and action solidarity in Indigenous Food Rights, Planning and Systems Transformations. Our Legacy Leaders who supported this movement from the start and continue to bring their wealth of knowledge, cultural expertise and humility: Dominique 'Dom' Chen (Gamilaroi woman); Jacob Birch (Gamilaraay man); Caley 'Cal' Callope (Butchulla, Anguthimri & Bindal woman); Josh Williams (Ngarrindjeri & Narungga man) and Kitana Mansell (Palawa woman).

A significant milestone in AFSA's history, changing the Constitution in 2024 to give Farmers and First Peoples their own Focal Points. Jordan Nye (Walbunja man) was elected as the inaugural First Peoples Focal Point, transforming the First Peoples' Committee into, fittingly, the First Peoples' Focal Group (FPFG).

In August 2025, AFSA funded the Focal Group to come together for a strategic planning workshop in Meeanjin (Brisbane). This was the first dedicated meeting for FPFG, with the opportunity to invite new members: Luke Williams (Gumbaynggirr man) and Alexander 'Alex' Ibarra (Kooma & Bidjara man), who both bring cultural strength, devotion and innovation to the Focal Group. This workshop marks a significant milestone and important build up to the foundational work to form a core team and set strategy. An immediate outcome that was identified was the need for co-Focal Points to share the load.

At the 2025 AFSA Convergence, Malachi Johnson (Gooreng Gooreng man) joined the FPFG as another opportunity to bring Blak excellence and great ambition for us to create a space come together to set out three key goals FPFG wanted to achieve by 2026 - 1) Hiring the FPFG

Coordinator; 2) Increasing and establishing more First Nations memberships within AFSA 3) Visioning Strategic Planning for a Terms of Reference (ToR).

Vision, Connections and Achievements for 2026

In June 2026, FPFG and AFSA came together to hire their First Peoples Focal Group Coordinator, Tyá Dynevor (Mixed-race woman with Gurindji, Gudjal, Wagedagam, Kullilli). Since hiring Tyá, the FPFG have established regular formatted catch up meetings - Connect Yarn Up!; task tracking and project management using Miro Board and additionally, continuing the firm presence, visibility and collective voice within AFSA website - FPFG Core Active Member's bios and profiles and the First Peoples First column in AFSA's monthly Newsletter and Media Releases on DAFF's First Nations National Statement and Protecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) with using Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) to end fast-tracking Data Centres.

By upholding FPFG's collective voice in the movement of Indigenous Rights to access Country - our traditional lands, soil, plants, animals, waterways, seas, skies and kinship systems through food sovereignty - has enabled FPFG to protect, empower and activate our Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) and Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance (IDS&G) through opportunities of co-designing AFSA's Media Guidelines, developing our Terms of Reference (ToR) and project opportunities: The Farmacy Docu-series, Outback Stores Project and the Agroecology Land Trust.

Importantly, FPFG's key operation is purely on relationship building, and this year has been an incredible outcome of connecting opportunities by established and new partners from both Mob such as Gellung Warl, Outback Academy Australia and Native Food Ways and Non-Indigenous like Yarra Valley Water, CSIRO, University of Sydney and University of Queensland.

Vision, Connections and Ambitions for 2027

"Systematic Transformation, Now and Forever!" a strong statement made in 2025's Annual Report that FPFG stands by and continues to strive for in the movement for land back - Reuniting Kin to Country. The basis of Traditional Owners reclaiming access to their homelands and waterways as the rightful Custodians of Country. Our aim for 2027 is to become a globally-led model of collective decision-making by Indigenous Leadership and Excellence. Establishing a strong foundation of genuine Indigenous Governance, embedded with Cultural Principles, Protocols and Customs with the guidance and wisdom from our Elders, Senior Lore People and Knowledge holders to become a National Peak Body Hub for Indigenous Food Rights and Sovereignty.

Establishing FPFG's Directory to branch out to build stronger connections and relationships for two-way learning and sharing. FPFG sees high value to increase our membership of First Nations, particularly engaging with more Elders and Senior Lore People and Knowledge holders. While continuing our engagement with our existing Allies and forming new partnerships with more Mobs, Universities, Institutions and inviting guest speakers into our Connect Yarn Up meetings. Importantly, planning to meet with the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)'s National Statement on First Nations

A significant milestone that will bring our work into fruition and light is designing our FPFG Branding and Logo as an emblem of our presence within AFSA and symbolises our foundational work and continuing practice as we collectively uphold our rights as the Original Peoples of this Country.

"Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land"

In Reciprocity,

The First Peoples' Focal Group

Focal Point for Farmers Report

What a year. As AFSA has slipped on its new identity as the Agroecology & Food Sovereignty Alliance like a well-worn coat, our work with farmers and First Peoples has moved from the more defensive position against an unjust food system to collectivising to build a just one. We know that we need land, infrastructure, enabling legislation, democratic participation, non-extractive funding models, and political power, and that we must build these together.

The national abattoir campaign has remained central to my work as a focal point for farmers, and it remains equally central to my work here at Jonai Farms & Meatsmiths, where we finally have a micro-abattoir, licensed in June 2026. The Victorian planning reform we won in 2025 was a major victory after eight years of organising, demonstrating that collective action, persistence, and patience can prevail. However, across Australia, small-scale livestock farmers continue to lose access to slaughter infrastructure as regional abattoirs close, consolidate, or withdraw service kills. AFSA has continued to make the case that this is a structural threat to local food systems, animal welfare, and regional economies, because it is an existential threat to farming outside of vertically integrated corporate supply chains. Our work in 2026 has supported the emergence of several more micro-abattoirs, including two more already licensed in Victoria and many more flourishing projects across the country. Our campaign includes many practical resources for farmers exploring

collective infrastructure, including the Meat Collective Starter Pack and *Reclaiming the Means of Meat Processing*. We continue our advocacy to win reforms to enable micro-abattoirs in each state. The principle we hold dear is simple: infrastructure intrinsic to farming must not be solely controlled by corporations whose interests put profit over people and planet.

Another important political intervention this year has been our sharpening challenge to corporate capture of food systems governance. When the National Food Council was announced, AFSA joined the Who Decides Food? Campaign, challenging the disproportionate influence of corporate interests in determining Australia's food future, and critiquing the so-called theory of change that changes nothing. AFSA continues to challenge the idea that agricultural success should be measured through higher productivity or export value. The country produces record volumes of agricultural commodities and still fails to ensure that people can access sufficient nutritious and culturally appropriate food here at home.

As you will read in the Agroecology Land Trust report, our work to decommodify land and change the relationship between land, finance and farming is rapidly gaining momentum. Our developing economic principles include collective land ownership, secure use rights without land rent, zero-interest, non-extractive loans and debt avoidance, democratic governance, recognition of reproductive labour and First Peoples' custodianship, and keeping the surplus within farming communities. We know too well that if we use the master's tools to build another version of the same system, we will end up with the same system. In February, we also joined comrades from across the globe at the International Conference for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD+20) in Colombia through our membership with the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC). For farmers back home, these international relationships give us political analysis, language, and solidarity that help us understand our own struggles.

Our work to promote agroecology as a science, a set of practices, and a social movement led us to clarify what we mean by agroecology-oriented farmers, rather than treating agroecology as a fixed identity. Agroecology is a process of political formation and transformation, not a badge of moral purity. Farmers are working within a food system structured by debt, high land prices, corporate commodity supply chains and inputs, monopolistic markets, insecure tenure, scale-inappropriate regulation and climate change. We cannot simply tell people to farm differently and congratulate ourselves when some manage it. Our job as a movement is to change the conditions in which farming happens: collectivising infrastructure, rebuilding local value chains, sharing knowledge horizontally, reducing dependence on inputs, strengthening rural communities, and organising politically for the reforms that make agroecological transitions possible. In other words, farmers don't need more lectures about sustainability, just as eaters don't need more awareness about how unjust and unhealthy the system is. We need more power.

One of the most encouraging developments over the past few years has been seeing AFSA continue to grow as a place where farmers and First Peoples organise together, along with our allies and co-belligerents. The First Peoples Focal Group has brought more First Nations members into AFSA to grow the Indigenous Food Sovereignty movement in so-called Australia, as you can read in their excellent and inspiring report. The abattoir campaign has brought new farmers into AFSA, while our legal resources, the Agroecology Land Trust, Solidarity Sessions, and ongoing policy work have given farmers more practical reasons to participate. But critically, AFSA is not a service organisation for farmers - we are a grassroots movement. The national committee and staff's role is to help farmers and First Peoples collectivise, organise and act, along with workers, researchers, eaters and other organisations, to change the structures that constrain us.

The mainstream news would have you believe that everything is lost, that climate change, genocide, corporate consolidation, and the rise of fascism are somehow inevitable. But AFSA is here to tell you that from the ground up, we are winning. We won planning reforms, we are building collective infrastructure, we are developing a land trust to commons land outside of the speculative market, we are challenging corporate capture of governance, and we have developed thick legitimacy with all levels of government from local councils to UN agencies. Food sovereignty is not a destination we reach once the right policy is passed or the wrong tillage avoided. It is the practice of collectivising, organising, and acting every single day. Join us.

Let me finish with a very big expression of gratitude and appreciation for my comrades on the national committee and our hard-working little team of paid staff, who have all signed up for the daily work to radically transform the food system from the ground up, and are critical to our ongoing successes. Special mention must be made of Antoine Lenique, our general coordinator since the last Convergence, whose persistence, efficiency, intellect, and absolute political commitment to the cause is a shining example of what it means to fight for everyone's rights, not simply your own.

Viva solidarity!

Tammi Jonas, Focal Point for Farmers

Treasurer's Report

For the Financial Year Ended 31 October 2026

The Agroecology & Food Sovereignty Alliance has had a productive year, achieving significant advocacy gains and strengthening our position within the movement domestically and abroad. While fewer events resulted in slower-than-anticipated merchandise sales and new membership growth, our increased grant revenue reflects the strength and impact of our advocacy work and the confidence placed in AFSA's campaigns and programs.

This year's financial performance demonstrates the value of our strategic focus, with strong support from our membership base and successful grant funding contributing to a positive financial outcome.

We enter the coming year with a solid financial foundation, including a strong cash position, and are well placed to continue advancing food sovereignty and supporting our members and broader community.

Membership Report

As of the 2026 AGM, AFSA's membership sits at 393 members, marking a marginal increase from last year's total of 378. We have a total of 160 farmer members and 174 farmer allies. At last year's AGM a constitutional amendment was made, introducing a payment tier for un/underwaged members. There are currently 13 individuals signed up as members in this category. This constitutional change was implemented to increase accessibility for priority populations, youth, and workers. We are glad to see this change has supported new membership. We will continue striving to reduce barriers to entry for youth, workers and priority populations as we move forward.

We have 48 First Nations members, up from 35 last year. The work of the First Peoples Focal Group has contributed to this increase, with greater First Peoples-led engagement with mob, both farmers and farmer allies. This is an integral part of AFSA's decolonial work and governance structure, and we look forward to the FPFG and broader First Nations membership continuing to build into the future.

A focus for AFSA this year has been on increasing engagement across movement spaces. This priority emerged from the Nyéléni Forum and has been advocated across the Global Food Sovereignty Movement, so we're pleased to see it reflected in our membership this year.

We know farmers are facing many stressors in the current cost-of-living and fuel crisis, alongside emerging challenges such as the arrival of H5 Bird Flu, with the climate crisis and ongoing colonisation continuing to put pressure on our membership. As we move into our next year of work, we endeavour to prioritise our members' most urgent needs, responding to crises as they emerge by creating freely available guidance, as well as ongoing support and solidarity.

We also hope to galvanise the skills and resources across our membership base to continue contributing to the knowledge base of our movement. There is such richness in the knowledge and resources we each hold, and as a movement we know that our strength lies in exchange, collaboration and solidarity.

Communications report 2026

In early 2026, AFSA hired a Communications Officer (FTE 0.2) to improve AFSA's visibility online and in the media, while giving the General Coordinator (GC) more space to focus on important administrative and strategic tasks.

Working closely with the General Coordinator and in collaboration with the Communication Working Group, the Communications Officer has updated AFSA communication strategy and their main actions are summarised below.

- **Social media**: all social media platforms showed improvement in visibility, followers and re-sharings. While a difference in performance can be noted across different platforms – with Linkedin and Facebook falling behind Instagram – social media still proves to be an important and strategic space where AFSA's messages are shared, keeping the organisation at the forefront of the conversation about food sovereignty in so-called Australia and linking our content to relevant current affairs.
    - AFSA Facebook
    - AFSA Instagram (@agfoodsov)
    - AFSA YouTube
    - AFSA LinkedIn
- **Newsletter**: AFSA's newsletter has been sent to members and subscribers every month. Over the year, its content has become more tailored and has become an important distribution channel for increasing contributions from many National Committee (NC) and First Peoples Focal Group (FPFG) members, particularly after hiring the FPFG Coordinator.
- **EDMs**: this tool has been used when relevant to report on particular topics to members or spread information to our broader network.
- **AFSA's blog**: multiple articles and media releases have been published on AFSA's blog, especially in the first half of the year (https://afsa.org.au/news/)

- **AFSA in the media**: In 2026, AFSA's voice aired on national and local radios several times, featuring members from the NC and AFSA General Coordinator, speaking mainly about the ongoing Abattoir Campaign and the Agroecology Land Trust.
- **The Agroecology Radio Hour**: AFSA's podcast has produced 2 new episodes in 2026, and is currently looking for a new producer and potentially a new format.
- **Events**: AFSA has participated in and curated different events this year, both in person and online, creating spaces for the broader membership to have important conversations about food sovereignty and agroecology.
- **Accessibility**: AFSA has been working on the improvement of accessibility features – a process that is still ongoing – such as higher contrast in AFSA's website entries and the addition of transcripts to AFSA's podcast Agroecology Radio Hour.

Legal Defence Fund

Advice

This year, AFSA has continued to build the work of the Legal Defence Fund (LDF), including employing Dharshna Baskar as a Paralegal Officer to support legal research, policy work and LDF projects. A major focus has been updating AFSA's Legal Guide for Farmers, including reviewing changes to planning schemes, food safety regulation, horticulture standards, abattoir requirements and other state-based rules that have changed since the Guide was last updated. Dharshna has been working on the Reform Table: Abattoir Issues for Small-Scale Farmers, bringing together the current position across Australian states and identifying possible reforms to address scale-inappropriate regulation. This work includes looking at planning and permit barriers for micro-abattoirs, the potential use of field-harvest and game-meat standards for domestic livestock, and better access to meat inspector training for small-scale producers. Other work has included developing the FSANZ horticulture matrix, assisting with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding, contributing to the Peoples' Food Plan, and supporting submissions, lobbying and research on targeted policy reforms. The LDF Advisory Committee has also grown, with Anne Duncan joining.

Looking ahead, the LDF will continue working on both direct legal support for farmers and longer-term legal reform. A key priority will be progressing AFSA's national work on small-scale and micro-abattoirs, building on the Victorian planning reforms and continuing to advocate for more appropriate planning and regulatory pathways in other states. The LDF will also continue examining options for field-harvest reform and meat inspector training, while completing and maintaining the updated Legal Guide so farmers can access current, practical information. Other priorities include continuing to track the implementation of FSANZ horticulture standards, progressing the MoU, supporting future submissions and government engagement, and contributing legal research to the Peoples' Food Plan and other AFSA policy priorities. The aim for

the next year is to make the LDF an even stronger practical resource for farmers while continuing to push for laws and regulations that better recognise the realities of small-scale and agroecological farming.

Submissions

Date	Regulator	Submission Title and Summary
14 November 2025	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania	Developing a new Tasmanian Agriculture Strategy (TAS)
19 February 2026	Senate Select Committee on Productivity in Australia - Australian Government	Submission to the Inquiry into Productivity in Australia
24 April 2026	Queensland Department of Primary Industries	Submission to Review of the Food Production (Safety) Act 2000
04 May 2026	High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security for the UN FAO (CFS)	High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition consultation on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues
18 June 2026	Australian Federal Government	Submission to the Feeding Australia Strategy
03 July 2026	Online Consultation towards the Special Rapporteur's Thematic Report to the 81st Session of the UN General Assembly	Submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
30 July 2026	Biosecurity Tasmania Department of Natural Resources and Environment	Submission to Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce) Regulations 2026 - Phase 2

1 September 2026	Environment and Communications References Committee	Federal Inquiry into Artificial Intelligence and Data Centres

Agroecology Land Trust Report

Since Stage 1 commenced in June 2025, the Agroecology Land Trust (ALT) Steering Committee (SC) has been shaping what will become the first initiative of its kind in so-called Australia.

Informed by a Landscape Review delivered by former project coordinator Michele Sabto, whose excellent coordination work also shaped the project, guided by the Economic Principles drafted by Antoine Lenique and Tammi Jonas, and drawing on growing momentum for community-led and First Peoples-led land rematriation, the SC has developed a governance and business model, projected financial needs, and engaged with what will be the ALT's first case study: a farmer eager to secure their land for perpetual agroecology-oriented use.

In early July 2026, AFSA received news of a farmer willing to donate 141 hectares of regenerative farmland near Kilkivan, Queensland. This offer has catalysed our discussions, including yarns with AFSA First Peoples Focal Group members, about using the Kilkivan donation as a flagship case study for the ALT. In fact, the Kilkivan case strengthens the priority of establishing the ALT, and could include a cooperative made up of diverse agroecology-oriented farms, potentially focusing on First Peoples agroecology formation.

The Steering Committee's work over the past year has laid strong foundations: a farmer- and First Peoples-centred governance model, a clear separation between operational and acquisition funding, and an opportunity to test and demonstrate the ALT model in action. With financial modelling underway, legal and tax advice being sought, and relationships deepening on Country, the Agroecology Land Trust is moving from blueprint to grounded reality: locking land for agroecology to secure the material conditions needed to accelerate the transition towards a socially, environmentally and economically just food system rooted in food sovereignty.

After three in-person workshops and a great deal of hard work, we are now entering Stage 2 of this much-needed work.

Read the full report setting out our latest developments here.

Further information:

- Agroecology Land Trust - Overview document
- Agroecology Land Trust - Economic Principles
- Agroecology Land Trust - Landscape Review
- Agroecology Land Trust - AFSA website
- Agroecology Land Trust - Vision and Mission

Agroecology Action Research Network

The Agroecology Action Research Network (AARN) was active in 2026, with researchers, farmers and educators coming together to share knowledge and promote different ways of transforming Australian food and agriculture systems. At the National Retreat in February, two objectives were set to give AARN member-driven direction: to establish clear priorities for AARN and its working groups (WGs), and to strengthen the network built in 2025.

In support of these objectives, AARN continued existing activities and introduced new ones. The Health WG, led by Ellen Johnson, continued to collaborate with Healthy Food Systems Australia (HFSA) and Pesticide Action Australia (PAA), and was instrumental in a successful VicHealth Impact Grant application with HFSA, exploring how community food infrastructure can build climate resilience and health. In response to the Feeding Australia Strategy consultation, AARN updated the People's Food Plan (PFP) into an abridged PFP submission in June, engaging around 20 AARN members. AARN academics also supported submissions to the Federal Inquiry into Artificial Intelligence and Data Centres, the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition consultation on Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues, and the UN Special Rapporteur's call for inputs on the Right to Food.

Alongside the ongoing PFP Book, two further priorities were identified: how academics can support food sovereignty literacy and political formation, and 'What Food Sovereignty Means to Mob'. However, 2026 showed that while the network has plenty of goodwill, volunteer actions that rely on a few people struggle to keep momentum. Academics are time-poor and contribute most readily when given specific, well-designed tasks rather than open-ended, unpaid commitments. At a pre-Convergence meeting on 24 September, members workshopped how to better leverage the network, and three positions will be proposed at Convergence for discussion to help AARN shape its governance and approach in 2027. The first is a shared coordination model, with farmers, First Peoples and partner organisations co-leading alongside researchers, so the network is movement-led and research-backed. The second is clearer types of engagement, from targeted short asks to jointly funded projects that resource the movement. The third is deeper relationships and focused effort, directing energy where research makes the greatest difference. We look forward to seeing how these shifts help academics support the food sovereignty movement in Australia.

Read the full report here.

AFSA in the Global Food Sovereignty Movement

AFSA had a busy year engaging in many international activities. AFSA is an active member of the International Panel Committee for food sovereignty (IPC), La Via Campesina (LVC), and URGENCI. We are also part of the Coordination Committee for the CSIPM, which is the largest and most inclusive civil society platform in the UN system, and feeds into the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). We have engaged in numerous online meetings, working groups activities, and discussions that together shape our committed participation in the international solidarity space.

We have also travelled to the 4 corners of the world to learn, to engage in political and strategic debates, to advocate for peasants' rights, to support coordination of events, and to find further inspiration for our work on the ground, here in so-called Australia. **Being part of a global network of social movements has continuously inspired AFSA's theory of change, which is led by an anti-colonial, anti-patriarchal, and anti-capitalist agenda.**

As part of our praxis, AFSA has focused on prioritising women, youth, and diversities to attend international events as part of our commitments to a global political agenda focused on feminist principles and intergenerational learning. It is also important to report that **these international travels are funded by the global movements we are members of and contribute to, and AFSA's income is not used to fund these activities.**

Since our last Convergence in 2025, AFSA attended the following international events:

October 2025 – CFS in Rome – As part of the Coordination Committee, AFSA not only attended the event but has also been coordinating the Building Resilient Food Systems and Working Group and the Finance Working Group, and participating in the Global Food Governance and Data Working Groups. These activities happened throughout the year and also included preparation work for the 2026 CFS.

November 2025 – International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture negotiations in Peru - AFSA contributed to the negotiations of the Treaty with a particular focus on Article 9 and the implementation of farmers rights.

December 2025 - URGENCI International Symposium in France - The symposium had over a 100 participants from all over the world and several workshops. The workshop on Right to Food and Intersectionality was especially relevant and focused on how social, political and economic inequalities intersect in CSA and agroecology movements shaping who access food, land, and decision making power.

February 2026 – ICAARD+20 in Colombia – AFSA sent 2 members actively involved in the Agroecology Land Trust, who joined other IPC members and government representatives to debate and develop strategies to advocate for agrarian reform and rural development policies

centred around the inseparable and mutually reinforcing principles of the 4Rs: Recognition, Redistribution, Restitution and Regulation.

March 2026 – Civil Society Consultation for the 38th FAO Regional Conference for the Asia and the Pacific in Thailand - As part of the IPC regional coordination, AFSA supported the coordination and logistics of the event. We worked towards ensuring the participation of farmers, fisherfolk, and Indigenous Peoples to represent their own constituencies and to have appropriate linguistic justice. AFSA also coordinated the production of 4 thematic papers.

In July 2026, AFSA attended:

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Policy and Alliance Meeting in Malaysia – This meeting aimed at bringing together representatives from civil society organisations, Indigenous People's organisations, grassroots movements, women, youth and allies to work together on a common biological policy agenda in preparation for COP17.
- IPC General Meeting in Turkey – This meeting focused on discussing, renewing, and adapting both IPC governance structures and action plans to better respond to the current global challenges faced by social movements members of IPC, including the increasing corporate co-optation and diminishing funding for civil society participation in UN spaces. AFSA sent 2 members to this meeting, one in the role of political leader and another as supporting staff for the Asia and Pacific Region.
- LVC Woman South East and Asia Conference in Timor-Leste – In this event, the sisterhood had the opportunity to meet, exchange knowledge, share strategies, and update each other on our efforts for food sovereignty and gender justice.

August 2026 - Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers Rights in Rome - AFSA attended the seventh meeting of the group. The meeting focused on developing an action plan to address gaps and needs in the implementation of Article 9 of the Treaty.

In September AFSA attended:

- LVC Political Economy School in Indonesia - 2 AFSA members joined comrades from the Asia region to learn about political economy including the examination of the dynamics of production and social reproduction and the ways political power emerges and is contested. The next module of the school is due to occur in January 2027.
- Nyéléni Global Steering Committee in Sri Lanka – In this meeting AFSA served as staff supporting the methodology team. The meetings were focused on the next steps of the Process, including governance structures, implementation of the Common Political Agenda and Action Plan, as well as funding strategies.
- LVC South-East Asia Youth Gathering in Thailand – As part of the yearly activities of LVC, AFSA sent a youth representative to engage and learn from other comrades in

the region, and to develop action plans and strategies that reflect the needs, demands, and visions of young peasants.

This October we are travelling to Rome again to participate in the 26 CFS, and also the mid-term LVC Global conference in Bangkok, Thailand, which will be reported on in the future

For further details on each of these activities, please access the full reports here.

Viva!

In solidarity,

The 2025-2026 AFSA National Committee and First Peoples Focal Group

- ★ Tammi Jonas, Focal Point for Farmers
- ★ Cal Callope, Focal Point for First Peoples
- ★ Alex Ibarra, Focal Point for First Peoples
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- ★ Lucy Ridge
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- ★ Rob Arcidiacono
- ★ Glen Chapman
- ★ Dominique Chen
- ★ Jacob Birch
- ★ Joshua 'Josh' Williams
- ★ Kitana Mansell
- ★ Luke Williams
- ★ Malachi Johnson

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