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SEATTLE, Wash. (May 1, 2013) – March Against Monsanto has announced that on May 25, tens of thousands of activists around the world will "<u>March Against Monsanto</u>." Currently, marches are being planned on six continents, in 36 countries, totaling events in over 250 cities, and in the US, events are slated to occur simultaneously at 11 a.m. Pacific in 47 states.



Tami Monroe Canal, lead organizer and creator of the now-viral <u>Facebook page</u>, says she was inspired to start the movement to protect her two daughters. "I feel Monsanto threatens their generation's health, fertility and longevity. I couldn't sit by idly, waiting for someone else to do something." [The full March Against Monsanto mission statement can be read <u>here</u>.]

An organizer for the march in Athens, Greece, Roberta Gogos, spoke about the importance of the events in austerity-impacted South Europe. "Monsanto is working very hard to overturn EU regulation on obligatory labeling (questionable whether it's really enforced in any case), and no doubt they will have their way in the end. Greece is in a precarious position right now, and Greece's farmers falling prey to the petrochemical giant is a very real possibility."

Josh Castro, organizer for Quito, says he wants to protect Ecuador against Monsanto's influence, too. "Ecuador is such a beautiful place, with the richest biodiversity in the world. We will not allow this Garden of Eden to be compromised by evil multinational corporations like Monsanto. Biotechnology is not the solution to world hunger. Agroecology is."

Partners facilitating the organizing of March Against Monsanto include <u>The Anti-Media</u>, <u>Activists' Free Press</u> and <u>A Revolt – Digital Anarchy</u>. Major sponsors include <u>GMO Free USA</u>, <u>NationofChange</u> and <u>Films for Action</u>. Official website: <u>www.march-against-monsanto.com</u>.

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