

**May 7th,  
2009**

## **CLR COLOMBIA DELEGATION ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**DO YOU WANT THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE PROPOSED  
US-COLOMBIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT? DO YOU  
WANT TO LEARN WHAT COLOMBIAN UNIONISTS AND  
FARMERS ARE SAYING ABOUT IT? DO YOU WANT TO  
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?**

**Fair Trade, Not Free Trade!**

**Defending Labor Unionists, Farms, and  
the Environment:**

**Delegation to Colombia  
August 7-19, 2009**



Co-sponsored by the Alliance for Global Justice's Campaign for Labor Rights and the Colombia Action Network.

***Come on this exciting delegation hosted by***

***FENSUAGRO, the largest union of farmers and farm workers in Colombia!***

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Free Trade Agreements have devastated family farmers in Mexico and Central America as well as the US and Canada. Only corporate agribusiness benefits from the so-called free trade agreements. Colombian farmers now face the possibility of a US-Colombia FTA. Visit Colombia with Campaign for Labor Rights (CLR) and Colombia Action Network (CAN) and learn for yourself what Colombian farmers and farm workers think about the US-Colombia FTA!

The delegation will be hosted by Colombia's largest farmer and farm worker union FENSUAGRO. You will be met on arrival in Colombia where we'll begin with a farm cooperative visit, travel to the Caribbean Coast and end in the capital Bogota at FENSUAGRO's National Congress.

CLR and CAN are honored to have received one of the only official invitations to US-based groups for FENSUAGRO's National Congress, August 14-18 where the FTA, rural farming issues, and environmental issues will be on the agenda. You can be a witness to this historic conference. Colombia has been a dangerous place for labor union organizers - and farm union members have been the most targeted by right-wing paramilitaries. Chiquita was fined \$25 million by the US government for making payments to Colombian death squads and Dole is being sued in US court right now for the same thing. Rural farm families make up 60% of Colombia's internally displaced refugees, many of whom are pushed out to make room for corporate agribusiness plantations owned by Monsanto and other transnationals. Learn about their lives and what we in the US can do.

**Cost: \$1,400 includes all in-country expenses including transportation, housing, two meals a day and translation. International airfare not included. Delegates will fly into Cali, Colombia and return to the US from Bogota.**

**Deadline: Application deadline is June 30. Non-refundable deposit of \$200 due with application and balance due by August 1.**

**Send an email to [clrlabor@afgj.org](mailto:clrlabor@afgj.org) or call 520-243-0381 to request an application. Make check payable to**

**Campaign for Labor Rights/AfGJ and mail to 1247 E St., SE, Washington, DC 20003. Put "Colombia Delegation" in the memo line.**

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