

*Betinho Project:
Brazil's National Council
for Food and Nutrition
Security (CONSEA): an
instrument of democracy
under threat*

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Agenda

- Definition of Food and Nutrition Security for Brazil
- What is CONSEA and how it works
- CONSEA'S timeline, milestones and main accomplishments
- Current situation
- Final considerations
 - Discussion

Brazilian definition of Food and Nutrition Security (FNS)

“Consists in the realization of the human right to regular and permanent access to good quality food, in sufficient quantity, without compromising the fulfillment of other basic needs, having as its basis healthy eating habits that respect cultural diversity and that are environmentally, culturally, economically and socially sustainable”.

(Law 11.346, 2006, Art. 3 - Brasil, 2006)

What is CONSEA?

- ▶ An institutional space that articulates government and civil society.
- ▶ A part of the immediate advising structure of the Presidency of the Republic.
- ▶ It works in the conduction of the related FNS policy and issues and has the technical support of the Ministry of Social Development.
- ▶ Social construction FNS as a concept and sociopolitical field: an outcome of democracy + intersectoral and participatory approach.

(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)

Responsibilities of CONSEA

- ▶ Call and organize the FNS National Conferences;
- ▶ Propose guidelines and priorities of the National Policy and Plan on FNS, including the budgetary requirements for its execution;
- ▶ Monitor the implementation and convergence of actions of the National Policy and Plan;
- ▶ Establish permanent mechanisms of articulation with related agencies and entities on the national level, states and municipalities

(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)

Composition of CONSEA

- ▶ 1/3 of **Governmental Representatives** - Ministries and Special Secretaries related to FNS;
- ▶ 2/3 of **Civil Society Representatives** - chosen based on appointment criteria approved at the National Conference; and
- ▶ Observers

- The President of CONSEA is a civil society representative
- The Secretary of CONSEA is from the Ministry of Social Development

(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)

Governmental Representative Sectors in CONSEA

- ▶ Social Development
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Family farmers
- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Treasury
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Justice
- ▶ Human rights
- ▶ External affairs
- ▶ Science and Technology
- ▶ National Integration
- ▶ Cities
- ▶ Work
- ▶ Racial Equality
- ▶ Women

(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)

Civil Society Represented in CONSEA

- ▶ Small farmers
- ▶ Women small farmers
- ▶ Traditional communities
- ▶ Afro descendants
- ▶ Communities Descendants of Slaves
- ▶ Indigenous people
- ▶ Indigenous Women
- ▶ Agroecology network
- ▶ Consumers movements
- ▶ Youth movements
- ▶ HR organizations Researchers
- ▶ Religious networks
- ▶ Labor Unions
- ▶ Homeless organizations
- ▶ Small food companies

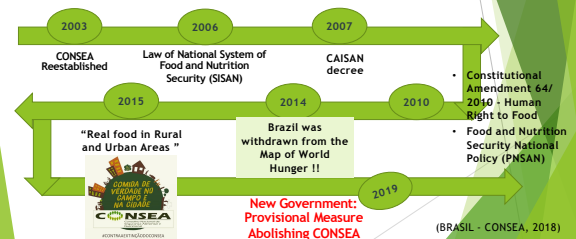
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How does CONSEA work?

- ▶ Council plenaries every 2 months.
- ▶ The Council evaluates and deliberates on proposals elaborated previously by **Standing Commissions**.
- ▶ After approved, the proposals are directed to the President of the Republic, in the form of Recommendations.

1. Monitoring and evaluation of specific subjects and policies
2. Elaboration of proposals for appreciation of the Council
3. FNS National Policy and System and International Agenda
4. Food Environment and Nutrition
5. Production and Supply
6. Human Right to Adequate Food
7. Afrodescendants and Traditional Communities
8. Indigenous People
9. Presidents of States Councils

Timeline Development of Food and Nutrition Security in Brazil



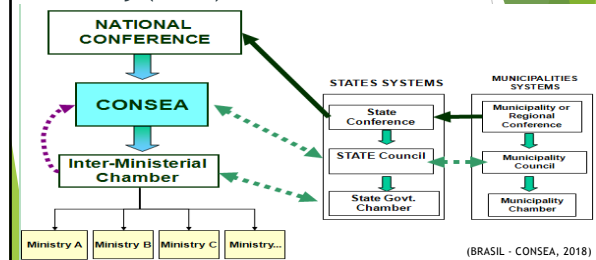
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CONSEA's main accomplishments

- ▶ Law for School Feeding Program: new rules, fresh meals, healthy food, local ingredients, 30% from Family farmers (Law 11.947/2009)
 - Decree established that every federal agency must purchase at least 30% from Family Farming
- ▶ Law of Technical Assistance and Rural Extension
- ▶ 1st and 2nd PLANASAN - National Plan for Food and Nutrition Security
- ▶ 1st and 2nd PLANAPO - National Plan for Agroecology and Organic Production
- ▶ Extended the Family Farming Program to all purchases of food at the federal level

(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)

National System of Food and Nutrition Security (Sisan)



(BRASIL - CONSEA, 2018)



Model of governance

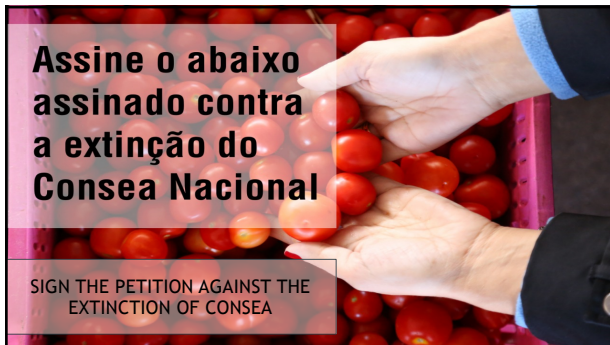
- An advisory body to the country's President since 2003.
- In the last 15 years, Food and Nutrition Security Policy has been institutionalized in Brazil through laws and regulations.
- Created institutions and practices of governance with the participation of civil society.
- It was a strong instrument of democracy.

CONSEA was abolished through the Provisional Measure 870/2019, on the first day of this year.

Current situation

- As a Provisional Measure, there is a deadline to be voted by the deputies.
- Scenario of fight and resistance for the maintenance of the CONSEA.
- After the publication of the Provisional Measure, many Brazilian institutions, other Councils and organizations have manifested against its extinction.
- Awareness campaigns for those who don't know CONSEA + the union of forces of those who know about it.





“Large Banquet” (Banquetaço)

- It was held in more than 15 capital cities across Brazil, on February 27, 2019.
- The aim was to request the maintenance of CONSEA.
- This initiative provided the distribution of more than 15 thousand meals throughout the country
- Mostly prepared with products from family agriculture and agroecology.



(Brasil - Aliança, 2018)

“Large Banquet” (Banquetaço)

- It is a supra-party political movement that mobilized civil society in defense of good food.
- In a scenario where hunger is increasing in the country, it was one of the ways to call attention of the population and politicians to the importance of CONSEA.
- The Banquetaço idea was born in São Paulo, in 2017, in defense of Food Human Rights.

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BANQUETAÇO PERNAMBUCO

Local: Em frente ao Armazém do Campo. Av. Martins de Barros, 387, Santo Antônio, Recife-PE.

Diga Não a Fome!
Vamos dizer não a fome e sim para a alimentação saudável de todos e todas

BANQUETAÇO SERGIPE

#AgroecologiaÉoCaminho
#BrasilSemFome
#FicaCONSEA
#CONSEAreiste

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DIREITOS GARANTIDOS ATÉ A ÚLTIMA GARFADA
BANQUETAÇO
CAMPANHA NACIONAL CONTRA A EXTINÇÃO DO CONSEA
SERGIPE

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SAY NO TO HUNGER!

RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO THE LAST FORK

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#AGROECOLOGY IS THE WAY
#STAY CONSEA
#CONSEAreists

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Final Considerations

- ▶ CONSEA's performance is historical and internationally recognized.
- ▶ Promotes Food Security and participatory democratic processes.
- ▶ It is a model to be followed.
- ▶ But what next?

Thanks!

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