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**FARM WORKERS AND ALLIES RALLY AGAINST
SWISS AGRICULTURE COMPANY SYNGENTA IN
LUTZVILLE**

For immediate release

Farm workers, farm dwellers and emerging farmers from the Western and Northern Cape will converge in Lutzville on the West Coast this Saturday to protest against the agricultural practices of Syngenta. 'This is one of the multi-national companies that benefits from the racism on the farms,' says Davine Witbooi, an emerging farmer from Lutzville and a member of the Food Sovereignty Campaign. 'Workers are exposed to Syngenta's pesticides without consideration of their health by racist farm owners and this is how this company makes its profits.'

'We also reject their promotion of genetically modified organisms (GMOs),' she added. 'This is damaging all of us, its only good for their profits.'

Danie Engelbrecht, convener of the Food Sovereignty Campaign, explained that they will also oppose the current application by giant corporation Monsanto to experiment with GMO maize in the Lutzville area.

Members of the Food Sovereignty Campaign will start the day with a walk through Lutzville giving out leaflets and inviting the community to join them for a film screening about GMOs, a demonstration of an organic garden and a discussion on strategies to achieve food sovereignty. The day is part of the global Day of the Peasants' Struggle called by the international movement of small scale farmers La Via Campesina.

Members of the Food Sovereignty Campaign are currently in Cape Town and will be available for interviews until 13h00 tomorrow.

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