IBON Europe, a south-north solidarity and advocacy organization, successfully hosted a roundtable on food sovereignty and climate change on October 25, 2011 in Brussels, Belgium. Attended by representatives of 12 development and solidarity organizations, the roundtable created a cross-network dialogue space that discussed a southern advocacy framework on food sovereignty and climate change policy development in the North.

Among the roundtable's resource speakers were Moses Shaha of ESAFF (Eastern and Southern Africa Farmers' Forum, Kenya) who spoke about the impact of climate change on small-scale farmers in Africa and did a report back on the preparations for COP 17 in Durban. Mr. Roy Anunciacion of the People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS) presented a southern people's paradigm on food sovereignty and shared key policy developments from activities related to World Food Day and World Hunger Day. Mr. Antonio Tujan, International director of IBON International, shared some of his insights on CSO Development Partnership: Principles and Challenges.

Concrete recommendations that came out of the roundtable included the development of a ***food sovereignty in action***
network in Europe that would bring together both southern and northern food sovereignty activists and advocates towards developing a common solidarity platform on the issue. Information sharing, capacity building support and activities related to key food sovereignty and climate change moments will be among the concerns of the network. The roundtable also discussed possible collaborative initiatives at the COP 17 in December 2011 in Durban, South Africa and also during World Food Day and World Hunger Day 2012.

The roundtable was co-sponsored by ASTM (Action Solidarite Tiers Monde, Luxembourg), Both ENDS (Netherlands), CETRI (Belgium), IBON Europe (Belgium), IBON International (Philippines), INTAL (Belgium), and PCFS (Kenya). Other participants to the roundtable included Bevrijdewereld (Belgium), ESAFF (Eastern and Southern Africa Farmers' Forum, Kenya), FSTM (Fonds de Soutien Tiers Monde, Belgium), GRESEA (Groupe de Recherche pour une Strategie Economique Alternative, Belgium), Klimaatcoalitie (Belgium), Platform for Health Solidarity (Belgium) and Vredeseilanden (Belgium).