

# Building food movements aimed at systems change

## 3.10 Watch “Agroecology: Voices from Social Movements.” (22:29)



**CAWR Coventry University.** “Agroecology: Voices from Social Movements,” video, 22:29, posted by the author to YouTube, September 24, 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Km9Kv5UyIU> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Km9Kv5UyIU>)

## 3.11 Watch “Food + Justice = Democracy: LaDonna Redmond at TEDxManhattan 2013.” (12:09)



**LaDonna Redmond.** “Food + Justice = Democracy: LaDonna Redmond at TEDxManhattan 2013,” video, 12:09, posted by TEDx Talks to YouTube on March 4, 2013.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydZfSuz-Hu8> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydZfSuz-Hu8>)

**3.12 Explore the Drawdown website's Food sector summary. (~12 minutes)**

Drawdown.org. "Food Sector Summary," accessed January 3, 2019. <http://www.drawdown.org/solutions/food> (<http://www.drawdown.org/solutions/food>)

The agro-ecological principles and practice introduced by Altieri are significantly shaping the politics of food system change efforts. "Agroecology: Voices from the Social Movements," features the voices of northern and southern producers committed to food system transformation. They call on bottom-up, and peasant- and farmer-driven social movements to embed agro-ecology in a broader struggle for food sovereignty. The video introduces the International Declaration for Food Sovereignty advanced by social movements to claim agro-ecology, a bottom-up practice with its own science and politics, as the pathway towards a more just, sustainable, and viable food system.

Ladonna Redmond, long time food activist, powerfully depicts the historical experience of African-American people in the US of a food system rooted in slavery, a reality that continues in the global food system. The relationship among race, food, health, and wealth is, she argues, integral to building a transformative food justice movement.

In Module Two, we introduced Paul Hawken's book *Drawdown: One Hundred Solutions to the Climate Crisis* and noted that nine of the 80 solutions had to do with land use. Another ten are directly related to food. Together their importance in GHG reduction outstripped the combined contribution of renewable energy transition and energy conservation retrofits of existing buildings and infrastructure. Spend time on the Drawdown website exploring the supply and demand side strategies that make up the food sector. Keep in mind opportunities for you to act individually, which might be most relevant to your context.