

CFS HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON CONNECTING SMALLHOLDERS TO MARKETS

Thursday 25 June 2015

9.30-17.00, Red Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Bio

Role: High Level Panellist

Chukki Nanjundaswamy

La Via Campesina

India



Chukki Nanjundaswamy was born in 1981 in a family of farmers which played a vital role in the farmers' movement of Karnataka, a southern state in India. After the demise of her father who founded the farmers movement in Karnataka, at the age of 23 while studying Bachelors in Humanities, she decided to carry on the struggle which her father left behind. Since then she has been actively involved in the farmers' movement at the local level as well as at the national and international levels.

She is now the Acting President of the Karnataka State Farmers Movement and the National Convener of the All India Coordination Committee of Farmers Movements and has worked as a member of the International Coordination Committee of La Via Campesina from 2004-2008. She is also heading the International Center for Sustainable Development, called Amrita Bhoomi which means the Eternal Earth which also hosts the South Asian Agro-ecology School of La Via Campesina.