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Flowers and Bananas, or the High Cost of Low Prices - Amnesty International debate

Saturday, May 5, 2010, after the screening of **Bananas!**; the film starts at 7 pm

Bananas!

Directed by: Fredrik Gertten
Sweden 2009
80 min

After the screening Amnesty International invites you to a debate with the director and the invited guests.

Other films in the **Amnesty International competition**.

This year World Fair Trade Day will take place on May 8th. On this occasion Planete Doc Review traditionally invites you to a debate organized by Amnesty International.

For the past few decades multinational corporations have been exploiting natural resources in the countries of the Global South, earning themselves gigantic profits. On the other hand, despite the fact that these countries possess huge mineral deposits, the quality of life, health and education are among the lowest in the world.

Often the corporations activity is connected with acts of brutal violation of human rights and driving people into poverty. In such cases it often turns out no effective means can force the corporations to assume responsibility for their actions or have them compensate the wronged.

What is the influence of the multinational corporations on the situation in the South? How do the local people struggle for their rights against these corporations? How can corporations be brought to account for violation of human rights and destruction of the environment? What can we, consumers from countries of the North do to stop these negative actions of the corporations?

If you are interested in exploring answers to these questions, we warmly invite you to attend the debate on the results of actions undertaken by multinational corporations.

Speakers:

Frederik Gertten, director of **Bananas!**,

Ton van Zantvoort, director of **Blooming Business**,

Simon Chambers, director of **Cowboys in India**,

and the invited guests:

Adam Leszczynski, journalist and contributor to Gazeta Wyborcza, who specializes in the issues connected with the Global South and development assistance.

Katarzyna Szymielewicz, lawyer and representative of the International Commission of Jurists who deals with the issues of liability of multinational corporations.

Aleksandra Minkiewicz, spokesperson of Amnesty International Poland will moderate the debate.

Languages of the debate: Polish and English.

