The image contains text that reads: "Localised food systems: ensuring UK policies strengthen healthy food provision and food sovereignty here and abroad." Following this is a statement: "INTRODUCTORY REMARKS by Nora McKeon – ORFC 2018."
"Public policies for food sovereignty"
Insights from regional/international exchanges: localised

- ‘Local’ can be co-opted

- Urban/rural territorial

- The perils of a city-centered approach

- On-going work in Committee on World Food Security (CFS): ‘Urbanisation and rural transformation’
Insights from regional/international exchanges: **food provisioning systems**

- Lots of attention to production in food sovereignty movement (agroecology) but less to economics/marketing.

- Fine to (try to) regulate value chains/supermarkets but what to build in their place?

- ‘Discovery’ of territorial markets in CFS
Now work underway to fill the data gap....
Insights from regional/international exchanges: public policies/governance

- *Intersectoral coherence...but also multi-level*: how rules/policies impact on other spaces.
Insights from regional/international exchanges: public policies/governance

*Defending the public sphere:*

- Question the role of the corporate PS
- Debunk Public-Private Partnerships
- Public regulation vs corporate social responsibility.
Insights from regional/international exchanges: public policies/governance

Resist multistakeholderism – lessons from the CFS:

- Defend the public nature of spaces intended to determine public policies.
- Achieve clarity about different roles and responsibilities of actors, following the HR framework
- If agribusiness actors are present a robust framework to guard against conflicts of interest is needed.
- Priority to the effective participation of representatives of most affected and marginalized rights-holders.
- Autonomous space for civil society actors to organize and prepare for dialogue with state authorities,
- Support for capacity building so they can strengthen their effectiveness in policy negotiations.
- Free and transparent availability of information/documents in accessible forms/languages, and interpretation where necessary.
- Effective mechanisms for monitoring the application of public policies and for holding governments accountable.
Why engage regionally/globally?
Collectively build deeper understanding of structural and narrative power of adversaries.....
.....and of chinks in corporate armour and how to exploit...

- Not delivering on world food security
- ‘Free’ trade regime stumbling over food security
- Negative health impacts ever more evident
- Running up against ecological limits of the planet
- Harder and harder to turn a profit
- Legitimacy crisis.....
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UK footprint as a global actor and an independent voice after Brexit
Two final suggestions to promote localised food systems in the framework of food sovereignty. Why not.................