## Monsanto on trial for crimes against humanity? Not really

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"Monsanto on trial for crimes against nature and humanity," <u>a headline</u> for *The Ecologist* declared on December 6. Other fringe websites reported similar news of the so-called International Monsanto Tribune set to take place in the Hague, the seat of Dutch government, in October of next year. Thus far, no mainstream media has reported on the plan, because it's not a real trial.

Nevertheless, the group organizing the tribunal is doing its best to paint the event as a legitimate trial. The tribunal, the group's website explains, will rely on "the 'Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights' adopted at the UN in 2011," and "assess potential criminal liability on the basis of the Rome Statue (sic) that created the International Criminal Court in The Hague in 2002."

While the verbiage sounds official, this tribunal is not governed by the United Nations nor the International Criminal Court, an international treaty-based court not affiliated with the UN. Instead, the group is using the guidelines of both for their trial, in a seeming attempt to lend authenticity to a glorified meeting of the who's who of anti-biotech science deniers, during which they will undoubtedly find their absent defendant guilty.

Most of the tribunal leaders have one thing in common: they are part of organic movement special interests, and they all demonize creators of Genetically Modified Organisms. . . .

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