

## **Ayala Dias Ferreira**

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The Landless Rural Workers' Movement (MST) in Brazil

### ***The History and Future of The Landless Rural Workers' Movement in Brazil***

For over 30 years, the *Landless Rural Workers' Movement* has been at the forefront of promoting democracy, agrarian reform and social justice in Brazil. Through the method of land occupations, the Landless Rural Workers have compelled the government to redistribute land to 600,000 formerly landless families. Ayala Dias Ferreira will explain what the Landless Rural Workers' Movement is, its accomplishments, and the challenges it faces in the current Brazilian political context.

*Ayala Dias Ferreira* holds a degree in Pedagogy from the Federal University of Pará and a specialization in Agrarian Residence / PRONERA from the Federal University of Pará / Marabá Campus. Ayala has been an MST activist for over 15 years and is responsible for many political and organizational tasks in the movement, including the coordination of MST Internationalist Brigade in Cuba, in 2008 - 2009. Today she is a member of MST National Board and coordinates the Human Rights sector.

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