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Today is Terra Madre Day

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Right now, 1119 Terra Madre Days are being held in every corner of the world, in 124 different countries, all organized by the Slow Food and Terra Madre network. From New Zealand to the Americas, Slow Food members, Presidium producers, food communities, cooks, academics, young people and musicians have united in a collective global celebration of local food that's good, clean and fair. This year confirms the success of the first edition in 2009, held on Slow Food's 20th birthday, when 1,028 Terra Madre Days were held in 118 countries.

The objective of this year's Terra Madre Day is to collect funds to finance the creation of a thousand vegetable gardens in Africa: in schools, in villages, on the outskirts of cities. The Terra Madre gardens will be run by the communities, planted with local varieties and cultivated using sustainable techniques. The idea is not new, but comes from many agricultural and educational projects already ongoing in Kenya, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Morocco, Ethiopia, Senegal and Tanzania.

For more information, see Terra Madre Day on the Slow Food Movement Web site.

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