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Expert Seminar

The Right to Food Sovereignty and Other Collective Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas

6 October 2017

United Nations – Palais des Nations – Room VIII

Interpretation English/Spanish

Program with Panelists

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Friday 6 October 2017

9h00 Welcome and Introduction

1. Felix Kirchmeier, Manager of Policy Studies, Geneva Academy
2. Hubert René Schillinger, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Geneva Office
3. Barbara Fontana, Head, Office of Human Rights, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva
4. H.E. Ambassador Nardi Suxo Iturry, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations (UN) in Geneva

9h20-10h00 – Keynote Speech by Olivier De Schutter, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

10h00-10h30 – Coffee Break

10h30-12h00 – Panel 1 – Do we need to include a right to food sovereignty in the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas?

Moderator: Adriana Bessa, Research Fellow, Geneva Academy

Experts (10 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Geneviève Savigny, Member of the Coordination Committee, European Coordination Via Campesina
2. Priscilla Claeys, Senior Research Fellow in Food Sovereignty, Human Rights and Resilience, Coventry University
3. Christina Schiavoni, PhD Researcher, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam
4. Christophe Golay, Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on ESCR, Geneva Academy

12h00-13h00 – Lunch (sandwiches and refreshments)

13h00-14h30 – Panel 2 – Do we need to include other collective rights in the UN Declaration, such as the right to land and other natural resources, and the right to free, prior and informed consent?

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3. Liz Alden Wily, Fellow, Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University
4. Andrea Nuila, Program on the Rights of Peasants and Human Rights Defenders, FIAN International
5. Jeremie Gilbert, Professor of International and Comparative Law, University of East London

14h30-15h00 – Coffee Break

15h00-16h30 – Panel 3 – Can we use agreed language in recognizing the right to food sovereignty and other collective rights in the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas?

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3. Ana María Suárez Franco, Permanent Representative in Geneva, FIAN International
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16h30-17h00 – The Way Forward: Discussion on the Future of the Negotiation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas

Moderator: Felix Kirchmeier, Manager of Policy Studies, Geneva Academy

Discussion with H. E. Ambassador Nardi Suxo Iturry, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations in Geneva

17h00 - Conclusion to the Expert Seminar (Geneva Academy)