



DESCRIPTION

What is the human rights impact of land grabbing? How have United Nations (UN) human rights mechanisms responded to the phenomenon? What forms of protection are currently being provided under international law in relation to the right to land, as well as for land rights defenders? What mechanisms are available to monitor and remedy human rights violations associated with land grabbing at the national or regional levels?

This training course provides participants with an in-depth examination of the complex relationship between human rights and land grabbing. The course focuses on the impact of land grabbing on the rights to food, water, housing, and work, and on the protection of land rights defenders, who are among those most at risk of being arbitrarily arrested or killed.

Participants will be provided with information on the ongoing negotiation process to elaborate a UN declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, which contains provisions on the right to land.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, development and human rights institutions, UN bodies and other international organizations, representatives of governments and social movements, and members of academia.

It is also designed for land rights defenders and those supporting them, and for people interested in the negotiation of the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people in rural areas at the Human Rights Council.

PROGRAMME

The training course covers the following issues:

- The normative content of human rights affected by land grabbing, in particular economic, social and cultural rights, and the obligations of States related to these rights
- Human rights impact of land grabbing
- Human rights responses to land grabbing
- The protection of human rights defenders in the context of land grabbing
- Role of UN mechanisms in monitoring human rights violations associated with land grabbing (Human Rights Council, special procedures and treaty bodies)
- Access to justice at the national and regional levels
- History and current status of the negotiation process for the drafting of a UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- The recognition of the right to land in the draft UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- Discussions with experts, civil society representatives, and diplomats negotiating the draft UN Declaration

Participants are invited to attend the expert seminar on the rights of peasants, which will be held at the UN on Friday 6 October 2017, 9:00-17:30 (free of charge).

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CERTIFICATION

Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate of participation from the Geneva Academy.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

- Fees: **CHF 1,230** (30% discount for PhD and master students)
- Deadlines:
- 2 September 2017 without visa
 - 2 July 2017 with visa

