

**Expert Seminar
The Right to Land and other Natural Resources**

**17 November 2016
United Nations – Palais des Nations – Room VIII**

Program with Panelists

(14 November 2016)

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9h00 Welcome and Introduction to the Expert Seminar

1. Felix Kirchmeier, Manager of Policy Study, Geneva Academy
2. Hubert René Schillinger, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Geneva Office
3. Sandra Lendenmann Winterberg, Head, Section for Human Rights Policy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
4. H.E. Ambassador Nardi Suxo Iturry, Permanent representative of Bolivia to the United Nations in Geneva

9h15-9h30 - Video Message by Olivier De Schutter, Member of the United Nations (UN) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

9h30-11h00 - Panel 1 - Do we need to include a right to land and other natural resources in the United Nations Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas?

Moderator: Christophe Golay, Research Fellow and Strategic Advisor on ESCR, Geneva Academy

Experts (10 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Ramona Duminiciou, Eco Ruralis (Romania), European Coordination La Via Campesina
2. Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Secretary General, FIAN International
3. Bahram Ghazi, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
4. Michael Taylor, Director, International Land Coalition (ILC)

11h00-11h30 - Coffee Break

11h30-13h00 – Panel 2 – Should the UN Declaration recognize individual and/or collective entitlements in an article on the right to land and other natural resources?

Moderator: Priscilla Claeys, Senior Research Fellow in Food Sovereignty, Human Rights and Resilience, Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University

Experts (10 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Secretary General, FIAN International
2. Henry Saragih, Serikat Petani Indonesia, International Coordination Committee, La Via Campesina
3. Jeremie Gilbert, Professor of International and Comparative Law, University of East London
4. Miguel Ángel Martín López, Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations, University of Seville
5. Adriana Bessa, Research Fellow, Geneva Academy

13h00-14h00 – Lunch (sandwiches and refreshments) at the Palais des Nations

14h00-15h30 – Panel 3 – Can we use agreed language in recognizing a right to land and other natural resources in the United Nations 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. Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Secretary General, FIAN International
2. Melik Özden, Director, CETIM
3. Jeremie Gilbert, Professor of International and Comparative Law, University of East London
4. Christophe Golay, Research Fellow and Strategic Advisor on ESCR, Geneva Academy

15h30-16h00 – Coffee Break

16h00-17h00 – The Way Forward: Discussion on the Future of the Negotiations of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas

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

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

17h00 - Conclusions to the Expert Seminar (Government of Switzerland, Geneva Academy and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung)