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Expert Seminar

The Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas

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United Nations – Palais des Nations – Room VIII

Interpretation English/Spanish

Final Program with Confirmed Panelists

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Wednesday 31 October 2018

9h00 – Welcome and Introduction

1. Felix Kirchmeier, Manager of Policy Studies, Geneva Academy
2. Hubert René Schillinger, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Geneva Office
3. H.E. Ambassador Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations (UN) in Geneva
4. María Natalia Pacheco Rodríguez, Councillor, Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the UN in Geneva

9h30-10h00 – Keynote Speech

Jean Ziegler, Member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

10h00-11h15 – Panel 1

Lessons Learned from the Implementation of the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples

Moderator: Ana María Suárez Franco, Permanent Representative in Geneva, FIAN International

Panelists (10 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Olmer Torrejón Alcoba, Councillor, Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the UN in Geneva
1. Paulo David, Head, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Programme, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
2. Karmen Ramírez Boscán, CEO and Founder, Wayunkerra Indigenous Women's Initiative
3. Pierrette Birraux, Committee and Board Member, Former Scientific Director (1990-2011), Indigenous peoples' centre for documentation, research and information (Docip)

11h15-11h45 – Coffee Break

11h45-13h00 – Panel 2

The role of States in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

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

Panelists (15 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. María Natalia Pacheco Rodríguez, Councillor, Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the UN in Geneva
2. Yatasha Naidoo, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the UN in Geneva
3. Benjamin Müller, Deputy Head, Office of Human Rights Policy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

13h00-14h00 – Lunch (sandwiches and refreshments)

14h00-15h15 – Panel 3

The role of civil society organizations and social movements in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

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

Panelists (15 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Geneviève Savigny, Member of the Coordination Committee, European Coordination Via Campesina
2. Sofia Monsalve Suárez, Secretary General, FIAN International
3. Melik Özden, Director, Centre Europe – Tiers Monde (CETIM)

15h15-15h45 – Coffee Break

15h45-17h00 – Panel 4

The role of international organizations in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

Moderator: Ana María Suárez Franco, Permanent Representative in Geneva, FIAN International

Panelists (15 minutes each, followed by a discussion)

1. Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett, Director, Liaison Office with the UN in Geneva, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
2. Josep A. Garí, Senior Policy Advisor, UN Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Geneva
3. Elvis Beytullayev, Officer, Rural Economy Sectors and Decent Work for Food Security, International Labour Organization (ILO)

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