



## INVITATION

The **Permanent Representation of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP** and the **Permanent Representation of Costa-Rica to the UN Agencies in Rome** are pleased to invite you to the following information event organized in the context of the UN Decade of Family Farming.

***How the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants may contribute to the UN Decade of Family Farming***

Monday 17 June, 15.30 - 18:00  
**Istituto Svizzero di Roma (ISR), Via Liguria 20**

The UN General Assembly adopted, in December 2018, the UN Declaration on the Rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants, UNDROP) as the results of more than 6 years of negotiation within the UN Human Rights Council. The adoption of the UNDROP came at the perfect time to be a significant contribution to the UN Decade for Family Farming 2019-2028 that will be officially launched at FAO on May 29. It is, therefore, particularly relevant for the 3 Rome-based UN Agencies (RBAs).

The objective of this event, co-organized with the Department of Political Sciences of University of Roma Tre and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, is to present the UNDROP and discuss about its contributions to the implementation of the UN Decade of Family Farming.

You will find enclosed the programme as well as a research brief on the implementation of the UN Declaration.

***Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.***

You are therefore kindly invited to confirm your participation as soon as possible to the following address [roa.registrationch@eda.admin.ch](mailto:roa.registrationch@eda.admin.ch). You will receive a confirmation of the registration and any additional information regarding organisation.

The information event will be followed from 18:15 to 20:00 by a reception in the gardens of the Istituto Svizzero di Roma, a unique location in the Centre of Rome.

We look forward to meeting you at this occasion

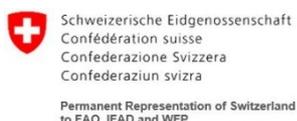
### **François Pythoud**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP

### **Marco Vinicio Vargas**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN Agencies in Rome

Chairperson of the International Steering Committee of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028.





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**Organizers: Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Permanent Representation of Switzerland and Permanent Representation of Costa-Rica, Istituto Svizzero di Roma**

*Objective: Presentation of the UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (UNDROP) and discussion on how it can contribute to the UN Decade of Family Farming.*

### Programme

Facilitator. Ambassador *Francois Pythoud*, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

- 15:30 Welcome by Facilitator
- 15:40 Keynote speech 1 *The UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (UNDROP)*, Dr Christophe Golay, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- 16:00 Keynote speech 2 *The UNDROP and the Right to Food*, Prof. Cristiana Carletti, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università degli Studi Roma Tre
- 16:20 *The UN Decade of Family Farming*, Ambassador *Marco Vinicio Vargas*, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica
- 16:35 *The Swiss Perspective on the UNDROP*, Mr Benjamin Müller, Human Right Policy Unit, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- 16:45 *Views of Peasants/Farmers*, Ms Ramona Duminicioiu, Member of the Coordination Committee of the European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)
- 17:00 Discussion: How UNDROP may contribute to the UN Decade of Family Farming
- Ms Charlotte Salford, Associate Vice President, IFAD
  - Ms Marcela Villareal, Director Partnerships and South-South Cooperation, FAO
  - Ms Stephanie Hochstetter, Director Rome-Based Agencies and CFS, WFP
  - Interventions from the public
- 17:50 Wrap-up and conclusions: Ms Amarilli Villegas, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN Agencies in Rome
- 18:00 Social event in the garden

*The event will be held in English.*

