



Land Grabbing, Land Rights and Human Rights: (Re) Setting the Agenda

Friday 6th of June 2014

Programme

9.30-10.00: Registration, introduction, and welcome

10.00-11.15: Panel 1: Context: Globalisation, Land Grabbing and Human Rights

- Fred Pearce (Freelance Journalist), “The Landgrabbers: The New Fight Over Who Owns The Earth”
- Camilla Toulmin (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK): “Land Grabbing, Climate Change and Human Rights”
- Joseph Schechla (Housing and Land Rights Network, Egypt): The Human Rights Dimensions of Land and Contemporary Uprisings (Arab Spring, Turkey, Brazil)

11.15-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.45: Panel 2: Reconsidering Property Rights, Land Reforms, and Human Rights

- Vinodh Jaichand (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa): “Finding Common Grounds: Rights Arising from Land Reform in South Africa, India and Brazil”
- Ahmed Khanou (Deputy Minister, Lands, Country Planning and the Environment, Sierra Leone): “Land management and administration in the context of Foreign Direct Investments: Perspectives from Sierra Leone” (TBC)
- Jeremie Gilbert (University of East London, UK): “Land Rights as Human Rights: The Forgotten Right?”

12.45-14.00: Lunch Break

14.00-15.30: Panel 3: Marginalised Groups and Land Rights

- Marco Lankhorst (The Hague Institute for Global Justice, Netherlands): “Customary Land Rights, Women and Human Rights”
- Lucy Claridge (Minority Rights Group International): “Litigating Land Rights for Minorities and Indigenous Peoples: Successes and Challenges”
- Georges Thierry Handja (Rainforest Foundation UK), “Mapping for Rights: Experiences from the Congo Basin”

15.30-15.45: Tea Break

15.45-16.30: Panel 4: Land Rights and Conflicts

- Rhodri C. Williams (International Legal Assistance Consortium, Sweden): “Transitional Justice and Land Rights”
- Clara Sandoval (Essex University, UK): “Remedies and Reparations for Land Rights Dispossession”

16.30-17.30: Panel 5: Recent Initiatives to Support Land Rights

- Thea Gelbspan (International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), “Seeding Hope? Networking to support Land Rights in the International Human Rights Agenda”
- Melissa Riess James (Namati), “The Community Land Rights Casebase”
- John Kabia (Fund for Global Human Rights, Program Officer for West Africa): “Supporting Women’s Land Rights in the Face of Corporate Land Acquisition: Donor Responses and Reflections”

17.30-18.00: **Panel discussion:**

What future for human rights law regarding land grabbing and land rights? future plans for research and follow-up

18.00-21.00: Dinner for Speakers