

SE12: Implementing the Right to Food Guidelines and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants in Africa and Europe – A Civil Society Perspective

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Description

This side event will bring together civil society voices from Africa and Europe to discuss the implementation of the Right to Food Guidelines and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP). The realization of the Right to Food is closely linked to the rights to land, seeds, food sovereignty and participation enshrined in UNDROP. We will discuss the struggles and successes of peasants, pastoralists, Indigenous Peoples and civil society organizations in promoting these rights in Africa and Europe.

KEY NOTE: Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

PANEL DISCUSSION: Julliet Ogubi (Cemiride, Kenya), Tunsume Mwaibasa (Welthungerhilfe, Malawi), Lungisa Hunsa (Rural Women Assembly, South Africa), Paula Gioia (European Coordination Via Campesina, Germany), Christophe Golay (Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Humanitarian Law, Switzerland)

CONCLUSION: Geneviève Savigny, Chair of the UN Working Group on UNDROP (on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas)