General discussion on States obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and governance of land tenure
14 October 2019 – Palais des Nations, room XVII

Agenda (rev. 11.10.19)

10:00 – 10:10 h
Panel 1: Introduction
Towards a General comment on ICESCR and land: Process and discussion on issues paper.
- Olivier De Schutter, Rapporteur, CESCR

10:10 – 11:10 h
Panel 2: Pressures on land and speculation

Moderator: Olivier De Schutter, Rapporteur, CESCR
Speaker: Lorenzo Cotula, Principal Researcher, Law and Sustainable Development, International Institute for Environment and Development

Reactions:
- Christophe Golay, Senior Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser on ESC Rights, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- Ana Jacqueline Gómez Tierra, President of National Institute of Colonisation, Uruguay
- Iris Krebber, Head of Agriculture and Land, Directorate General for Economic Development and International, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (VTC)

11:10 – 12:30 h
Panel 3: Protection of security of tenure, including gender dimensions

Moderator: Michael Windfuhr, Rapporteur, CESCR
Speaker: Miloon Kothari, Independent Expert on Human Rights and Social Policy, Former Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, UN Human Rights Council

Reactions:
- Viviana Osorio, Program Coordinator, ESCR-Net
- Jean Maurice Durand, Senior Expert on Land Governance, FAO
- Swari Utami, Expert member of driving team of social forestry acceleration Directorate General of Social Forestry and Environmental Partnership, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
12:30 – 13:00 and then 15:00-15:45 h
Panel 4: Concerns related to land by indigenous peoples, traditional groups and other vulnerable groups

Moderator: Michael Windfuhr, Rapporteur, CESC
Speaker: Kaitlin Y. Cordes, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Head of Land and Agriculture, Lead on Human Rights and Investment

Reactions:
- Federico Pacheco, La Via Campesina
- Laila Susanne Vars, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (VTC)
- Cissé Salim, Permanent Secretary of Agricultural orientation law, the Ministry of Agriculture, Mali

15:45 – 16:45 h
Panel 5: Land rights and conflicts

Moderator: Rodrigo Uprimny, Rapporteur, CESC
Speaker: Prof. Camilo Sanches, Dejusticia and Virginia University

Reactions:
- Philip Seufert, FIAN-International
- Leiria Vay Garcia, CODECA - Comite de Desarrollo Campesino, Guatemala (VTC)

16:45 – 17:45h
Panel 6: Land under changing environmental conditions and climate change

Moderator: Olivier De Schutter, Rapporteur, CESC
Speaker: Kirtana Chandrasekaran, International programme coordinator - Food Sovereignty Friends of the Earth International (VTC)

Reactions:
- Joshua Castellino, Professor of Law, Executive Director of Minority Rights Group International
- Santiago Sanchez, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales

17:45 – 18:00h
Closing

- Michael Windfuhr, Rapporteur, CESC