

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Sixty-sixth session

30 September – 18 October 2019

Item (3) of the agenda

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, CESCR

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, CESCR

Speaker: **Prof. Camilo Sanches**, Dejusticia and Virginia University

Reactions:

- **Philip Seufert**, FIAN-International
- **Leiria Vay García**, CODECA - Comité de Desarrollo Campesino, Guatemala (VTC)

16:45 – 17:45h

Panel 6: Land under changing environmental conditions and climate change

Moderator: Olivier De Schutter, Rapporteur, CESCR

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, CESCR