

6, 7 and 10 February 2020

The Farmers' Forum

In conjunction with the Forty-third session
of IFAD's Governing Council



Title of the side event: UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants ***Subtitle: Human Rights – the foundation for the future of Family Farming***

Side Event organized by La Via Campesina

with the participation of FAO, IFAD, Indonesia (? TBD), Switzerland (? TBD),

Monday 10 February 2020, 11:00 – 12:30

IFAD HQ, Italian Room

Objectives of the Side Event

To inform the countries, the farmers organizations and the institutions participating at the Farmers' Forum on the Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People working in rural areas (UNDROP) recently recognized by the United Nations. Also to exchange on the concrete possibilities that the UN Decade for Family Farming is offering for the implementation of peasants rights, as a framework for public policies in support of family farmers. In the same time the participants will be invited to reflect on how the human rights in rural societies can play a pivotal role for the future of farming, in the current aggravating crisis context: climate, social and economical.

Context

The adoption of the UNDROP by the UN General Assembly (December 2018), came at the perfect time to be a significant contribution to the UN Decade for Family Farming (UN DFF, 2019–2028) which benefits from support and was integrated in the work of two major UN agencies: IFAD and FAO. It is particularly relevant for the process of IFAD's Farmers' Forum – to make the link between UNDROP, an instrument of recognition and protection of the rights of rural people and the UN DFF, a framework that promotes public policies in support of family farmers. This link enhances the efforts for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, bringing a direct contribution to the sustainable food production and the eradication of poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition.

In this framework, the promoters and initiators of the both processes, will propose to the participants at the Farmers' Forum to take a look at the challenges in the current state of global food and agriculture and how to best implement the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas and mainstream human rights across this sector, including through IFAD Social, Environmental and Climate Assessment Procedures (SECAP)..

Agenda and speakers

Moderator: Stefano Prato – International for International Development (TBC)

Opening remarks

Mrs. Elizabeth Mpofu – General Secretary, La Via Campesina (Zimbabwe)

(TBC)

Mr Guilherme Brady - Head of the Family Farming and Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations Unit, FAO (TBC)

Panel (2 countries and 2 representatives of farmers organizations; 1 from LVC and one from an ally farmers organization of IPC)

Country 1 – Indonesia (TBC)

Country 2 – Switzerland (TBC)

FO representative from LVC (TBC)

FO representative from IPC (TBC)

Debate