Investments and Land Rights

The role of the private sector in ensuring responsible governance of tenure

A seminar hosted by FoHRC - Food, Human Rights and Corporations, and FIAN Norway

Time: Monday 13 June 09:00 - 15:30
Where: Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), Cort Adelers gate 30, Oslo

09:00-12:15 Morning Session, moderated by Aksel Temte, NCHR/FoHRC:
When states fail to provide adequate rights protection to farmers and forest-dependent communities, should companies be encouraged to take on that role?

09:00-11:00 Welcome by Wenche Barth Eide, FoHRC Coordinator
Aksel Temte, NCHR/ FoHRC: Introduction to the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT) and the role of the private sector

Keynote speaker: Andy White, Coordinator of the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) and Co-chair of the Interlaken Group: Working with the private sector to respect local land rights: RRI’s approach and the role of the Interlaken Group
Henry Thomas Simarmata, La Via Campesina: The Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure at a crossroads
Poul Wisborg, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences: Large-scale land acquisitions and the interdependence of rights
Others to be confirmed

Panel discussion

11:00-11.20 Coffee/tea
11:20-12:15 Plenary discussion
12:15-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:30 Afternoon Session, moderated by Kristin Kjæret, Former Executive Director of FIAN Norway:
The impact of land and land forest investments on food security and small-scale farmers - how to ensure meaningful consultation and participation?

13:00-14.15 Hans Morten Haugen, VID Specialized University: Consultation and participation by affected groups - a wider application of the principles of 'Free, Prior, and Informed Consent' (FPIC)?
Elin Cecilie Ranum, The Development Fund: Large-scale investments, land ownership, and food security in Central America
Frankie Abreau, Tenasserim River and Indigenous River Network (TRIP NET), Myanmar: Threat to Karen land and food security in Tanintharyi, Myanmar
Q&A

14:15-15:30 Representative from the private sector tbc
NORAD tbc

Discussion
Summary and closure