

What shall States do to face the activities by TNCs and other business enterprises which contribute to rising hunger and malnutrition?

Side Event during the Session of the OEIGWG on a Binding Instrument on TNCs and other business enterprises with respect to Human Rights –

Date: October 26th 2018

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 Pm

Venue: Room XXVII

Interpretation: English, Spanish and French – Sandwiches and beverages will be provided

Which is the role of TNCs, OBEs and States in...

- Peasants and indigenous leaving their livelihoods which allow them to feed themselves in dignity and ending up working under slavery-similar conditions, *favelas* in big cities, prostitution or migration groups which threaten their lives and condemn them to hunger?
- The role of pension funds from the global north in land grabbing and criminalization of rural communities?
- Undermining women's rights to make informed decisions about how to feed their infants and young children, resulting in an increase of babies' vulnerability to poor health and development along their lives?
- Peasants using genetic modified seeds and pesticides, when they represent a threat for their own and for public health?
- Obesity and diabetes becoming widespread while parents and medical doctors are powerless in facing these illnesses?

Based on real experiences, right to food and nutrition advocates will enlighten the answers to these questions and explain the way how, while seeking for profit, TNCs and OBEs contribute to hunger and malnutrition, along food systems. They will also discuss which is the role of States' authorities on these crimes. Strategies used by TNCs and OBE's to keep impunity will be identified, including that of corporate capture of governance spaces.

Needed actions by states, territorially and extraterritorially, will be identified and the potential added value of the binding instrument on TNCs and OBES with respect to human rights will be analysed.

Speakers:

1. **Taina Hedmann** – CITI: The impacts of TNCs and OBEs on the Right to Food and Nutrition of indigenous communities (Land, seeds, fisheries, nutrition) from a gender perspective.
2. **Daniel Fyfe** – The impact of pension funds' investments and financialization in access to food and nutrition of rural communities
3. **Baskut Tunkat** – **Special Rapporteur on Toxics**: The situation of workers in facing TNCs and OBEs abuses on their Right to Food and Nutrition
4. **Alessia Bigi** - **IBFAN**: Corporate impact on the right to informed decision of women on how to feed their children
5. **Juan Carlos Morales**- **FIAN Colombia**: The adverse impact of ultra-processed food on children and adolescents and the challenges faced in seeking regulation and accountability

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