



The Permanent Missions of the Plurinational State of Bolivia,
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have the honor to invite you to the

**SIDE EVENT ON
THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON
THE RIGHTS OF PEASANTS
AND OTHER PEOPLE WORKING IN RURAL AREAS**

Wednesday November 14th 2018, 3.15pm
ECOSOC Chamber (United Nations Headquarters)

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It will be an opportunity to inform the membership of the uniquely open, transparent and participative process that led to the adoption of the Declaration for the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas during in the 39th Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva in September 2018.

Throughout the negotiations, member states and UN agencies welcomed the meaningful participation of civil society stake holders, among them the international peasants' movement La Via Campesina. After years of participating and contributing to the discussion of the Declaration in Geneva, they have come to New York to accompany the adoption of the Resolution and will brief member states in the current situation of peasants around the world and their need for this instrument to be endorsed.

The Resolution we are promoting strengthens the protection and realization of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, to reflect their specific situations and priorities. As such, it is not devoted to defending a particular group, but it is about defending an agricultural model, the small-scale family farming, that is being threatened by the expansion of export oriented industrial agriculture, causing increasing levels of poverty among peasant populations in rural areas. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as our briefer from Academia, will delve into the legal and human rights related aspects of this Resolution.





Finally, the participation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will highlight the links between the Resolution United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas and the realization of the right to adequate food for all. Peasant agriculture contributes to agro-biodiversity, supports the development of rural areas as well as contributes to the implementation of the SDGs. If we are to make the world food secure and eliminate hunger, we have to protect peasants who produce 70% of the world's food.

PROGRAM:

OPENING REMARKS:

H.E. Sacha Sergio Llorentty Solíz, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Christian Curtis, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Liaison Office in New York

Ms. Smita Narula, Haub Distinguished Professor of International Law, Elisabeth Haub School of Law and Pace University

Ms. Ramona Dominiciu (La Via Campesina Romania)

Mr. Diego Montón (La Via Campesina Argentina)

CLOSING REMARKS:

Representative of the Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations

