

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEASANTS

VILLA MOYNIER, 120 B RUE DE LAUSANNE, GENEVA AND ONLINE | 7-11 DECEMBER 2020

**DESCRIPTION**

The United Nations (UN) Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (UNDROP) was adopted in 2018.

How was it achieved? What does it mean for the protection and promotion of the rights of peasants, rural women, fisher, pastoralist and nomadic communities, as well as agricultural workers? What are the roles of states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas in the implementation of the UNDROP? How can UN human rights mechanisms monitor its implementation? Which lessons can be learned from the implementation of the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples (UNDRIP) adopted in 2007?

This training course helps participants to respond to these questions. It analyses the origins, drafting and content of the UNDROP, and provides participants with practical tools to include the UNDROP in their work. Two examples of national implementation – in Colombia and Switzerland – are discussed. Themes covered include the rights of rural women, as well as the rights to food and food sovereignty, land and other natural resources, and seeds and biological diversity.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with international human rights experts and with representatives of states, international organizations, NGOs and peasant movements who contributed to the adoption of the UNDROP.

PROGRAMME

The course covers the following issues:

- History and negotiation of the UNDROP
- Content, rights and obligations in the UNDROP
- Lessons learned from the implementation of the UNDRIP
- Gender equality and the rights of rural women
- Rights of agricultural workers
- Rights to food, food sovereignty, land and other natural resources, seeds and biological diversity
- Roles of states, international organizations, NGOs and social movements in the implementation of the UNDROP
- Role of UN human rights mechanisms in monitoring the UNDROP
- National implementation – the examples of Colombia and Switzerland.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, participants will be:

- Knowledgeable about the history and drafting of the UNDROP
- Familiar with the content of the UNDROP
- Able to identify and effectively describe violations of the UNDROP
- Able to integrate tools for implementing and monitoring the UNDROP in their work
- Able to discuss challenges in the implementation of specific rights enshrined in the UNDROP, such as the rights of rural women, as well as the rights to food, food sovereignty, land and other natural resources, seeds and biological diversity
- Familiar with the roles of states, international organizations, NGOs, and representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas in the implementation of the UNDROP
- Aware of the role that UN human rights mechanisms can play in monitoring the implementation of the UNDROP.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, social movements, peasant organizations, development and human rights institutions, UN bodies and other international organizations, as well as representatives of governments and members of academia.

METHODOLOGY

The course is interactive and participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and perspectives on the issues. The training sessions include lectures and discussions with experts, as well as practical examples and case studies. Sessions are designed to enhance knowledge exchange with peers and facilitators.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

Given the current situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants who will not be able to travel to Geneva will have the possibility to follow the course online.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

Fees:	CHF 1,530 (30 percent discount for PhD and master students)
Deadlines:	• Application with visa end: 12 October 2020 • Application without visa end: 22 November 2020