





## Website Launch Defending Peasants' Rights: Platform of rural struggles in action

A new collaborative knowledge base for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas

On this 4th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP), La Via Campesina, FIAN, CETIM and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights are thrilled to launch a shared website dedicated to the UNDROP : **Defending Peasants' Rights: Platform of rural struggles in action !** 

On December 12th we launched the 'beta' version of the new website. Throughout the coming weeks we will be adding resources and broadening the knowledge base. Please note that we are working in multiple languages, so if you see any vocabulary or grammar errors, let us know. It is a collaborative work in progress. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please get in touch - the editorial team is open to comments.

On December 17th, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the UNDROP. This adoption was the culmination of over 17 years of work by the international peasant movement, La Via Campesina (LVC). This work was a collaborative process with other rural movements, civil society organizations and academic partners, in particular CETIM, FIAN International and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

## It's time to bring the Declaration to life

With adoption well behind us, it is time to broaden the struggle for UNDROP implementation and connect rights holders around the world. We believe that it is through shared knowledge and experiences that movements defending peasants' rights will bring the UNDROP to life: this is why we built this website together, to serve as a platform for sharing and exchange.

## A tool for and by all

Our website is intended for everyone, regardless of one's familiarity with UNDROP. Any person or collective wishing to work towards the realization of peasants' rights will find inspiration here. On it you will find the story of UNDROP's development, the laws and policies connected to the UNDROP at all levels (including case law), examples of implementations strategies, and many publications and training materials produced about the UNDROP.

This website will evolve and expand thanks to the collective effort and contributions. All ideas, materials, proposals and examples of practices, struggles, successes and even failures are welcome. Please get in touch if you are interested in contributing to this work.

We will work to make this website a place of knowledge and encounter, where people fighting for the rights of peasants and rural workers will find both materials and allies.



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