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From Land Acquisition to Land Grabbing

Regulate, Restrict or Refuse?

Thursday, January 14th 2016 | 16:15 – 18:45 | apéro afterwards
University of Berne | Schanzeneckstrasse 1 | UniS Room A 003

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Programme

16:15 **WELCOME NOTE** by **Bernard DuPasquier,** Director Bread for All

16:20 **INTRODUCTION: What are the global drivers of land acquisitions?**
Markus Giger, Researcher at CDE

16:40 **GLOBAL GUIDELINES: Helping communities or helping investors?**
Global guidelines regarding land rights of peasants are ambiguous: In Ethiopia, donors support government implementation of such guidelines yet land rights activists are routinely criminalised.
Nyikew Ochala, ASO, Ethiopian NGO fighting for criminalised activists
Philip Seufert, FIAN, International NGO working on the right to food
Christina Blank, Swiss Development Cooperation

17:15 **BREAK**

17:30 **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT: A turn for the better?**
Responsible investment is often seen as a magic bullet. But it is unclear to whom these investors are accountable. What can be the role of the legal system in Switzerland?
Peter Messerli, Director CDE
Antoinette Hunziker-Ebneter, Forma Futura Invest AG (tbc)
Peasant, La Via Campesina, International peasant movement
Henk Hobbelink, GRAIN, NGO credited for coining the term land grabbing

18:00 **GRASSROOTS RESISTANCE: Against local elites and corporations**
People find creative ways of struggle–with the help of existing laws; through networking or organizing a series of demonstrations in West Africa.
Claire Quenum, AFSA, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa
Simon Bodea, Synergie Paysanne, Farmers' union, Benin
Anton Widjaya, Walhi, Environmental organisation, Indonesia

18:35 **SUMMING UP**
Elisabeth Bürgi, Member of the Foundation Board, Bread for All

APÉRO

The event will be held in French and English (with translation in both languages)

More information on: www.brotfueralle.ch/landgrabbing
Entry free, but registration appreciated: event@bfa-ppp.ch