

# The new Landgrab in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Symposium | Berlin | 18 November 2010

## PROGRAMME

- 1 pm Welcome Remarks // Presentation of the Programme  
*Carolyn Callenius (Bread for the World), Thorsten Schulz (FDCL)*
- 1:15 pm Overview: The current hunt for land – Driving forces, number and importance of the new land deals, preferred target countries, presumed (global) land reserve  
*Dr Ralf Leonhard (FIAN Austria; independent journalist, Vienna)*
- 2 pm Landrights in Bagamoyo District, Tanzania  
*Abdallah Ramadhani Mkindi (Envirocare)*
- 2:45 pm Coffee Break
- 3 pm Territorial conflicts in the northeast of Colombia  
*Judith Maldonado Mojica (CCA), Gilma Rosa Tellez (ASCAMCAT)*
- 3:45 pm Land Grabbing in India  
*Fatima N. Burnad (SRED)*
- 4:30 pm Coffee Break
- 4:45 pm The Private Sector: Development Agent or Land-Grabber? Agro-Investments by banks, funds and companies and the contribution by financing for development  
*Thomas Fritz (FDCL), Dr Thomas Koch (DEG)*
- 5:45 pm The Role of Development Cooperation –  
Land policies of the German and European development cooperation  
*Roman Herre (FIAN Germany), Vera Köppen (GTZ)*
- 6:45 pm Coffee Break
- 7 pm Overview and appraisal of international initiatives to regulate landgrabbing – What do achieve initiatives like the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment by the World Bank, FAO, IFAD and UNCTAD or the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Land and Natural Resource Tenure of the FAO? *Sophie Ratzke (BMELV), Michael Windfuhr (Bread for the World)*
- 8 pm Panel discussion: A perspective on actions required given the New Land Grab  
**Moderation:** *Dr Ralf Leonhard* **Panel:** *Abdallah Mkindi (Envirocare), Judith Maldonado Mojica (CCA), Fatima N. Burnad (SRED), Carolyn Callenius (Bread for the World)*
- 9 pm End of the symposium

**Venue** Church Hall, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Hotels, Ziegelstr. 30, 10117 Berlin. The venue - map: [www.hotel-dietrich-bonhoeffer.de/karte.php](http://www.hotel-dietrich-bonhoeffer.de/karte.php) - lies within a 10 minutes walk from Friedrichstraße train station or subway station Oranienburger Tor (U6).

**About the symposium** Main conference language will be German. Simultaneous translation into English and Spanish will be provided. More information about the conference: [www.land-grabbing.de](http://www.land-grabbing.de) // Please register for free via Email: [info@fdcl.org](mailto:info@fdcl.org)

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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

**Bread for the World** With the current campaign „Niemand isst für sich allein“ (No one is/eats on its own) „Bread for the World“ broaches the issue of the global competition of producers of „biofuels“ and animal feed/feeding stuff on the one hand and the fasting population of development countries on the other hand about/for fruitful/lucrative farmland. Politics is challenged but also the consumers. With the post card-action „Who wants to fill up with/by hunger?“ „Bread for the World“ claims the inclusion of social criteria into the Guideline of the European Union and the German regulation on sustainability that prevent the displacement of the rural population or their hiring on plantations under slave-like conditions. [www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/ernaehrung](http://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/ernaehrung)

The Berlin-based **Centre of Research and Documentation Chile–Latin America e.V.** (FDCL non-profit registered association) exists since 1974 and is a center for information and communication for individuals and groups that wish to inform themselves or get involved with Latin America-related issues. Since several years one of the main focuses of the project work of the FDCL is to connect thematically issues in the range of trade and development policies with the human rights. <http://fdcl-berlin.de/publikationen/>

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

For more than 25 years SRED has been fighting for the rights of the Dalit population – in particular the disadvantaged Dalit women – by/with/through organizational and educational work, protest marches, hearings and stage performances.

**Carolin Callenius** is an agroengineer and spent many years working as a freelance journalist, coach and consultant in the field of agro-political and gender themes. Currently, she works at the department Politics and Campaigns of „Bread for the World“ in Stuttgart and manages the campaign „Niemand isst für sich allein“ (No one is/eats on its own).

**Thomas Fritz** is a freelance journalist and has been working on economic, development and environmental issues for many years. He has published numerous studies, books and articles in magazines and works freelance for the FDCL.

**Roman Herre** graduated in 2005 with a degree in geography with the focus on rural development. After his work at the international artist initiative ART at WORK (educational work and human rights) he has been working for the international human rights organization FIAN (FoodFirst Information- and Action-Network) since 2007. His project focuses there are biofuels and agricultural reforms.

**Dr Thomas Koch** is First Vice President, Strategic Projects in emerging markets and developing countries, in particular in the agribusiness sector. He is DEG's representative in the Board of Directors of Latin American Agribusiness Development Cooperation – a private agri development bank. DEG, member of KfW Bankengruppe (KfW banking group), is one of the largest European development finance institutions for nearly 50 years.

**Vera Köppen** has a degree in Business Administration and Development Studies. She works in the planning sector of „Land Management“ in the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ). The project aims for an advancement of the integration of poverty-oriented and conflict-sensitive approaches to land policy and land management. Therefore, extensive land grabbing processes are an important issue in the work area of this project.

**Dr Ralf Leonhard** is a member of the board of FIAN Austria. He works as an independent journalist in Vienna. During the 1980s and 1990s, he was based in Central America writing for a number of papers and broadcasting companies. He has a law degree from Vienna University (1978) and is alumnus of the Vienna Diplomatic Academy. In 2009 he undertook research trips on land grabbing to Uganda and Kenya.

**Judith Maldonado Mojica** is the director of the „Corporación Colectivo de Abogados Luis Carlos Pérez“ (CCA) and has been fighting for the advancement and defense of human rights for more than 9 years. The Colectivo is very involved with the rural communities in the northeast of Colombia and – legally and educationally – supports the indigenous population and small farmers fighting against social injustice, impunity and human rights abuses.

**Abdallah Ramadhani Mkindi** is an animal scientist and human ecologist. He has been working as a project coordinator in the non-governmental organization „Environmental Human Rights Care and Gender Organization“ (Envirocare) since 2005. One of the last projects he was in charge of dealt with „Biofuel and Land Rights in Bagamoyo District“.

**Sophie Ratzke** works as a consultant in the division „World Food Affairs, International Food and Agriculture Organisations“ of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV). The main focuses of her project work are the right to food and the access to land and other natural resources.



**Map of the venue location**

**Gilma Rosa Tellez Carrascal** has become chairwoman of the „Association of farmers of Catatumbo“ (ASCAMAT) at the start of 2010. ASCAMAT fights on a regional level for the political and organizational strengthening of Colombia's small farmers. The strengthening of human rights, in particular for women and small farmers, and a democratically realized land reform are also important aspects of her work.

**Michael Windfuhr** is a political scientist and expert in human rights. He has been working for civil society organizations in the field of human rights for many years, with the focus on the defense of economic, social and cultural human rights. He spent almost 20 years setting and building up and leading the international human rights organization FIAN. Since 2006 he is the head of the human rights team of the Diakonisches Werk and „Bread for the World“.