

The practice of "land grabbing," exemplified by biofuel production, large-scale infrastructure projects, carbon-credit mechanisms and speculation, is threatening food security for hundreds of millions of people by imperilling small-scale producers, a United Nations independent expert warned today.

"The threat of land grabbing has reminded us how vital access to land is for 500 million food-insecure households around the world," UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food Olivier De Schutter said ahead of this month's meeting in Rome of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS), urging all parties to agree on guidelines for the tenure of land, fisheries and forests.

"Land rights are the first building block on the road to achieving food security, and without international consensus on how land should be governed, the interests of vulnerable land users will continue to be swept aside," he added, stressing that climate change and population growth will further complicate the problem by exacerbating tensions within and between countries. The CFS, which will meet from 17 to 21 October, could adopt a set of far-reaching guidelines on the security of tenure of smallholder farmers, nomadic herders, and fisherfolk, all of them gravely threatened by current commercial pressures on land, if Governments overcome differences in the last round of pre-summit negotiations, he said. (...)

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