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The new Working Group on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas:

Challenges and perspectives from the field

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In October 2023, at its 54th session, the Human Rights Council adopted a resolution, with an overwhelming majority, creating a new UN Special Procedure, in the form of a Working Group of five independent experts, mandated to promote the implementation of the rights enshrined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP). This represents a major achievement for rural organizations that have been claiming for the protection of their rights, while suffering from the detrimental impacts of industrial food systems controlled by the agrobusiness sector, as well as for States committed to the protection of the rights of rural people and communities.

We will discuss the main challenges and opportunities of the Working Group, as well as expectations arising from States and representatives of rights holders' organizations. We will also debate on the main topics that the Working Group should address, from the perspectives of the field, and on the best ways to ensure a good articulation between the different actors involved.

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- **H.E. Laouali Labo**, Ambassador of the Republic of Niger
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