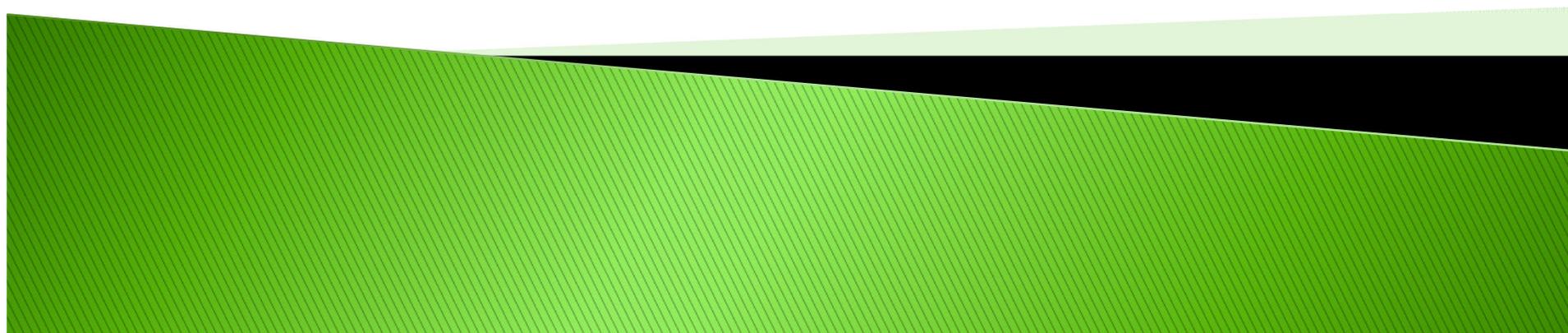




*Working for the Right to
adequate food at
International level*

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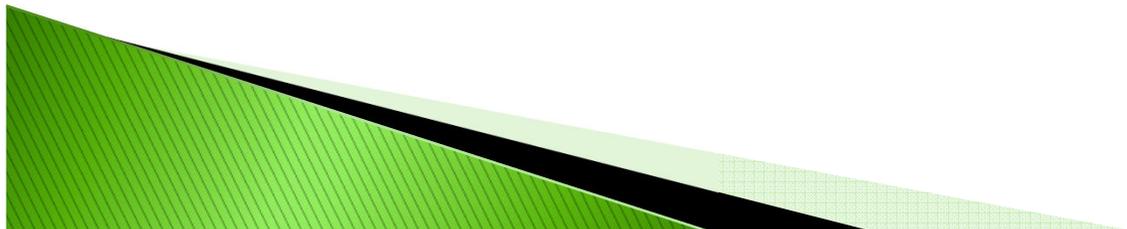
Where

- ▶ UN Human Rights System
- ▶ Committee on Food Security
(Rome Institutions: FAO,
IFAD, IDLO)



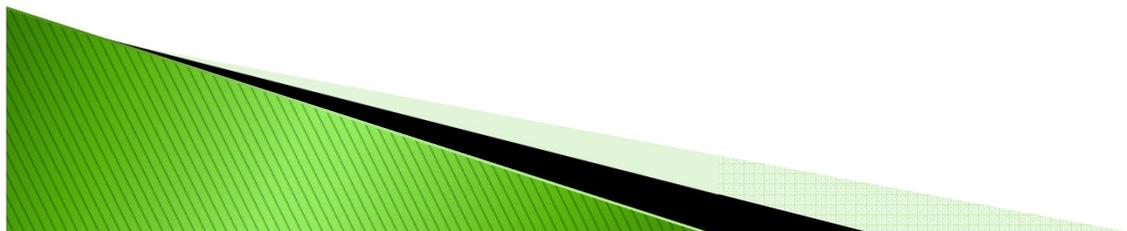
The Framework

- ▶ The history – Consultative status – The new challenges
- ▶ The loop of the 8: Cases and public policies / laws etc. – *The processes behind*
- ▶ Standard setting: Changing or creating
- ▶ Specific recommendations to national authorities
- ▶ According to FIAN Strategic Plan
- ▶ Communication to FIAN SCC and Partners



What: Main topics

- ▶ The Right to Food – A Holistic concept: From access to nutrition
- ▶ Gender and women rights
- ▶ Peasants and indigenous Rights (Right to Land/Land grabbing)
- ▶ Accountability: Monitoring + Justiciability (OP)
- ▶ Extraterritorial Obligations of States: Including Non-State actors



The Process & The Team

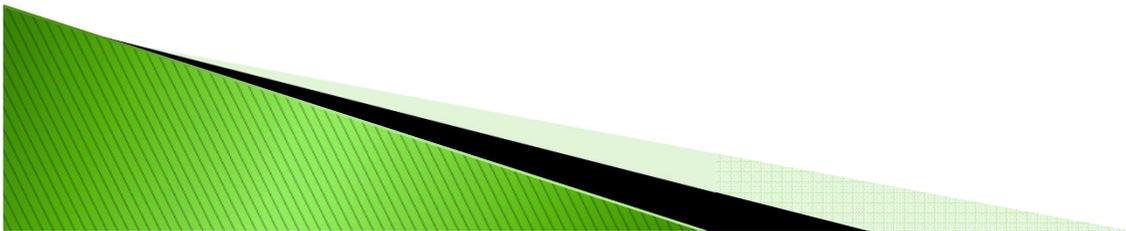


At the UN Human Rights System



Which bodies

- ▶ Treaty Bodies: ESCR, CEDAW, CRC
- ▶ Office of the high Commissioner for Human Rights
- ▶ Human Rights Council – Special Procedures – Advisory Committee
- ▶ CFS – Rome Institutions



How to lobby?

- ▶ Bilateral interviews and talks
- ▶ Facilitation of CS participation in diverse fora
- ▶ Submissions to consultations/standart setting and inputs to negotiations
- ▶ Paralell reports
- ▶ Written and oral statements
- ▶ Lunch briefings & side events
- ▶ Communications to Special Procedures
- ▶ Civil Society Meetings – procesess



Treaty Bodies: CESCR, CEDAW, CRC

- ▶ Composition: Independent Experts
- ▶ Mandate: Interpretation of the covenants through General Recommendations or General Comments / Statements
- ▶ Monitoring implementation of States human rights obligations under a specific treaty: Concluding Observations – Standard setting
- ▶ Communications Procedures: Complaint mechanisms for individuals



Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights – FIAN's work

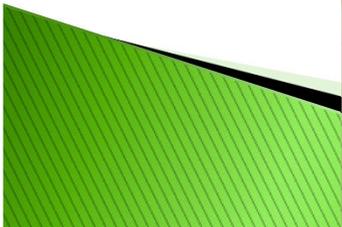
- ▶ **Alternative Reports:**
 - Importance of reporting process – national process
 - Phases of the process: National, regional and in Geneva
 - Alliances and networking
 - Giving voice to the victims at the UN
 - Importance of follow up



Lunch Briefing Cameroon



Preparing for Ecuador's Report



CESCR

- ▶ **Standard setting:**
 - General Comments 12, 15,
 - Reporting Guidelines
 - IBSA
 - Statements on non state actors and Rio + 20
 - Rules of Procedure for the Optional Protocol
 - On going: Tenure guidelines, land grabbing and, peasant rights, extraterritorial obligations



CESCR at Palais Willson



CESCR

Justice **NOW!** Ratify to
Protect all Human Rights

CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS



- ▶ The Challenge: The Optional Protocol on ESCR
 - Human Rights Bodies recommendations for ratification(UPR, ESCRC)
 - Bringing cases: Strategic litigation on FIAN cases
 - Working Rules
 - Committee members Election
 - Importance of NGO Coalition

CEDAW – FIAN's work

- ▶ The beginn & the differences
 - IRAW – Asia Pacific
 - Regular lunch briefings
- ▶ First Report: Nepal – Lobby experience
- ▶ Statements: Paraguay, Mexico, Togo..coming report Austria
- ▶ Thematic lunch briefings towards a General Recommendation on The Right to Food, Nutrition and Gender
- ▶ Future General Recommendation on Rural Women, Including the Right to Food
- ▶ Alliances: UHO and IBFAN/GIFA ...PWESCR



Lunch Briefing on Nepal



Visit to Paraguay



Lunch Briefing Right to Food, Nutrition and Gender



Committee on Child Rights

- ▶ Forthcoming work
- ▶ First submission on non state actors, gender and the Right to Food – ETO
- ▶ Alliances: IBFAN – UHO



Human Rights Council

► Tasks:

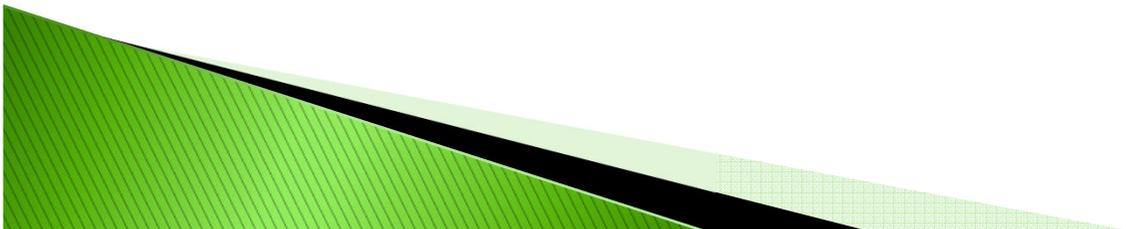
- Protect human rights
- Promote promotion and implementation of human rights
- To develop new concepts and politics
- Standard setting at international and national level
- To protect and avoid human rights violations
- Coordination of human rights work at UN
- Follow up and implementation



Human Rights Council

▶ Structure

- 47 States
 - 13 Asia
 - 13 Africa
 - 8 Latin- America
 - 7 West Europe and others
- 3 years periods prolongable once



Human Rights Council

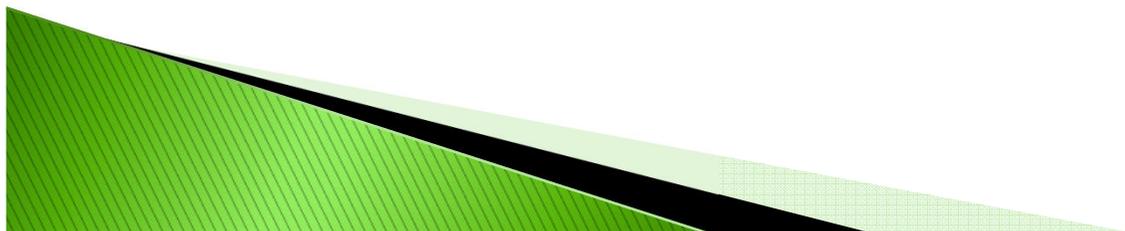
▶ Instruments

- Universal Periodic Review: peer review
- Special procedures
 - Individual persons or groups
 - Expertise
 - Report to HRC and eventually GA on topic or country (1 a year)
- Complaint procedures
 - Identification of systematic violations by a state (individuals are not the plaintiffs)



Human Rights Council – FIAN's work

- ▶ Human Rights Council Ordinary Sessions
 - Written statements
 - Oral Statements
 - Side Events
 - Opening space for national CSO and communities
 - Lobby work
- ▶ Universal Periodic Review
 - Written submissions
 - Bilateral lobby
 - FIAN SCC?



Working with La Vía Campesina at HRC



Side Event on Peasants Rights



Some examples

- ▶ Food Crisis 2008
- ▶ Optional Protocol to CESCR
- ▶ Rights of people living in rural areas
- ▶ Tenure Guidelines – Connecting with Rome
- ▶ New Openended working roup



Special Procedures – FIAN's work

- ▶ Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
 - Bilateral talks
 - Communications
 - Preparation of mission
 - Inputs for thematic reports
 - Invitation to FIAN events
 - Work with the team



SR Right to Food Team



Other Special Procedures

- ▶ SR Extream Poverty and Human Rights
- ▶ SR Human Rights Defenders
- ▶ SR Indigenous Peoples
- ▶ SR on Solidarity
- ▶ HRC Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and Practice
- ▶ New SR on Peasant Rights?



Office of the High Commissioner

▶ Mandate

To promote and protect the enjoyment and full realization, by all people, of all rights established in the Charter of the United Nations and in international human rights laws and treaties.

▶ Structure

- Diverse offices and divisions coordinating the HRC. Example: Treaty Body secretariats, petitions unit, division on ESCR, country desks, civil society division.



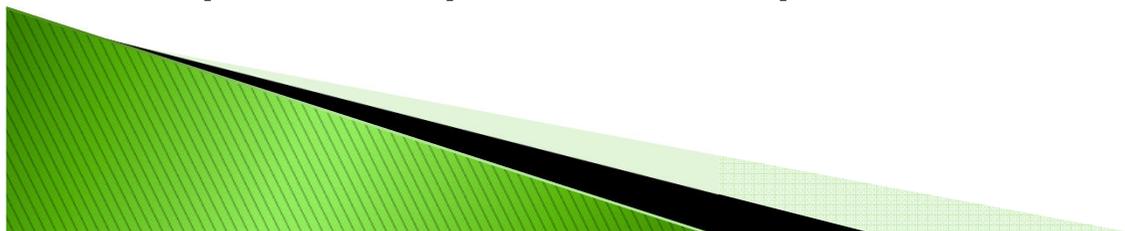
OHCHR – FIAN's work

- ▶ Division on ESCR
- ▶ Responsible person for the Right to Food
- ▶ SR Team
- ▶ Country officers
- ▶ Civil Society
- ▶ Officers on thematic issues:
Petitions Unit



Committee on Food Security

- ▶ Multi-stakeholders body
- ▶ Food Governance: deciding on concrete actions to address issues affecting food security and nutrition
- ▶ Members: FAO, IFAD, WFP. Other UN state members than FAO members
- ▶ Participants: representatives of UN agencies and bodies, civil society and non-governmental organizations and their networks, international agricultural research systems, IFIs and representatives of private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations



FIAN's Work at CSF

- ▶ General work on renewal: facilitating CS participation
- ▶ Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests
- ▶ Global Strategic Framework
- ▶ Civil Society Mechanism

Trough:

Facilitation, preparation of consultations with CS, presentation of CSF Positions, participation in negotiation process, oral statements.



And more in Rome

- ▶ Work on the Right to Food with diverse divisions as former Right to Food Unit and Legal Division
- ▶ New steps towards a project to improve right to food justiciability with IDLO

