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When mining and agribusiness cause hunger:

Can the UN protect rural communities

against globalised companies?

Friday, 17 October 2025, 16:30 – 18:00, followed by a cocktail reception

Graduate Institute (IHEID), Auditorium A2, Maison de la Paix, Geneva

Why this matters:

In many parts of the Global South, extractive industries and industrial agribusiness are threatening the right to food. Communities face land grabs, environmental destruction, and loss of livelihoods. As the UN moves towards a binding Treaty on business and human rights, this round table will bring together voices from Africa, civil society, diplomacy, and academia to ask:

- Could the UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights help hold transnational corporations accountable?
- How does the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP) strengthen this effort?

Speakers:

- Maxine Bezuidenhout, Alternative Information & Development Centre, Cape Town
- A representative from the Rural Women's Assembly (speaker to be confirmed)
- Terence Tshisevhe, South African Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office, Geneva
- A representative of the UN Working Group on UNDROP
- Ulises Quero, International Service for Human Rights, Geneva

Moderation:

- François Mercier, Action de Carême

Organisers:

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- AgriFood Collective, IHEID, Geneva



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