

HIC-HLRN Regional Land Forum: “Peoples’ Right to Self-Determination”

Cataract Pyramids, Cairo-Giza, 15–17 January 2012

Day 1: Sunday, 15 January 2012

08:30-09:30	Registration		
09:30-10:00	<p>Welcome to MENA Land Forum III: Toward an Assessment of the Previous Rounds, and Visions for the Future Outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joseph Schechla, International Coordinator, Housing and Land Rights Network—HIC-HLRN: Overview and Prospects of the Human Rights Dimension of Land ▪ Rabie Wahba, MENA Program HIC-HLRN (Egypt): Achievements and Tools: <i>Landpedia</i>, <i>Land Times</i>, VDB and Struggles. 	
10:00–11:00	<p>Keynote address: Rami Zureik, “Current Obstacles and Prospects of Peoples’ Sovereignty on the Land” <i>Discussion</i></p>		
11:00–11:30	<i>Break</i>		
Social Diversity on the Land			
All five main themes Moderator: Rabie Wahba , HIC- HLRN	11:30–11:50	Sheruan Hassan , researcher (Syria)	“The Kurdish Question, Past, Present and Future”
	11:50–12:10	Adel al-Siwidi , researcher (Ahwāz)	“The Ahwaz Question Revisited; Violations and Prospects of Self-Determination” + video
	12:10–12:30	Āyāt Hamdan , Bissan for Research and Development Center, (Palestine)	“Cultural Awareness of Youth and the Centrality of Land under Occupation” + video
	12:30–13:00	<i>Moderation’s summary and discussion</i>	
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
Land and Water, the Source of Life			
Theme	Time	Speaker	Subject

Constitutional, Legislative and Policy Reform	14:05– 14:25	Hazim Luhebe & Firas `Ugla , Iraqi National Civil Society University (Iraq)	“The Undeclared Water War between Iraq and Neighboring Countries”
	14:25– 14:45	Abdelmawla Ismail , Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region	“The 25 January Revolution and the Limits to Justice and Remedy in Accessing Agricultural Resources (Land & Water)”
	14:45– 15:05	Islām Sabāhi , Life Society for Development of the Delta (Egypt)	“Rich Land Resources in the Delta between Corruption and Disastrous Corrosion of the Wetlands”
	15:05– 15:15	Ahmed Rāshid , Life Society for Development of the Delta (Egypt)	“The Scarcity of Irrigation Water in the Delta Limits Food Security”
	15:15– 15:30	<i>Moderator’s summary and discussion</i>	
15:30–16:00		<i>Break</i>	
Economic Globalization and the Struggle for Land and Natural Resources			
Theme	Time	Speaker	Subject
International Norm Development and Advocacy	16:00– 16:20	Kinda Mohamadieh , ANND	“WTO, Investment Agreements and Right to Land”
	16:20– 16:30	Rāmi Zureik , American University in Beirut (Lebanon)	“Our Role in the FAO toward International Norms for Land Administration”
	16:30– 16:50	Tariq `Abd ul-`Āl , legal researcher (Egypt)	“Privatization in Egypt: Economic Development or Social Dislocation”
	16:50– 17:15	<i>Moderator’s summary and discussion</i>	
Day 2: Monday, 16 January 2012			
Solidarity with the Farmer			
Theme	Time	Speaker	Subject
Constitutional, Legislative and Policy Reform	09:00– 09:20	Bashīr Saqr , Solidarity with Egyptian Peasants (Egypt)	“Policies Stripping Egyptian Poor & Small Farmers of Land & Housing: The Role of Neoliberalism, State & Large-scale Farmers, & Means of Salvation”
	09:20– 09:40	Mahmūd Mansī , Sons of the Land Association (Egypt)	“Struggles before and after 25 th of January Revolution”
	09:40– 10:00	Mina Moqbel , Better Life Association for Community Development	“Experiences in Empowering Farmers” + video showing
	10:00– 10:30	<i>Moderator’s summary and discussion</i>	

10:30–11:00		<i>Break</i>	
Land as a Subject of Conflict, Occupation, War & Population Transfer			
Theme	Time	Speaker	Subject
Land in Conflict, Occupation and War	11 :00– 11 :15	Gaici al-Nah , Sahrawi Association for the Landmine Victims (Western Sahara)	“Western Sahara: Denial of Self-determination by Depriving a People of Its Means of Subsistence”
	11:15– 11:30	Issa Samandar , Palestinian National Committee on the Register of Damage (Palestine)	“Documenting the Consequences of the Apartheid Wall”
	11:30– 11:45	Yacoub Odeh , Land Research Center (Palestine)	“Israeli Assaults on Land and Houses as Means to Force the Palestinians Out”
	11:45– 12:00	Abduh Hammād , Social Peace Initiative for Darfur	“Current Assessment of the Struggle for Natural Resources in Sudan”
	12:00– 12:15	Firas al-Ugla , National Civil Society University (Iraq)	“State's Rights under Military Occupation and the Rights of Its People, ”
	12:15– 12:45	<i>Moderator's summary and discussion</i>	
The Human Rights Dimensions of Urban Land			
	Time	Speaker	Subject
Urban Social Movements and the Human Rights Dimension	12:45– 13:00	Rajā' al-Kassāb (Morocco) & Abdelmawlaa Ismail Egypt), Right to Water Forum in the Arab Region (Morocco)	“Slums: The Violation of a Bundle of Human Rights”
	13:00– 13:15	Baher Shawki , social researcher (Egypt)	“Urban Terrain: More Rights”
	13:15– 13:30	Joseph Schechla , HIC-HLRN coordinator (Egypt)	“The Urban Terrain: Struggles for a `Human Right to the City””
	13:30– 13:45	<i>Moderator's summary and discussion</i>	
13:45–14:45		<i>Lunch</i>	
Corruption in Land Fraud and the Arab Awakening			
	Time	Speaker	Subject
⊞ &	14:45–	Muhammad Abd ul-`Adhīm , Egyptian	“Eviction by Legal Force: Security of Tenure and Legal Lacunae in Egypt” +

	15:00	Center for Civic and Legislative Reform	video
	15:00–15:20	`Abd ul-Sabūr Hasab Allah , Nubian Association for Land and Human Rights (Egypt)	“Nubian Migrations and Loss of Agricultural Land, 1898–2012”
	15:20–15:40	Muhammad Yahya Sabrī , Democratic Social Forum (Yemen)	“Prospects for Transitional Justice in Yemen”
	15:40–16:00	Akeela `Ali , Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights (BYSHR)	“Royal Land Grabbing: Deepening the Crisis of Scarcity and Political Legitimacy” + video
	16:00–16:20	Ahmed Mansour , HIC-HLRN (Egypt)	“The National Commission to Investigate Corruption and Embezzlement in Tunisia: Findings and Follow-up”
	16:20–16:40	<i>Moderator’s summary and discussion</i>	
	16:40–17:00	<i>Discussion & break intro to group sessions</i>	
Day 3: Tuesday, 17 January 2012			
		Sālih al-Homedy , journalist (Yemen)	“Land Grabbing and Its Consequences for the Unity of Yemen”
09:00–09:30	Plenary: Posing Solutions: Toward Human Rights-based Land Policies in Middle East/North Africa		Moderator: Rabie Wahba 1. The Indigenous Peoples Question 2. Transitional Justice 3. Constitutional, Legislative and Policy Reform
09:30- 09:45	<i>Discussion & break intro to group sessions</i>		
09:45–10:30			
10:30–11:00	Break		
All 5 themes	11:00–13:00	<i>Thematic group sessions continued</i>	
	13:00–14:00	Lunch	
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15:45–17:00	Joseph Schechla &...		Closing Session and Chart of Work of LF in 2012–14

