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1609 Working Group News on Land Grabbing - September 2016

COMPANY EXECUTIVES COULD NOW BE TRIED FOR LAND GRABS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

The International Criminal Court of The Hague has decided that company executives, politicians and other individuals can be held accountable under international law for economic crimes such as illegal dispossession of land, the illegal exploitation of natural resources and the destruction of the environment. This move by the ICC gives hope to these communities in developing countries suffering from economic crimes. [Read more](#)

The Global Farmland Grab in 2016: how big, how bad?

Eight years ago, the company GRAIN researched land grabbing in Africa. This year they have been looking again at the data, comparing resources then and now and discovering that land grabbing is still very common on the African continent. This research also reveals that food prices have increased steeply since 2008 because of land grabbing. This report focusses on deals relating to large areas of land that were agreed after 2006 and that are led by foreign corporations. [Read more](#)

The Church Speaks Out Against Land Grabbing in Ghana

Caritas Ghana in cooperation with AFJN and CIKOD have published a study “Unmasking Land Grabbing in Ghana; Restoring Livelihoods, Paving the Way for Sustainable Development Goals”. Presenting the study, Mr. Samuel Zan Akologo, Executive Secretary Caritas Ghana, said “the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference has the keen interest and commitment to addressing the issue of land grabbing and Land Grabbers with the aim of protecting and restoring the livelihoods of rural people, protecting the environment and to save communities from unnecessary strife and conflicts as a result of land grabbing.” [Read more](#)