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# VIII. World Organic Forum

Monday, 30 June – Tuesday, 1 July 2025  
Schloss Kirchberg

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Akademie für ökologische  
Land- und Ernährungswirtschaft  
Schloss Kirchberg, Kirchberg/Jagst, Germany

# Pre-Program: Festival of Reminiscence 500 Years of German Peasant War

Saturday, June 28th, Conference by Historians about the Background and Events of the German Peasant Uprising 1525 in the Region

Sunday, June 29th, Festival at Schloss Kirchberg, 11 am - 6 pm

Monday Morning, 9 am - 12 am

Exposure Programm to Farms and Places of the BESH Pig Program

*(All Participants of the World Organic Forum are invited to take part of the Pre-Program)*

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## From Revolt to Rights: The Struggle for Peasants' Justice Then and Now The UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP) – Assessment of its relevance and how to localize it

500 years ago, in the year 1525, farmers in central Europe fought for their basic human rights. The uprising is known as the German Peasants' War. Seven years ago, the UN General Assembly adopted a declaration on the current rights of farmers around the world. Among others, the Stiftung Haus der Bauern (The House of Farmers Foundation) lobbied the UN Human Rights Council to bring about the declaration.

In this meeting we want to get to know: Has any farmers' organizations on the world actually invoked these guaranteed UN rights? Has any government taken them serious in their legislative or policies? Or is the declaration primarily relevant to emerging economies, where many farmers continue to live on the margins of society? And where do we stand with forms of oppression of farmers in Europe?

Our 8th World Organic Forum this year tries to inquire the significance of UNDROP it has for farmers and rural policies today.

Certainly, land rights, the sovereignty of nations to design their own agricultural policies and intellectual property rights related to seeds and rare species are among the most critical aspects of the Declaration. Across Europe, various actors are actively working to implement UNDROP

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aiming to advance the rights of peasants and support the development of resilient, sustainable food systems grounded in food sovereignty and the right to food for all.

At the World Organic Forum 2025 we are bringing together experts and actors who have been tirelessly working on the implementation and enforcement of Peasant Rights in Europe and beyond and will discuss opportunities and barriers in nowadays social, political and economic landscapes.

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## Program

### Monday, June 30th, 2025

- 10.00 am     **Arrival of Participants, Check-in, Snack**
- 11.45 am     **Optional Lunch**  
(for all guests arriving in the morning)
- 1.00 pm     **Opening Remarks and Welcome**  
*Rudolf Bühler*  
*Chairman Haus der Bauern Stiftung / House of Farmers Foundation*
- 1.20 pm     **Assessment of UNDROP from the Scientist Viewpoint**  
*Prof. Dr. Christophe Golay*  
*Senior Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*
- 2 pm         **7 Years of Global Peasant Rights – Where do we stand? – UNDROP seen by the Expert Group**  
*Genevieve Savigny*  
*President of the Working Group on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas, Member of the European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)*
- 2.45 pm     **Open debate / Panel Discussion**  
The Impact of UNDROP: has it changed the landscape for peasants and where are we headed?
- 3.30 pm     **Coffee Break**
- 4.00 pm     **The Relevance of UNDROP seen from an Asian Farmers' Leader**  
*Henry Saragih, Indonesia*  
*former La Via Campesina General Coordinator and Member of the LVC Committee on Peasants' Rights*
- 4.45 pm     **Questions and Response**
- 5.00 pm     **Thematic Focus: The Right to Seed and Breed**  
*Dr. Stefan Schmitz*  
*Executive Director of the Crop Trust (Global Crop Diversity Trust)*  
*(digital contribution)*

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*Rudolf Bühler*

*CEO of BESH (Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall)*

- 5.45 pm Debate with the Floor
- 6.30 pm Dinner
- Until EOD Evening Program with Music

## Tuesday, July 1st, 2025

- 8.00 am Morning Prayer or Yoga at the Ayurvedic Center
- 8.15 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am Implications of UNDROP for Europe – Example Germany  
*Michael Windfuhr*  
*Deputy Director German Institute for Human Rights*  
*and Member of the UNs Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*
- 9.45 am Comments and Reactions
- 10.00 am UNDROP as seen by the German Government  
Bernd Schwang  
*Head of the Right to Food Division at the Federal Ministry*  
*of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in Germany*
- 10.30 am How to strengthen UNDROP in Brazil  
*Prof. Antonio Andrioli*  
*Chapecó-Santa Catarina*
- 11.00 am Coffee Break
- 11.30 am Panel Discussion with all Speakers
- 12.30 am Lunch
- 1.00 pm How to work with UNDROP and how to strengthen it on the ground  
*Working Groups*
- 2.30 pm Reports from the Working Groups
- 15.00 am Conclusions
- 15.30 pm The End

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## Information

### Price

### Accommodation

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next train station Crailsheim or Eckartshausen-Ilshofen; from there either by bus (from Crailsheim possible) or you have to call us (from Eckartshausen)