

European threats to global Land Rights

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- **227 million ha** land leased in developing countries since 2001 (*ILC*)
- Agriculture, **bioenergy**, mining, tourism etc
- *De facto* land grabs (human rights violations, no prior informed consent, no transparent contract etc)

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- **“Bio”fuels (*aka Agrofuels*) driver of global land grabs**
- **9% of transport fuels in EU from “first generation” biofuels by 2020 (*Renewable Energy National Action Plans*)**

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- By 2020, 50% of bioethanol and 41% of biodiesel will be imported
- Biofuels production in Europe will displace agricultural production
- This is called “indirect land use change”
= ILUC

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- ILUC results in additional carbon emissions
- Equivalent of between 12 and 26 million extra cars on our roads in 2020 (*IEEP*)
- ILUC leads to additional land demand from outside Europe

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- Biofuels already causing land grabs
- Example: **Dakatcha (Kenya)** – 50,000ha, 20,000 people at risk.
- More examples: Tanzania, Senegal, Guatemala, Brazil
- Could need up to 17.5million ha land in developing countries

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- Case by case solutions not the answer
- Need better national legislation
- Need to remove the drivers, including European biofuels targets

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- **Immediate actions:**
 - Introduce robust ILUC factors
 - Revise transport target and biofuels plans
- **Medium term actions:**
 - Binding global treaty on land rights
 - Change consumption patterns + production methods