

# **BRIEFING: ENDING FORCED EVICTIONS & LAND GRABS**



## **Is financial policy reform a solution?** ***Perspectives from grassroots and global activists***

Brownbag Lunch Briefing & Discussion  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
12 noon to 1.30 pm

**At Open Society Foundations**  
**224 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1AB, New York, NY 10019**

Moderated by Rajasvini Bhansali, International Development Exchange (IDEX)

### *Presenters:*

Anuradha Mittal of The Oakland Institute

Joanna Levitt of International Accountability Project (IAP)

Members of IAP's 2013 **Global Advocacy Team**, composed of leading grassroots activists from community struggles in Asia, Africa and Latin America (*Activists' names omitted for security reasons*)

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## Overview:



This briefing will explore one leverage-point for change in the global effort to stop land-grabbing and forced eviction: policy-change at international financial institutions. In today's rapidly changing global financial landscape, which institutions and policy-formation processes will carry the most weight in changing the rules of the game? What kinds of policies can actually serve to protect people's housing and land rights—and their ability to shape development in their communities and countries? And what are the ways that frontline communities and grassroots activists are using policy-change in their struggles for justice?

Perspectives will be shared from leading global advocacy organizations—The Oakland Institute and International Accountability Project—as well as from grassroots activists engaged in frontline struggles in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

To place the discussion in context, panelists will briefly address the top drivers of displacement in each region. They will also explain the significance and politics of key terms used in this arena: land-grabbing, forced eviction, development-induced displacement, etc.

The panel presentation will be solution-oriented and dynamic, and there will be ample time for Q&A and discussion.

Aimed at funders and grantmakers, this policy briefing invites us to think strategically and act collaboratively to create a collective response from the grassroots to the policy change level.

We hope you will join us for this important learning opportunity.

*RSVP requested: [rajiv@idex.org](mailto:rajiv@idex.org)*

*Please specify whether you plan to attend in person or join remotely.*

*Instructions for joining remotely will be provided closer to the date.*