

**Oral Statement submitted by FIAN International on behalf of the Spokesperson of the evicted
community members in Mubende/Uganda**

ESC Rights to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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Speaker: Mr. Peter Kayiira

Dear chairperson:

I am representing 401 families which were forcefully evicted from 4 villages in Mubende district in Uganda to give way to Kaweri Coffee Plantation Ltd. a 100% subsidiary of Neumann Kaffee Gruppe based in Hamburg Germany and which are struggling for redress for 14 years.

I would like to reiterate before you what is already in the FIAN's parallel report:

1. That the eviction was violent, abrupt, and without any form of compensation given to us or any alternative for survival.
2. That the eviction was conducted by the Uganda Peoples Defense Force (UPDF).
3. Pursuant to finding redress we filed a case in the High Court of Uganda in August 2002, and the process lasted over 10 years. Judgment was only delivered in March 2013. The company appealed against that judgment. Until now the process is still ongoing and no hearing date has been set.
4. While the judgment orders for compensation of us, the evictees, it does not order for restitution to our ancestral land which prompted us to file a cross appeal to the court of appeal seeking a restitution order since our livelihood entirely depend on access to land.
5. That the evictees demand the Committee to recommend the State of Uganda to put in place mechanisms to allow the restitution of our ancestral land, compensation for all damages caused by the eviction and a non-repetition anymore of such violence against the people.

I thank you very much for this opportunity and am available to respond to any question of clarification in regard to the matter. I shall refer to relevant documents.

Peter Baleke Kayiira