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The arrival of large-scale oil palm plantations has generally implied major changes in the social and economic structure of local communities. Within this general context, women face an especially difficult situation.

- [**Oil palm plantation workers in Central America: The experience of Rel-UITA**](#)

Over the past several decades, large-scale monoculture oil palm plantations have spread throughout the tropical regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America. We spoke with the Latin American regional branch of the International Union of Food Workers (Rel-UITA). Rel-UITA has been involved in numerous cases of denunciations of human rights violations and union conflicts connected to oil palm plantations.

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I will begin by highlighting the relationship between two factors that are intrinsically connected, although this is not always apparent: the expansion of eucalyptus plantations and temporary migration, the clearest symbol of precarious work. This is a situation which in itself exposes the reality of the eucalyptus-pulp equation, integrated into the discourse of development and progress.

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The right to work is wider than the right to a job. For many rural communities, their traditional land and associated knowledge form the material basis of their way of living, their culture and their identity. If they lose their land they lose their right to work – a human right.

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